

# **QUAERO CAPITAL FUNDS (LUX)**

**Société d'investissement à capital variable**

**Prospectus**

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### General

Shares in the Company are offered on the basis of the information and the representations contained in the current Prospectus accompanied by the PRIIPs KID(s) or KIID(s), the latest annual report and semi-annual report, if published after the latest annual report, as well as the documents mentioned herein which may be inspected by the public at the offices of the Company, the Management Company and UCI Administrator.

As from 1 January 2023 and in accordance with Regulation (EU) 1286/2014, as amended, and the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/653, as amended (collectively referred to as the “PRIIPs Regulation”), a key information document (“KID”) has been published for each Share Class where such Share Class is available to retail investors in the European Economic Area (“EEA”).

A retail investor within the meaning of the preceding paragraph means any person who is a retail client as defined in article 4(1), point (11), of Directive 2014/65/EU (“MiFID II”) (referred to herein as a “Retail Investor”).

A KID will be handed over to Retail Investors and professional investors, where Shares are made available, offered or sold in the EEA, in good time prior to their subscription in the Fund. In accordance with the PRIIPs Regulation, the KID will be provided to Retail Investors and professional investors (i) by using a durable medium other than paper or (ii) at <https://assetservices.group.pictet/asset-services/fund-library> in which case it can also be obtained, upon request, in paper form from the Fund and/or the Management Company free of charge.

Investors must also refer to the relevant Special Sections attached to the Prospectus. Each Special Section sets out the specific objectives, policy and other features of the relevant Sub-Fund to which the Special Section relates as well as risk factors and other information specific to the relevant Sub-Fund.

No Person has been authorised to issue any advertisement or to give any information, or to make any representations in connection with the offering, placing, subscription, sale, switching or redemption of shares other than those contained in this Prospectus and the PRIIPs KID(s) and, if issued, given or made, such advertisement, information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Company or the Depositary. Neither the delivery of this Prospectus or of the PRIIPs KID(s) nor the offer, placement, subscription or issue of any of the shares shall under any circumstances create any implication or constitute a representation that the information given in this Prospectus and in the PRIIPs KID(s) is correct as of any time subsequent to the date hereof.

The members of the Board, whose name appear under the heading "Management and Administration", accept joint responsibility for the information and statements contained in this Prospectus and in the PRIIPs KID(s) issued for each Sub-Fund. They have taken all reasonable care to ensure that the information contained in this Prospectus and in the PRIIPs KID(s) is, to the best of their knowledge and belief, true and accurate in all material respects and that there are no other material facts the omission of which makes misleading any statement herein, whether of fact or opinion at the date indicated on this Prospectus.

**Investors may, subject to applicable law, invest in any Sub-Fund offered by the Company. Shareholders should choose the Sub-Fund that best suits their specific risk and return expectations as well as their diversification needs and are encouraged to seek independent advice in that regard. A separate pool of assets will be maintained for each Sub-Fund and will be invested in accordance with the investment policy applicable to the relevant Sub-Fund in seeking to achieve its investment objective.** The Net Asset Value and the performance of the Shares of the different Sub-Fund and classes thereof are expected to differ. It should be remembered that the price of Shares and the income (if any) from them may fall as well as rise and there is no guarantee or assurance that the stated investment objective of a Sub-Fund will be achieved.

An investment in the Company involves investment risks including those set out herein under Section 7. In addition, investors should refer to the Section "Specific Risk Factors" of the Special Section of the relevant Sub-Fund in order to assess – and inform themselves on – the risks associated with an investment in such specific Sub-Fund.

The Company is allowed to invest in financial derivative instruments. While the prudent use of derivatives can be beneficial, derivatives also involve risks different from, and, in certain cases, greater than, the risks presented by more traditional investments. A more detailed description of the risks relating to the use of derivatives may be found under Section 7 below.

All Shareholders are entitled to the benefit of, are bound by and are deemed to have notice of, the provisions of the Prospectus, the Special Sections and the Articles.

## **Definitions**

Unless the context otherwise requires, or as otherwise provided in this Prospectus, capitalised words and expressions shall bear the respective meanings ascribed thereto under Section 1 of the General Section.

## **Selling Restrictions**

The distribution of this Prospectus and the offering or purchase of Shares is restricted in certain jurisdictions. This Prospectus and the PRIIPs KID(s) do not constitute an offer of or invitation or solicitation to subscribe for or acquire any Shares in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not permitted, authorised or would be unlawful. Persons receiving a copy of this Prospectus or of the PRIIPs KID(s) in any jurisdiction may not treat this Prospectus or the PRIIPs KID(s) as constituting an offer, invitation or solicitation to them to subscribe for Shares notwithstanding that, in the relevant jurisdiction, such an offer, invitation or solicitation could lawfully be made to them without compliance with any registration or other legal requirement. It is the responsibility of any Persons in possession of this Prospectus or of the PRIIPs KID(s) and any Persons wishing to apply for Shares to inform themselves of, and to observe, all applicable laws and regulations of any relevant jurisdiction. Prospective applicants for Shares should inform themselves as to the legal requirements of so applying, and any applicable exchange control regulations and taxes in the countries of their respective citizenship, residence or domicile.

**Luxembourg** – The Company is registered pursuant to part I of the 2010 Act. However, such registration does not require any Luxembourg authority to approve or disapprove either the adequacy or accuracy of this Prospectus or the assets held in the various Sub-Funds of the Company. Any representations to the contrary are unauthorised and unlawful.

**European Union** – The Company qualifies as a UCITS and may apply for recognition under the UCITS Directive, for marketing to the public in certain EEA Member States.

**USA** – The Shares have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 (the **Securities Act**), the securities laws of any U.S. state, nor is such registration contemplated. The Shares are offered and sold under the exemption provided by Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act and Regulation D promulgated thereunder. As a result, the Shares may not be resold or transferred unless such resale or transfer is exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and securities laws of any U.S. State. In addition, the Company is relying on an exemption from registration under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the **Investment Company Act**), and no transfer of Shares may be made that would require the Company or the Management Company to register as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act. In order to ensure compliance with U.S. regulatory regimes (including those relating to tax and other compliance regulations), Shares purchased by U.S. Persons are prohibited from transfer without the prior written consent of the Company and the Management Company.

On a case by case basis, the Board and the Management Company may approve the sale of the Shares to U.S. Persons who are "accredited investors" within the meaning of Regulation D of the Securities Act, "qualified purchasers" or "knowledgeable employees" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act and "qualified clients" within the meaning of the U.S. Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. It is strictly forbidden to sell, promote or advise to invest in, Shares in the United States or to U.S. Persons not being Eligible Investors.

### **Prevailing language**

The distribution of this Prospectus and the PRIIPs KID(s) in certain countries may require that these documents be translated into the official languages of those countries. Should any inconsistency arise between the translated versions of this Prospectus, the English version shall always prevail.

### **FINRA**

The Company may either subscribe to classes of shares of UCIs or UCITS likely to participate in offerings of US new issue equity securities (**US IPOs**) or directly participate in US IPOs. The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (**FINRA**), pursuant to FINRA rules 5130 and 5131 (the **Rules**), has established prohibitions concerning the eligibility of certain Persons to participate in US IPOs where the beneficial owner(s) of such accounts are financial services industry professionals (including, among other things, an owner or employee of a FINRA member firm or money manager) (a **restricted person**), or an executive officer or director of a U.S. or non-U.S. company potentially doing business with a FINRA member firm (a **covered person**). Accordingly, investors considered as restricted persons or covered persons under the Rules are not eligible to invest in the Company. In case of doubts regarding its status, the relevant investor should seek the advice of its legal adviser.

### **Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes**

Under the terms of the FATCA Law and CRS Law (as defined below), the Company is likely to be treated as a Reporting (Foreign) Financial Institution. As such, the Company may require all investors to provide documentary evidence of their tax residence and all other information deemed necessary to comply with the above mentioned regulations.

Should the Company become subject to a withholding tax and/or penalties as a result of a non-compliance under the FATCA Law and/or penalties as a result of a non-compliance under the CRS Law, the value of the Shares held by all Shareholders may be materially affected.

Furthermore, the Company may also be required to withhold tax on certain payments to its Shareholders who would not be compliant with FATCA (i.e. the so-called foreign pass-thru payments withholding tax obligation).

### **Data protection**

In accordance with the applicable Luxembourg data protection law and, as of 25 May 2018, the Regulation n°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 (**Data Protection Law**), the Company, acting as data controller, collects, stores and processes, by electronic or other means, the data supplied by Shareholders at the time of their subscription for the purpose of fulfilling the services required by the Shareholders and complying with its legal obligations.

The data processed includes the name, address and invested amount of each Shareholder (the **Personal Data**). If the investor is a legal person, the data processed may include the Personal Data of the investor's contact persons and/or beneficial owner(s).

The investor may, at his/her/its discretion, refuse to communicate the Personal Data to the Company. In this case however the Company may reject his/her/its request for subscription of Shares in the Company.

The Personal Data supplied by the investor is processed in order to enter into and execute the subscription in the Company, for the legitimate interests of the Company and to comply with the Company's legal obligations. In particular, the data supplied by Shareholders is processed for the purpose of (i) maintaining the register of Shareholders, (ii) processing subscriptions, redemptions and conversions of Shares and payments of dividends to Shareholders, (iii) performing controls on late trading and market timing practices, (iv) complying with applicable anti-money laundering rules. In addition, Personal Data may be processed for the purposes of marketing. Each Shareholder has the right to object to the use of his/her/its Personal Data for marketing purposes by writing to the Company.

The Personal Data may also be processed by the Company's data processors (the **Processors**) which, in the context of the above mentioned purposes, refer to the Management Company and the UCI Administrator. All the Processors are located in the European Union. The Personal Data may also be disclosed to the Global Distributor, the Depositary, the Auditors and the legal advisors acting as distinct data controllers for their own purposes (i.e. for the purposes of their own legitimate interests and/or for the fulfilment of a legal obligation to which they are bound), all of them being located in the European Union. The Management Company and the UCI Administrator may also be acting as a distinct data controller. The Personal Data may also be transferred to third-parties such as governmental or regulatory agencies, including tax authorities, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. In particular, Personal Data may be disclosed to the Luxembourg tax authorities which in turn may, acting as data controller, disclose the same to foreign tax authorities (including for compliance with the FATCA/CRS obligations).

In accordance with the conditions laid down by the Data Protection Law, the Shareholders acknowledge their right to:

- access their Personal Data;
- correct their Personal Data where it is inaccurate or incomplete;
- object to the processing of their Personal Data;
- ask for erasure of their Personal Data;
- ask for Personal Data portability.

The Shareholders may exercise their above rights by writing to the Company at the following address: 15, avenue J.F. Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

The Shareholders also acknowledge the existence of their rights to lodge a complaint with the National Commission for Data Protection (**CNPD**).

Personal Data shall not be retained for periods longer than those required for the purpose of their processing subject to any limitation periods imposed by law.

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## **PART A – GENERAL SECTION**

The General Section applies to all Sub-Funds of the Company. Each Sub-Fund is subject to specific rules which are set forth in the Special Section.

## 1. DEFINITIONS

In this Prospectus, the following defined terms shall have the following meanings:

“1915 Act”	Means the act dated 10 August 1915 on commercial companies, as amended;
“2004 Act”	Means the act of 12 November 2004 on the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing, as amended;
“2008 Regulation”	Means the grand-ducal regulation dated 8 February 2008 relating to certain definitions of the 2010 Act, as amended;
“2010 Act”	Means the act dated 17 December 2010 on undertakings for collective investment, as amended;
“144A Shares”	Means Shares sold to U.S. Persons who are "qualified institutional buyers" within the meaning of Rule 144A under the Securities Act and "qualified purchasers" within the meaning of Section 2 (a) (51) of the Investment Company Act;
“ABS”	Means asset backed securities;
“Affiliate”	Means any Person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by or is under common control with such Person (except in, all cases, any company or entity in which the Company holds an Investment) and "affiliated" should be construed accordingly;
“Alternative Target Funds”	Means UCITS and other UCIs, within the meaning of article 41 (1) (e) of the 2010 Act and article 1 (2) (a) and (b) of the UCITS Directive, that invest pursuant to an alternative investment strategy eligible under the UCITS framework such as Macro, Equity Hedge, Event Driven, Relative Value, Protection and/or offer an exposure to alternative asset classes, such as real estate, currencies, commodities, Distressed or Defaulted Debt Securities, ABS/MBS and convertible bonds or contingent convertibles bonds or insurance linked securities (catastrophe bonds “CAT Bonds”) and other non-traditional assets;
“AML/CFT”	Means the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing;
“AML/CFT Rules”	Means the applicable international and Luxembourg laws and regulations regarding AML/CFT, including in particular with the 2004 Act, the Grand-Ducal Regulation of 1 February 2010 providing details on certain provisions of the 2004 Law, as amended, and the CSSF Regulation N° 12-02 of 14 December 2012 on the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing, as amended by the CSSF Regulation 20-05;
“Articles”	Means the articles of incorporation of the Company as the same may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time;
“Auditor”	Means PricewaterhouseCoopers, <i>société coopérative</i> ;

“Benchmarks Regulation”	Means Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds;
“Board”	Means the board of directors of the Company;
“Business Day”	Means, unless otherwise defined in respect of a specific Sub-Fund in the relevant Special Section, a day on which banks are open for business (during the whole day) in Luxembourg;
“Buy-sell Back Transaction or Sell-Buy Back Transaction”	Means a transaction by which a counterparty buys or sells securities, or guaranteed rights relating to title to securities, agreeing, respectively, to sell or to buy back securities or such guaranteed rights of the same description at a specified price on a future date, that transaction being a buy-sell back transaction for the counterparty buying the securities or guaranteed rights, and a sell-buy back transaction for the counterparty selling them, such buy-sell back transaction or sell-buy back transaction not being governed by a Repurchase Transaction or by a reverse Repurchase Transaction within the meaning of Section 5.5 of the General Section;
“Cash”	Means ancillary liquid assets as referred to in Article 41(2) of the 2010 Law, which are bank deposits at sight (such as cash held in a current account with a bank accessible at any time), but excludes any cash held as collateral in relation to financial derivatives;
“Calculation Period”	Means a period of 12 months ending on 31 December in each year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect of each Class first issued other than at the start of the year, the initial Calculation Period for such Class will be the period commencing on the date of first issue of that Class and ending on 31 December in that year;
“Central Administration Agreement”	Means the central administration agreement between the UCI Administrator and the Company, as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time;
“Central Administration Fee”	Means the central administration fee payable to FundPartner Solutions (Europe) S.A., in its capacity as central administration, registrar and transfer agent, paying agent and domiciliary agent of the Company, as set out in each Special Section;
“CHF”	Means Swiss franc, the currency of the Swiss Confederation;
“Circular 04/146”	Means the CSSF circular 04/146 on the protection of UCIs and their investors against Late Trading and Market Timing practices;
“Circular 18/698”	Means CSSF circular 18/698 on the authorisation and organisation of Luxembourg management companies subject to Chapter 15 of the 2010 Act;
“Class”	Means a class of Shares relating to a Sub-Fund for which specific features with respect to fee structures, distribution, marketing target or other specific features may be applicable. The details applicable to each Class will be described in the relevant Special Section;
“Clearstream”	Means Clearstream Banking, <i>société anonyme</i> ;

“CNH”	Means the Chinese offshore RMB, accessible outside the PRC and traded primarily in Hong Kong;
“CNY”	Means the Chinese onshore RMB accessible within the PRC;
“Company”	Means Quaero Capital Funds (Lux), a public limited liability company incorporated as an investment company with variable capital under the laws of Luxembourg and registered pursuant to part I of the 2010 Act;
“Conversion Cut-off”	Means the deadline for the submission of conversion requests as set out in respect of each Sub-Fund in the relevant Special Section;
“Conversion Fee”	Means the conversion fee which may be levied by the Company in relation to the conversion for any Class in any Sub-Fund, details of which are set out in the relevant Special Section;
“CRS”	Means the Common Reporting Standard for Automatic Exchange of financial account information in tax matters as set out in the CRS Law;
“CRS Law”	Means the amended Luxembourg Law dated 18 December 2015 on the Common Reporting Standard ("CRS") implementing Council Directive 2014/107/EU of 9 December 2014 as regards mandatory exchange of information in the field of taxation and setting forth to the OECD's multilateral competent authority agreement on automatic exchange of financial account information signed on 29 October 2014 in Berlin, with effect as of 1 January 2016;
“CSSF”	Means the <i>Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier</i> , the Luxembourg supervisory authority;
“Defaulted Debt Securities”	Means interest bearing instruments from issuers facing bankruptcy claims, rated "D" by Standard & Poor's or "C" according to Moody's long term standards. In case of dual official rating, the higher will prevail. When no official rating exists, the credit quality analysis from the relevant Investment Manager applies;
“Depository”	Means Bank Pictet & Cie (Europe) AG, Luxembourg Branch, in its capacity as depository of the Company;
“Depository Agreement”	Means the depository agreement between the Company and the Depository as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time;
“Depository Fee”	Means the depository fee payable to Bank Pictet & Cie (Europe) AG, Luxembourg Branch in its capacity as depository of the Company, as set out in each Special Section;
“Deposits”	Means deposits with a credit institution which are repayable on demand or have the right to be withdrawn, and maturing in no more than 12 months, provided that the credit institution has its registered office in a Member State or, if the registered office of the credit institution is situated in a third country, provided that it is subject to prudential rules considered by the CSSF as equivalent to those laid down in EU law;
“Directive 2013/34/EU”	Means Directive 2013/34/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on the annual financial statements, consolidated financial

statements and related reports of certain types of undertakings, as amended from time to time;

“Directive 2007/16/EC”	Means Commission Directive 2007/16/EC of 19 March 2007 implementing Directive 85/611/EEC on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities, as amended;
“Directors”	Means the directors of the Company, whose details are set out in this Prospectus and/or the annual and semi-annual reports;
“Distressed Debt Securities”	Means interest bearing instruments from issuers highly vulnerable to bankruptcy rated "CCC" or less according to Standard & Poor's or "Caa2" and less according to Moody's long term standards. In case of dual official rating, the higher will prevail. When no official rating exists, the credit quality analysis from the relevant Investment Manager applies;
“Eastern Europe”	Means all the countries that have joined the EU since 1 May 2004 as well as the new official candidates for EU membership;
“EEA”	Means the European Economic Area;
“Eligible Investments”	Means eligible investments for investment by UCITS within the meaning of article 41 (1) of the 2010 Act;
“Eligible Investor”	Means, in relation to each Class in each Sub-Fund, an investor that satisfies the relevant criteria to invest in the relevant Class as is stipulated in the relevant Special Section;
“EPM Techniques”	Means efficient portfolio management techniques within the meaning of Section 5.5(j) of the General Section;
“EU”	Means the European Union;
“EU Member State”	Means a member State of the EU;
“EUR”	Means Euro, the single currency of the EU Member States that have adopted the Euro as their lawful currency;
“Euroclear”	Means Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. as the operator of the Euroclear System;
“FATCA”	Means the Foreign Account Tax Compliance provisions of the United States Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment (HIRE) Act on 18 March 2010, set out in sections 1471 to 1474 of the Code, and any U.S. Treasury regulations issued thereunder, Internal Revenue Service rulings or other official guidance pertaining thereto;
“FATCA Law”	Means the amended Luxembourg law dated 24 July 2015 implementing the Model I Intergovernmental Agreement between the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Government of the United States of America to Improve International Tax Compliance and with respect to the United States information reporting provisions commonly known as the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA);



“FINMA”	Means the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority;
“First Class Institutions”	Means first class financial institutions having their registered office in an EU Member State or subject to prudential supervision rules considered by the CSSF equivalent to those prescribed by Community law and specialised in this type of transactions for the purposes of the OTC Derivative transactions and EPM Techniques transactions;
“Formation and Launching Expenses”	Means all expenses and costs incurred in connection with the setting-up of the Company and the launching of the initial Sub-Fund as disclosed under Section 19.4 of the General Section;
“GBP”	Means Great Britain Pound, the currency of the United Kingdom;
“General Section”	Means the General Section of this Prospectus that sets out the general terms and conditions applicable to all Sub-Funds, unless otherwise provided for in any of the Special Sections;
“GInvTA”	Means the German Investment Tax Reform Act passed by the Federal Council of Germany, as amended from time to time;
“Global Distributor”	Means Quaero Capital S.A.;
“Global Distribution Agreement”	Means the global distribution agreement entered into between the Company, the Management Company and the Global Distributor as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time;
“Initial Offering Period” or “Initial Offering Date”	Means, in relation to each Class in each Sub-Fund, the first offering of Shares of the relevant Class made pursuant to the terms of the Prospectus and the relevant Special Section;
“Initial Subscription Price”	Means, in relation to each Class in each Sub-Fund, the amount stipulated in the relevant Special Section as the subscription price per Share for the relevant Class in connection with the Initial Offering Period or Initial Offering Date;
“Institutional Investor”	Means an investor meeting the requirements to qualify as an institutional investor for purposes of article 174 of the 2010 Act;
“Investment Company Act”	Means the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended;
“Investment Grade”	Means fixed-income securities rated Baa (including Baa1, Baa2 and Baa3) or higher by Moody's or BBB (including BBB+ and BBB-) or higher by Standard & Poor's, or the equivalent thereof by at least one IRSO;
“Investment Manager”	Means Quaero Capital S.A.;
“IRSO”	Means an internationally recognised statistical ratings organisation;
“PRIIPs KID”	Means key information document in respect of each Sub-Fund or Class (as appropriate);

“KIID”	Means key investor information document in respect of each Sub-Fund or Class (as appropriate);
“Late Trading”	Means the acceptance of a subscription, conversion or redemption request after the cut-off time fixed for accepting requests on the relevant day and the execution of such request at the price based on the net asset value applicable to such same day;
“Luxembourg”	Means the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg;
“Luxembourg Official Gazette”	Means the <i>Mémorial C, Recueil des Sociétés et Associations</i> or the <i>Recueil Electronique des Sociétés et Associations</i> (RESA);
“mainly”	Means, when used in the context of the description of the investment policy of a Sub-Fund, an investment of at least 50% of the relevant Sub-Fund’s net assets;
“Management Company”	Means FundPartner Solutions (Europe) S.A.;
"Management Company Fee"	Means the management company fee payable to FundPartner Solutions (Europe) S.A. in its capacity as management company of the Company, as set out in each Special Section;
“Management Company Services Agreement”	Means the agreement between the Company and the Management Company as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time;
“Market Timing”	Means any market timing practice within the meaning of Circular 04/146 or as that term may be amended or revised by the CSSF in any subsequent circular, i.e., an arbitrage method through which an investor systematically subscribes and redeems or converts units or shares of the same Luxembourg undertaking for collective investment within a short time period, by taking advantage of time differences and/or imperfections or deficiencies in the methods of determination of the net asset value of the UCI;
“MBS”	Means mortgage backed securities;
“MiFID II Directive”	Means Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments and amending Directive 2002/92/EC and Directive 2011/61/EU;
“Minimum Subscription Amount”	Means, in relation to each Class in each Sub-Fund, the amount which is stipulated in the relevant Special Section as the minimum aggregate subscription monies which a Shareholder or subscriber must pay when subscribing for a particular Class in a Sub-Fund (unless waived by the Board in its own discretion) in which the Shareholder or subscriber does not hold Shares of that particular Class prior to such subscription;
“Money Market Instruments”	Means instruments normally dealt in on a money market which are liquid and have a value which can be accurately determined at any time;

“NAV Calculation Day”	Means the Business Day on which the Net Asset Value is calculated in respect of a specific Valuation Day as set out in respect of each Sub-Fund in the relevant Special Section;
“Net Asset Value”	Means, (i) in relation to the Company, the value of the net assets of the Company, (ii) in relation to each Sub-Fund, the value of the net assets attributable to such Sub-Fund, and (iii) in relation to each Class in a Sub-Fund, the value of the net assets attributable to such Class, in each case, calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Articles and the Prospectus;
“Net Asset Value per Share”	Means the Net Asset Value of the relevant Sub-Fund divided by the number of Shares in issue at the relevant time (including Shares in relation to which a Shareholder has requested redemption) or if a Sub-Fund has more than one Class in issue, the portion of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Sub-Fund attributable to a particular Class divided by the number of Shares of such Class in the relevant Sub-Fund which are in issue at the relevant time (including Shares in relation to which a Shareholder has requested redemption);
“OECD”	Means the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development;
“OECD Member State”	Means any of the member States of the OECD;
“on an ancillary basis”	Means, when used in the context of the description of the investment policy of a Sub-Fund (but not in the context of the description of the holding of Cash by a Sub-Fund), an investment of up to 25% of the relevant Sub-Fund’s net assets;
“Operating Expenses”	Means all fees, costs and expenses incurred in connection with the operation of the Company as determined under Section 19.2 of the General Section;
“OTC”	Means over-the-counter;
“OTC Derivative”	Means any financial derivative instrument dealt in over-the-counter;
“Payment Deadline”	Means the applicable deadline for the payment of subscription or redemption monies or, in case of conversions of Shares, the applicable deadline to the conversion;
“Performance Fee”	Means the performance fee to which the Investment Manager may be entitled, in accordance with the relevant Special Section;
“Performance Fee Benchmark”	Means the reference against which the performance of a Sub-Fund may be measured for the purpose of calculating the Performance Fee of a specific Class, as further described in the relevant Special Section in respect of Sub-Fund;
“Person”	Means any natural person or entity, including a corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated association, government or governmental agency or authority;
“PRC”	Means The People's Republic of China and for the purpose herein, excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan;

“primarily”	Means, when used in the context of the description of the investment policy of a Sub-Fund, an investment of at least 50% of the relevant Sub-Fund’s net assets;
“Prospectus”	Means the sales prospectus relating to the issue of Shares in the Company, as amended from time to time;
“Qualified Foreign Investor (QFI)”	Means a foreign institutional investor approved by the China Securities Regulatory Commission (the “CSRC”), using foreign capital to engage in domestic securities and futures investment;
“Redemption Fee”	Means the redemption fee levied by the Company in relation to the redemption of Shares of any Class in any Sub-Fund, details of which are set out in the relevant Special Section;
“Redemption Request”	Means a written request by a Shareholder to have all or part of its Shares redeemed by the Company;
“Reference Currency”	Means, in relation to each Sub-Fund, the currency in which the Net Asset Value of such Sub-Fund is calculated, as stipulated in the relevant Special Section;
“Register”	Means the register of Shareholders of the Company;
“Regulated Market”	Means a regulated market as defined in Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 on markets in financial instruments, as amended, or any other market established in the EEA which is regulated, operates regularly and is recognised and open to the public;
“Repurchase Transaction”	Means a transaction governed by an agreement by which a counterparty transfers securities or guaranteed rights relating to title to securities where that guarantee is issued by a recognised exchange which holds the rights to the securities and the agreement does not allow a counterparty to transfer or pledge a particular security to more than one counterparty at a time, subject to a commitment to repurchase them, or substituted securities of the same description at a specified price on a future date specified, or to be specified, by the transferor, being a Repurchase Transaction agreement for the counterparty selling the securities and a reverse Repurchase Transaction agreement for the counterparty buying them;
“Restricted Person”	Means any person, determined in the sole discretion of the Board as being not entitled to subscribe or hold Shares in the Company or any Sub-Fund or Class if, in the opinion of the Directors, (i) such person would not comply with the eligibility criteria of a given Class or Sub-Fund (ii) a holding by such person would cause or is likely to cause the Company some pecuniary, tax or regulatory disadvantage (iii) a holding by such person would cause or is likely to cause the Company to be in breach of the law or requirements of any country or governmental authority applicable to the Company;
“Retail Investor”	Means any investor not qualifying as an Institutional Investor;
“RMB”	Means the renminbi, the official currency of the PRC which is used to denote the Chinese currency traded in CNY and CNH markets;
“Securities Act”	Means the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended;

“Securities Financing Transaction or SFT”	Means (i) a Repurchase Transaction; (ii) Securities Lending and Securities Borrowing; (iii) a Buy-sell Back Transaction or Sell-buy Back Transaction; and (iv) a total return swap as defined under the SFTR;
“Securities Lending or Securities Borrowing”	Means a transaction by which a counterparty transfers subject to a commitment that the borrower will return equivalent securities on a future date or when requested to do so by the transferor, that transaction being considered as securities lending for the counterparty transferring the securities and being considered as securities borrowing for the counterparty to which they are transferred;
“SEK”	Means Swedish Crown, the currency of Sweden;
“SFT Agent”	Means any person involved in SFTs and/or TRS as agent, broker, collateral agent or service provider and that is paid fees, commissions, costs or expenses out of the Company's assets or any Sub-Fund's assets (which can be the counterparty of a Sub-Fund in an SFT and/or a TRS);
“SFTR”	Means Regulation (EU) 2015/2365 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on transparency of securities financing transactions and of reuse and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012;
“Shareholder”	Means a person who is the registered holder of Shares in the Company;
“Shares”	Means shares in the Company, of such Classes and denominated in such currencies and relating to such Sub-Funds as may be issued by the Company from time to time;
“Special Section”	Means each and every supplement to this Prospectus describing the specific features of a Sub-Fund. Each such supplement is to be regarded as an integral part of the Prospectus;
“Stock Connect”	Means (i) Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the mutual market access programme through which investors can deal in select securities listed on the SSE through the SEHK and clearing house in Hong Kong (Northbound trading); and (ii) the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the mutual market access program through which foreign investors can deal in select securities on the SZSE through the SEHK and clearing house in Hong Kong (Northbound trading);
“Structured Products”	Means Transferable Securities (such as notes, certificates or any other Transferable Securities) whose returns are correlated with changes in, among others, an index selected in accordance with the article 9 of the 2008 Regulation, currencies, exchange rates, Transferable Securities or a basket of Transferable Securities or a UCI, in compliance with the 2008 Regulation, and excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, certificates on precious metals in accordance with article 41(2) of the 2010 Act and Structured Products on commodities that are not eligible for a UCITS;
“Sub-Classes”	Means each sub-classes of Shares which may be issued within each Class with a distinct valuation currency;

“Sub-Fund”	Means a separate portfolio of assets established for one or more Classes of the Company which is invested in accordance with a specific investment objective. The specifications of each Sub-Fund will be described in their relevant Special Section;
“Sub-Investment Manager”	Means such entity from time to time appointed as sub-investment manager of a particular Sub-Fund by the Investment Manager as set out in the relevant Special Section;
“Subscription Cut-off”	Means the deadline for the submission of subscription requests as set out in respect of each Sub-Fund in the relevant Special Section;
“Subscription Fee”	Means the subscription fee levied in relation to the subscription for any Class in any Sub-Fund, details of which are set out in the relevant Special Section;
“Sustainability Factors”	Means environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters;
“Target Funds”	Means Alternative Target Funds and Traditional Target Funds;
“Taxonomy Regulation”	Means Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment, and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/2088;
“Traditional Target Funds”	Means UCITS and other UCIs which are not Alternative Target Funds;
“Transferable Securities”	Means <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• shares and other securities equivalent to shares;</li> <li>• bonds and other debt instruments;</li> <li>• any other negotiable securities which carry the right to acquire any such transferable securities by subscription or to exchanges, with the exclusion of techniques and instruments;</li> </ul>
“TRS”	Means total return swaps, i.e., a derivative contract as defined in point (7) of article 2 of the SFTR in which one counterparty transfers the total economic performance, including income from interest and fees, gains and losses from price movements, and credit losses, of a reference obligation to another counterparty;
“UCI”	Means an undertaking for collective investment within the meaning of article 1, paragraph (2), points a) and b) of the UCITS Directive, whether situated in a EU Member State or not, provided that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• such UCI is authorised under laws which provide that it is subject to supervision that is considered by the CSSF to be equivalent to that laid down in EU law, and that cooperation between authorities is sufficiently ensured;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the level of guaranteed protection for unitholders in such UCI is equivalent to that provided for unitholders in a UCITS, and in particular that the rules on asset segregation, borrowing, lending, and uncovered sales of Transferable Securities and Money Market Instruments are equivalent to the requirements of the UCITS Directive;</li> <li>the business of such UCI is reported in half-yearly and annual reports to enable an assessment to be made of the assets and liabilities, income and operations over the reporting period;</li> </ul>
“UCI Administrator”	Means FundPartner Solutions (Europe) S.A., in its capacity as central administration, registrar and transfer agent, paying agent and domiciliary agent of the Company;
“UCITS”	Means an undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities under the UCITS Directive;
“UCITS-CDR”	Means the Commission Delegated Regulation of 17 December 2015 supplementing Directive 2009/65/EC with regard to obligations of depositaries;
“UCITS Directive”	Means 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;
“United States” or “U.S.”	Means the United States of America (including the States, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico), its territories, possessions and all other areas subject to its jurisdiction;
“USD”	Means the United States Dollar, the currency of the United States of America;
“U.S. Person”	Means, unless otherwise determined by the Directors, (i) a natural person who is a resident of the United States; (ii) a corporation, partnership or other entity, other than an entity organised principally for passive investment, organised under the laws of the United States and which has its principal place of business in the United States; (iii) an estate or trust, the income of which is subject to United States income tax regardless of the source; (iv) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of an entity organised and with its principal place of business in the United States; (v) an entity organised principally for passive investment such as a pool, investment company or other similar entity; provided, that units of participation in the entity held by persons who qualify as U.S. Persons or otherwise as qualified eligible persons represent in the aggregate ten per cent or more of the beneficial interests in the entity, and that such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. Persons; or (vi) any other "U.S. Person" as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act, or in regulations adopted under the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act, as amended;
“Valuation Day”	Means each day as at which the Net Asset Value will be determined for each Class in each Sub-Fund, as it is stipulated in the relevant Special Section;

“Vanilla Convertible or Exchangeable Bond”

Means bonds which are a sub-category of convertible bond securities;

At maturity or prior to maturity of the bond, the bondholder has the right but not the obligation to fully convert his bond into equities. If such equities are from the same company as the issuing company of the bond, the structure is referred to as a "vanilla convertible". If such equities are from a different company as the issuing company of the bond, then the structure is referred to as a "vanilla exchangeable". If the bondholder does not opt for the conversion, the bond will be redeemed in cash at maturity;

Conversely, convertible structures including mandatory convertible bonds (where the conversion is mandatory), reverse convertible bonds (where a conversion could be forced), synthetics/bond with option structures (two distinct securities) are not considered "vanilla convertibles".



## **2. THE COMPANY**

The Company is an open-ended investment company organised under the laws of Luxembourg as a *société d'investissement à capital variable* (SICAV), incorporated under the form of a public limited liability company (*société anonyme*) on 24 April 2009 and authorised under part I of the 2010 Act (i.e. *authorised as an Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS)*).

The Company is registered with the Luxembourg trade and companies register under number B 146 030. Its original Articles have been published in the Luxembourg Official Gazette on 18 May 2009 and as amended on 12 October 2017.

The registration of the Company pursuant to the 2010 Act constitutes neither approval nor disapproval by any Luxembourg authority as to the adequacy or accuracy of this Prospectus or as to the assets held in the various Sub-Funds.

The Company is subject to the provisions of the 2010 Act and of the 1915 Act insofar as the 2010 Act does not derogate therefrom.

The Shares are not currently listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange but the Board may decide to quote one or more Classes of a Sub-Fund on the Luxembourg or any other stock exchange or regulated market.

There is no limit to the number of Shares which may be issued. Shares will be issued to subscribers in registered form.

Shares shall have the same voting rights and shall have no pre-emptive subscription rights. In the event of the liquidation of the Company, each Share is entitled to its proportionate share of the Company's assets after payment of the Company's debts and expenses, taking into account the Company's rules for the allocation of assets and liabilities.

The Company was incorporated for an unlimited duration with an initial subscribed capital of EUR 31,000. The minimum share capital of the Company must at all times be EUR 1,250,000 which amount has to be attained within six months of the Company's authorisation to operate as a UCI. The Company's share capital is at all times equal to its Net Asset Value. The Company's share capital is automatically adjusted when additional Shares are issued or outstanding Shares are redeemed, and no special announcements or publicity are necessary in relation thereto.

## **3. SHARES**

Any individual or legal entity may acquire Shares in the Company against payment of the subscription price as defined in Section 9.3 of the General Section.

The Shares confer no preferential subscription rights at the time of the issue of new Shares.

Shares are issued in registered form, with no par value and are recorded in a register. Shareholders receive written confirmation of their registration but no certificate representing Shares will be issued. All Shares must be fully paid up. Fractional Shares may be issued up to four decimal places and shall carry rights in proportion to the fraction of a Share they represent but shall carry no voting rights.

Within the same Sub-Fund, all Shares have equal rights as regards voting rights in all general meetings of Shareholders and in all meetings of the Sub-Fund concerned.

The Special Sections indicate, for each Sub-Fund, which Classes are available and their characteristics.

For each Sub-Fund, the Directors or the Management Company may, in respect of Shares in one or several Class(es) if any, decide to close subscriptions temporarily or definitively, including those arising from the conversion of Shares of another Class or another Sub-Fund.

Shareholders may ask for the conversion of all or a part of their Shares from one Class to another in compliance with the provisions of Section 11 of the General Section.

#### **4. SUB-FUNDS, CLASSES AND SUB-CLASSES**

The Company has an umbrella structure consisting of one or several Sub-Funds. A separate portfolio of assets is maintained for each Sub-Fund and is invested in accordance with the investment objective and policy applicable to that Sub-Fund. The investment objective, policy, as well as the risk profile and other specific features of each Sub-Fund are set forth in the relevant Special Section.

The Company is one single legal entity. However, the rights of the Shareholders and creditors relating to a Sub-Fund or arising from the setting-up, operation and liquidation of a Sub-Fund are limited to the assets of that Sub-Fund. The assets of a Sub-Fund are exclusively dedicated to the satisfaction of the rights of the Shareholders relating to that Sub-Fund and the rights of those creditors whose claims have arisen in connection with the setting-up, operation and liquidation of that Sub-Fund.

Within a Sub-Fund, the Board may decide to issue one or more Classes the assets of which will be commonly invested but subject to different fee structures, distribution, marketing targets, currency or other specific features. A separate Net Asset Value per Share, which may differ as a consequence of these variable factors, will be calculated for each Class.

The Company may, at any time, create additional Classes whose features may differ from the existing Classes and additional Sub-Funds whose investment objectives may differ from those of the Sub-Funds then existing. Upon creation of new Sub-Funds or Classes, the Prospectus will be updated, if necessary, or supplemented by a new Special Section.

Classes of some Sub-Funds, indicated in the Special Section of each Sub-Fund, may, on the decision of the Board, be subdivided into several Sub-Classes with a different valuation currency. **The attention of investors is drawn to the fact that, depending on whether foreign exchange hedging instruments are used in respect of each Sub-Class, an investor may be exposed to the risk that the Net Asset Value of one Sub-Class denominated in a given valuation currency may fluctuate in a way that compares unfavourably to that of another Sub-Class denominated in another valuation currency. It should nevertheless be noted that all expenses associated with the financial instruments, if any, used for the purpose of hedging foreign exchange risks related to the Sub-Class concerned will be allocated to that Sub-Class. For the purpose of the Articles, any references to Classes include references to Sub-Classes.**

The Special Sections indicate, for each Sub-Fund, which Classes and, if applicable, which Sub-Classes are available and if there are any additional characteristics of the Classes and Sub-Classes concerned.

To the extent permitted by the Prospectus, and in relation to Sub-Classes that are denominated in a currency other than the Reference Currency of a Sub-Fund, the Investment Manager may (but is under no obligation to) employ techniques and instruments intended to provide protection, so far as possible, against movements of the currency in which the relevant Sub-Class is denominated.

**For each Sub-Fund, the Board may, in respect of Shares in one or several Class(es) of Shares, decide to close subscriptions temporarily, including those arising from the conversion of Shares of another Class or another Sub-Fund.**

For the time being, the Company is comprised of the following Sub-Funds:

- (i) Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Argonaut;
- (ii) Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – World Opportunities;
- (iii) Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Infrastructure Securities;
- (iv) Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Accessible Clean Energy;
- (v) Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Cullen US Value;
- (vi) Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Global Convertible Bonds;
- (vii) Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Bond Investment Opportunity

Each Sub-Fund is described in more detail in the relevant Special Section.

Investors should note however that some Sub-Funds or Classes may not be available to all investors. The Company retains the right to offer only one or more Classes for purchase by investors in any particular jurisdiction in order to conform to local law, customs or business practice or for fiscal or any other reason. The Company may further reserve one or more Sub-Funds or Classes to certain Eligible Investors only (e.g., Institutional Investors).

## 5. INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

The Company and the Sub-Funds are subject to the restrictions and limits set forth below.

The management of the assets of the Sub-Funds will be undertaken within the following investment restrictions. **A Sub-Fund may be subject to additional investment restrictions set out in the relevant Special Section. In the case of any conflict, the provisions of the relevant Special Section will prevail.**

### 5.1 Eligible Investments

- (a) The Company's investments may consist solely of:
  - (i) Transferable Securities and Money Market Instruments admitted to official listing on a stock exchange in an EU Member State;
  - (ii) Transferable Securities and Money Market Instruments dealt on another Regulated Market;
  - (iii) Transferable Securities and Money Market Instruments admitted to official listing on a stock exchange or dealt in on another regulated market in any country of Western or Eastern Europe, Asia, Oceania, the American continents or Africa;
  - (iv) new issues of Transferable Securities and Money Market Instruments, provided that:
    - (A) the terms of issue include an undertaking that application will be made for admission to official listing on any stock exchange or other Regulated Market referred to in subparagraphs 5.1(a)(i), (ii) and (iii);

- (B) such admission is secured within a year of issue;
- (v) units of UCITS and/or other UCIs within the meaning of article 1, paragraph (2), points a) and b) of the UCITS Directive, whether situated in an EU Member State or not, provided that:
  - (A) such other UCIs are authorised under laws which provide that they are subject to supervision that is considered by the Luxembourg supervisory authority to be equivalent to that laid down in EU law, and that cooperation between authorities is sufficiently ensured;
  - (B) the level of guaranteed protection for shareholders/unitholders in such other UCIs is equivalent to that provided for shareholders/unitholders in a UCITS, and in particular that the rules on asset segregation, borrowing, lending, and uncovered sales of Transferable Securities and Money Market Instruments are equivalent to the requirements of the UCITS Directive;
  - (C) the business of such other UCIs is reported in half-yearly and annual reports to enable an assessment to be made of the assets and liabilities, income and operations over the reporting period;
  - (D) no more than 10% of the net assets of the UCITS or other UCI whose acquisition is contemplated, can, according to their fund rules or constitutional documents, be invested in aggregate in units of other UCITS or other UCIs;
- (vi) deposits with credit institutions which are repayable on demand or have the right to be withdrawn, and maturing in no more than 12 months, provided that the credit institution has its registered office in an EU Member State or, if the registered office of the credit institution is situated in a non-EU Member State, provided that it is subject to prudential rules considered by the CSSF as equivalent to those laid down in EU law;
- (vii) financial derivative instruments, including equivalent cash-settled instruments, dealt in on a Regulated Market referred to in subparagraphs 5.1(a)(i), (ii) and (iii); and/or OTC Derivatives, provided that:
  - (A) the underlying consists of instruments covered by this paragraph 5.1(a), financial indices, interest rates, foreign exchange rates or currencies, in which a Sub-Fund may invest according to its investment objectives as stated in the relevant Special Section;
  - (B) the counterparties to OTC Derivative transactions are First Class Institutions; and
  - (C) the OTC Derivatives are subject to reliable and verifiable valuation on a daily basis and can be sold, liquidated or closed by an offsetting transaction at any time at their fair value at the Company's initiative;
- (viii) Money Market Instruments other than those dealt in on a Regulated Market if the issuer or issuer of such instruments is itself regulated for the purpose of protecting investors and savings, and provided that they are:
  - (A) issued or guaranteed by a central, regional or local authority or central bank of an EU Member State, the European Central Bank, the EU or the European Investment Bank, a non-EU Member State or, in the case of a Federal State, by

one of the members making up the federation, or by a public international body to which one or more EU Member States belong, or

- (B) issued by an undertaking, any securities of which are listed on a stock exchange or dealt in on Regulated Markets referred to in subparagraphs 5.1(a)(i), (ii) or (iii), or
- (C) issued or guaranteed by an establishment subject to prudential supervision, in accordance with criteria defined by EU law, or by an establishment which is subject to and complies with prudential rules considered by the CSSF to be at least as stringent as those laid down by EU law, or
- (D) issued by other bodies belonging to the categories approved by the CSSF provided that investments in such instruments are subject to investor protection rules equivalent to that laid down in the first, the second or the third indent and provided that the issuer is a company whose capital and reserves amount to at least EUR 10 million and which (i) represents and publishes its annual accounts in accordance with Directive 2013/34/EU, (ii) is an entity which, within a group of companies which includes one or several listed companies, is dedicated to the financing of the group or (iii) is an entity which is dedicated to the financing of securitisation vehicles which benefit from a banking liquidity line.

(b) However, each Sub-Fund may:

- (i) invest up to 10% of its net assets in Transferable Securities and Money Market Instruments other than those referred to under paragraph 5.1(a)(i) to (a)(iv) and 5.1(a)(viii) above; and
- (ii) hold liquid assets on an ancillary basis, such holding being limited to 20% of the net assets of a Sub-Fund.

## **5.2 Risk diversification**

- (a) In accordance with the principle of risk diversification, the Company is not permitted to invest more than 10% of the net assets of a Sub-Fund in Transferable Securities or Money Market Instruments of one and the same issuer. The total value of the Transferable Securities and Money Market Instruments in each issuer in which more than 5% of the net assets are invested, must not exceed 40% of the value of the net assets of the respective Sub-Fund. This limitation does not apply to deposits and OTC Derivative transactions made with First Class Institutions subject to prudential supervision.
- (b) The Company is not permitted to invest more than 20% of the net assets of a Sub-Fund in deposits made with the same body.
- (c) Notwithstanding the individual limits laid down in paragraphs 5.2(a), 5.2(b) and 5.5(r), a Sub-Fund may not combine:
  - (i) investments in Transferable Securities or Money Market Instruments issued by,
  - (ii) deposits made with, and/or
  - (iii) exposures arising from OTC Derivative transactions undertaken with,a single body in excess of 20% of its net assets.

- (d) The 10% limit set forth in paragraph 5.2(a) above can be raised to a maximum of 25% in respect of qualifying debt securities which fall under the definition of covered bonds in point (1) of Article 3 of Directive (EU) 2019/2162 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the issue of covered bonds and covered bond public supervision and amending Directives 2009/65/EC and 2014/59/EU and for qualifying debt securities that were issued before 8 July 2022 by a credit institution which has its registered office in a Member State and is subject by law to special public supervision designed to protect bondholders. In particular, sums deriving from the issue of these bonds issued before 8 July 2022 must be invested, in accordance with the law, in assets which, during the whole period of validity of the bonds, are capable of covering claims attaching to the bonds and which, in the case of bankruptcy of the issuer, would be used on a priority basis for the reimbursement of principal and payment of the accrued interest. Furthermore, if a Sub-Fund invests more than 5% of its net assets in the bonds referred to in the first sub-paragraph which are issued by a single issuer, the total value of such assets may not exceed 80% of the value of the net assets of the Sub-Fund.
- (e) The 10% limit set forth in paragraph 5.2(a) above can be raised to a maximum of 35% for Transferable Securities and Money Market Instruments that are issued or guaranteed by an EU Member State or its local authorities, by a G20 Member State, by another OECD Member State, Singapore, Hong Kong or by public international organisations of which one or more EU Member States are members.
- (f) Transferable Securities and Money Market Instruments which fall under the special ruling given in paragraphs 5.2(d) and 5.2(e) are not counted when calculating the 40% risk diversification ceiling mentioned in paragraph 5.2(a).
- (g) The limits provided for in paragraphs 5.2(a) to 5.2(e) above may not be combined, and thus investments in Transferable Securities or Money Market Instruments issued by the same body or in deposits or derivative instruments with this body will under no circumstances exceed in total 35% of the net assets of a Sub-Fund.
- (h) Companies which are included in the same group for the purposes of consolidated accounts, as defined in accordance with Directive 2013/34/EU or in accordance with recognised international accounting rules, are regarded as a single body for the purpose of calculating the limits contained in this Section 5.2.
- (i) A Sub-Fund may invest, on a cumulative basis, up to 20% of its net assets in Transferable Securities and Money Market Instruments of the same group.

### **5.3 Exceptions which can be made**

- (a) Without prejudice to the limits laid down in paragraph 5.7 the limits laid down in paragraph 5.2 are raised to a maximum of 20% for investment in shares and/or bonds issued by the same body if, according to the relevant Special Section, the investment objective and policy of that Sub-Fund is to replicate the composition of a certain stock or debt securities index which is recognised by the CSSF, on the following basis:
  - (i) its composition is sufficiently diversified,
  - (ii) the index represents an adequate benchmark for the market to which it refers,
  - (iii) it is published in an appropriate manner.

The above 20% limit may be raised to a maximum of 35%, but only in respect of a single body, where that proves to be justified by exceptional market conditions in particular in

Regulated Markets where certain Transferable Securities or Money Market Instruments are highly dominant.

- (b) **The Company is authorised, in accordance with the principle of risk diversification, to invest up to 100% of the net assets of a Sub-Fund in Transferable Securities and Money Market Instruments from various offerings that are issued or guaranteed by an EU Member State or its local authorities, by a G20 Member State, by another OECD Member State, Singapore, Hong Kong or by public international organisations in which one or more EU Member States are members. These securities must be divided into at least six different issues, with securities from one and the same issue not exceeding 30% of the total net assets of a Sub-Fund.**

#### **5.4 Investment in UCITS and/or other UCIs**

- (a) A Sub-Fund may acquire the units of UCITS and/or other UCIs referred to in subparagraph 5.1(a)(v) provided that no more than 20% of its net assets are invested in units of a single UCITS or other UCI. If a UCITS or other UCI has multiple compartments (within the meaning of article 181 of the 2010 Act) and the assets of a compartment may only be used to satisfy the rights of the investors relating to that compartment and the rights of those creditors whose claims have arisen in connection with the setting-up, operation and liquidation of that compartment, each compartment is considered as a separate issuer for the purposes of applying the above limit.
- (b) Investments made in units of UCIs other than UCITS may not exceed, in aggregate, 30% of the net assets of the Sub-Fund.
- (c) When a Sub-Fund has acquired units of UCITS and/or other UCIs, the assets of the respective UCITS or other UCIs do not have to be combined for the purposes of the limits laid down in paragraph 5.2.
- (d) When a Sub-Fund invests in the units of UCITS and/or other UCIs that are managed, directly or by delegation, by the same management company or by any other company with which the Management Company is linked by common management or control, or by a substantial direct or indirect holding, (regarded as more than 10% of the voting rights or share capital), that management company or other company may not charge subscription, conversion or redemption fees on account of the Sub-Fund's investment in the units of such UCITS and/or other UCIs.
- (e) If a Sub-Fund invests a substantial proportion of its assets in other UCITS and/or other UCIs, the maximum level of the management fees that may be charged both to the Sub-Fund itself and to the other UCITS and/or other UCIs in which it intends to invest, will be disclosed in the relevant Special Section.
- (f) In the annual report of the Company it will be indicated for each Sub-Fund the maximum proportion of management fees charged both to the Sub-Fund and to the UCITS and/or other UCIs in which the Sub-Fund invests.
- (g) A Sub-Fund (hereafter the **Investing Sub-Fund**) may subscribe, acquire and/or hold shares to be issued or issued by one or more other Sub-Funds (hereafter the **Target Sub-Fund** or **Target Sub-Funds**), being subject to the requirements of the 1915 Act under the following conditions:
  - (i) the Target Sub-Fund does not, in turn, invest in the Investing Sub-Fund;

- (ii) no more than 10% of the net assets of the Target Sub-Funds whose acquisition is contemplated may be invested in shares of other Sub-Funds;
- (iii) voting rights, if any, attaching to the relevant Shares of the Target Sub-Fund are suspended for as long as they are held by the Investing Sub-Fund concerned and without prejudice to the appropriate processing in the accounts and the periodic reports; and
- (iv) in any event, for as long as these Shares are held by the Investing Sub-Fund, their value will not be taken into consideration for the calculation of the net assets of the Company for the purposes of verifying the minimum threshold of the Company's net assets imposed by the 2010 Act.

## **5.5 Investments in financial derivative instruments and use of EPM Techniques**

- (a) The Company must employ (i) a risk-management process which enables it to monitor and measure at any time the risk of the positions and their contribution to the overall risk profile of the portfolio and (ii) a process for accurate and independent assessment of the value of OTC Derivatives.
- (b) Each Sub-Fund will ensure that its global exposure relating to derivative instruments does not exceed the total net value of its portfolio.
- (c) The exposure is calculated taking into account the current value of the underlying assets, the counterparty risk, future market movements and the time available to liquidate the positions. This will also apply to the following subparagraphs.
- (d) A Sub-Fund may invest, as a part of its investment policy, in financial derivative instruments provided that the exposure to the underlying assets does not exceed in aggregate the investment limits laid down in paragraph 5.2. Under no circumstances will these operations cause a Sub-Fund to diverge from its investment objectives as laid down in the Prospectus and the relevant Special Section. When a Sub-Fund invests in index-based financial derivative instruments, these investments do not have to be combined to the limits laid down in paragraph 5.2.
- (e) When a Transferable Security or Money Market Instrument embeds a derivative, the latter must be taken into account when complying with the requirements of this Section.
- (f) The Company's annual reports will contain, in respect of each Sub-Fund that has entered into financial derivative instruments over the relevant reporting period, details of:
  - the underlying exposure obtained through financial derivative instruments;
  - the identity of the counterparty(ies) to these financial derivative instruments;
  - the type and amount of collateral received to reduce counterparty risk exposure.
- (g) The Sub-Funds are authorised to employ techniques and instruments relating to Transferable Securities or Money Market Instruments subject to the following conditions:
  - (i) they are economically appropriate in that they are realised in a cost-effective way;
  - (ii) they are entered into for one or more of the following specific aims:
    - (A) reduction of risk;



- (B) reduction of cost;
  - (C) generation of additional capital or income for the relevant Sub-Fund with a level of risk which is consistent with its risk profile and applicable risk diversification rules;
- (iii) their risks are adequately captured by the Company's risk management process; and
- (iv) they are taken into account by the Management Company when developing its liquidity risk management process in order to ensure that the Company is able to comply at any time with its redemption obligations.
- (h) The Company and any of its Sub-Funds may in particular enter into swap contracts relating to any financial instruments or indices, including TRS. TRS involve the exchange of the right to receive the total return, coupons plus capital gains or losses, of a specified reference asset, index or basket of assets against the right to make fixed or floating payments. As such, the use of TRS or other derivatives with similar characteristics allows gaining synthetic exposure to certain markets or underlying assets without investing directly (and/or fully) in these underlying assets.
- (i) The Company and any of its Sub-Funds may employ SFTs for reducing risks (hedging), generating additional capital or income or for cost reduction purposes. Any use of SFTs and TRS for investment purposes will be in line with the risk profile and risk diversification rules applicable to any Sub-Funds. Investors should refer to the risk factors in Section 7 of the General Section for special risk considerations applicable to the use of SFTs and TRS.
- (j) The efficient portfolio management techniques (**EPM Techniques**) that may be employed by the Sub-Funds in accordance with paragraph 5.5(i) above include SFTs that are subject to the conditions set out below:
  - (i) When entering into a Securities Lending agreement, the Company will ensure that it is able at any time to recall any security that has been lent out or terminate the Securities Lending agreement.
  - (ii) When entering into a reverse Repurchase Transaction agreement, the Company will ensure that it is able at any time to recall:
    - (A) the full amount of cash or to terminate the reverse Repurchase Transaction on either an accrued basis or a mark-to-market basis. When the cash is recallable at any time on a mark-to-market basis, the mark-to-market value of the reverse Repurchase Transaction will be used for the calculation of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Sub-Fund; and/or
    - (B) any securities subject to the Repurchase Transaction agreement or to terminate the Repurchase Transaction agreement into which it has entered.
  - (iii) Fixed-term Repurchase Transaction and reverse Repurchase Transaction agreements that do not exceed seven days will be considered as arrangements on terms that allow the assets to be recalled at any time by the Company.
- (k) The Management Company takes into account these EPM Techniques when developing its liquidity risk management process in order to ensure that the Company is able to comply at any time with its redemption obligations.

- (l) The maximum and expected proportion of assets that may be subject to SFTs or TRS, as well as the types of assets that are subject to SFTs or TRS will be set out for each Sub-Fund in the relevant Special Section. As at the time of issue of this Prospectus, the Sub-Funds do not use SFT or TRS which fall under the scope of SFTR. Whenever this situation changes, the Prospectus will be updated accordingly.
- (m) Except as otherwise set out in the relevant Special Section, all revenues resulting from the EPM Techniques will be returned in full to the Company after deduction of the direct and indirect operational costs/fees of the Depositary, the Investment Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager (if any). The revenues (if any) linked to the TRS will be fully allocated to the relevant Sub-Fund and will be included in the valuation of the TRS. There will neither be any costs nor fees specific to TRS charged to any Sub-Fund that would constitute revenue for the Management Company, the Investment Manager or the relevant Sub-Investment Manager (if any). All revenues resulting from the EPM Techniques and TRS will be disclosed in the annual reports of the Company. The fees of any agent involved in EPM Techniques or TRS may not exceed 20% of the total income generated by these EPM Techniques or TRS. The remaining income will accrue to the relevant Sub-Fund. None of the SFT Agents or counterparties to the OTC Derivative transactions (including TRS) are affiliated with the Company or the Management Company.
- (n) The counterparties to SFTs and TRS will be selected and approved through a robust selection process and will be established in OECD Member States and have a minimum rating of BBB- or the equivalent by any leading rating agencies. The Management Company's risk management team will assess the creditworthiness of the proposed counterparties, their expertise in the relevant transactions, the costs of service and others factors related to best execution in line with the Management Company's best execution policy.
- (o) Assets subject to SFTs and TRS will be safe-kept by the Depositary.
- (p) The Company's annual report will include the following information:
  - (i) the exposure obtained through EPM Techniques;
  - (ii) the identity of the counterparty(ies) to these EPM Techniques;
  - (iii) the type and amount of collateral received by the Company to reduce counterparty exposure;
  - (iv) where collateral received from an issuer has exceeded 20% of the net assets of a Sub-Fund, the identity of that issuer;
  - (v) whether a Sub-Fund has been fully collateralised in securities issued or guaranteed by a Member State; and
  - (vi) the revenues arising from EPM Techniques for the entire reporting period together with the direct and indirect operational costs and fees incurred.
- (q) The Company's semi-annual and annual reports will further contain additional information on the use of SFTs and TRS in line with Section A of the Annex of the SFTR.
- (r) The counterparty risk arising from OTC Derivatives and EPM Techniques may not exceed 10% of the assets of a Sub-Fund when the counterparty is a credit institution domiciled in the EU or in a country where the CSSF considers that supervisory regulations are equivalent to those prevailing in the EU. This limit is set at 5% in any other case.

- (s) The counterparty risk of a Sub-Fund vis-à-vis a counterparty is equal to the positive mark-to-market value of all OTC Derivatives and EPM Techniques transactions with that counterparty, provided that:
  - (i) if there are legally enforceable netting arrangements in place, the risk exposure arising from OTC Derivative and EPM Techniques transactions with the same counterparty may be netted; and
  - (ii) if collateral is posted in favour of a Sub-Fund and such collateral complies at all times with the criteria set out in paragraph 5.5(t) below, the counterparty risk of such Sub-Fund is reduced by the amount of such collateral.
- (t) The risks linked to the use of SFTs and TRS as well as risks linked to collateral management, such as operational, liquidity, counterparty, custody and legal risks and, where applicable, the risks arising from its reuse are further described hereunder in Section 7 of the General Section.
- (u) Collateral received by a Sub-Fund must comply at all times with the following principles:
  - (i) Liquidity – any collateral received other than cash should be highly liquid and traded on a regulated market or multilateral trading facility with transparent pricing in order that it can be sold quickly at a price that is close to pre-sale valuation. Collateral received should also comply with the acquisition limits set out in paragraph 5.7(b).
  - (ii) Valuation – collateral received should be valued on at least a daily basis and assets that exhibit high price volatility should not be accepted as collateral unless suitably conservative haircuts are in place.
  - (iii) Issuer credit quality – collateral received should be of high quality.
  - (iv) Correlation – the collateral received by the Sub-Fund should be issued by an entity that is independent from the counterparty and is expected not to display a high correlation with the performance of the counterparty.
  - (v) Collateral diversification (asset concentration) – collateral should be sufficiently diversified in terms of country, markets and issuers. The criterion of sufficient diversification with respect to issuer concentration is considered to be respected if the Sub-Fund receives from a counterparty of OTC Derivative or EPM Techniques transactions a basket of collateral with a maximum exposure to a given issuer of 20% of its Net Asset Value. When a Sub-Fund is exposed to different counterparties, the different baskets of collateral should be aggregated to calculate the 20% limit of exposure to a single issuer. By way of derogation, a Sub-Fund may be fully collateralised in different Transferable Securities and Money Market Instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State, one or more of its local authorities, a third country, or a public international body to which one or more Member States belong, provided the Sub-Fund receives securities from at least six different issues and any single issue does not account for more than 30% of the Sub-Fund's net assets. Accordingly a Sub-Fund may be fully collateralised in securities issued or guaranteed by an eligible OECD Member State.
  - (vi) Risks linked to the management of collateral, such as operational and legal risks, should be identified, managed and mitigated by the risk management process.
- (v) Collateral received should be capable of being fully enforced by the Company for the account of the Sub-Fund at any time without reference to or approval from the counterparty.

- (w) The Sub-Funds will only accept the following assets as collateral:
  - (i) Liquid assets. Liquid assets include not only cash and short term bank certificates, but also money market instruments such as defined within Directive 2009/65/EC of 13 July 2009 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS). A letter of credit or a guarantee at first-demand given by a first class credit institution not affiliated to the counterparty are considered as equivalent to liquid assets.
  - (ii) Bonds issued or guaranteed by an OECD Member State or by their local public authorities or by supranational institutions and undertakings with EU, regional or world-wide scope.
  - (iii) Shares or units issued by money market UCIs calculating a daily net asset value and being assigned a rating of AAA or its equivalent.
  - (iv) Shares or units issued by UCITS investing mainly in bonds/shares mentioned in items (v) and (vi) below.
  - (v) Bonds issued or guaranteed by first class issuers offering an adequate liquidity.
  - (vi) Shares admitted to or dealt in on a regulated market of a Member State of the European Union or on a stock exchange of an OECD Member State, on the condition that these shares are included in a main index.
- (x) For the purpose of paragraph 5.5(n) above, all assets received by a Sub-Fund in the context of EPM Techniques should be considered as collateral.
- (y) Non-cash collateral received by a Sub-Fund may not be sold, re-invested or pledged.
- (z) Cash collateral received by a Sub-Fund can only be:
  - (i) placed on deposit with credit institutions which either have their registered office in an EU Member State or are subject to prudential rules considered by the CSSF as equivalent to those laid down in Community law;
  - (ii) invested in high-quality government bonds;
  - (iii) used for the purpose of reverse repo transactions provided the transactions are with credit institutions subject to prudential supervision and the Company is able to recall at any time the full amount of cash on accrued basis;
  - (iv) invested in Short-Term Money Market Funds as defined in the Regulation (EU) 2017/1131 on money market funds.
- (aa) Collateral posted in favour of a Sub-Fund under a title transfer arrangement should be held by the Depositary or one of its correspondents or sub-custodians. Collateral posted in favour of a Sub-Fund under a security interest arrangement (eg, a pledge) can be held by a third party Depositary which is subject to prudential supervision, and which is unrelated to the provider of the collateral.
- (bb) Re-invested cash collateral will be diversified in accordance with the diversification requirements applicable to non-cash collateral under paragraph (n) above.

- (cc) The level of collateral required across all EPM Techniques or OTC Derivatives will be at least 100% of the exposure to the relevant counterparty, calculated daily on a mark-to-market basis and variation margin will be applied. This will be achieved by applying the haircut policy set out under paragraphs (dd) to (gg) below.
- (dd) The Management Company only accepts cash and high-quality government bonds as collateral.
- (ee) The Management Company has a haircut policy relating to the classes of assets received as collateral by or for the account of the Company. Haircuts are assessed based on collateral credit quality, price volatility and tenor. No haircut will generally be applied to cash collateral.
- (ff) In case of non-cash collateral, a haircut will be applied. The Investment Manager or Sub-Investment Manager (if any) will only accept non-cash collateral which does not exhibit high price volatility. The non-cash collateral received on behalf of the Company will typically be government debts and supranational debt securities.
- (gg) For non-cash collateral, a haircut of 1% to 8% will be applied as follows:

Government debts and supranational debt securities	Remaining stated maturity of	Haircut applied
	Not exceeding 1 year	1%
	1 to 5 years	3%
	5 to 10 years	4%
	10 to 20 years	7%
	20 to 30 years	8%

## 5.6 Tolerances and multiple compartment issuers

If, because of reasons beyond the control of the Company or the exercising of subscription rights, the limits mentioned in this Section 5 are exceeded, the Company must have as a priority objective in its sale transactions to reduce these positions within the prescribed limits, taking into account the best interest of the Shareholders.

Provided that they continue to observe the principles of risk diversification, newly established Sub-Funds may deviate from the limits mentioned under Sections 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 above for a period of six months following the date of their initial launch.

If an issuer of Eligible Investments is a legal entity with multiple compartments and the assets of a compartment may only be used to satisfy the rights of the investors relating to that compartment and the rights of those creditors whose claims have arisen in connection with the setting-up, operation and liquidation of that compartment, each compartment is considered as a separate issuer for the purposes of applying the limits set forth under Sections 5.2 and 5.4, and paragraph 5.3(a).

## 5.7 Investment prohibitions

The Company is prohibited from:

- (a) acquiring equities with voting rights that would enable the Company to exert a significant influence on the management of the issuer in question;
- (b) acquiring, for the account of a Sub-Fund, more than:
  - (i) 10% of the non-voting equities of one and the same issuer,
  - (ii) 10% of the debt securities issued by one and the same issuer,
  - (iii) 10% of the Money Market Instruments issued by one and the same issuer, or
  - (iv) 25% of the units of one and the same UCITS and/or other UCI.

The limits laid down in (ii), (iii), and (iv) may be disregarded at the time of acquisition if at that time the gross amount of the debt securities or of the Money Market Instruments, or the net amount of the securities in issue, cannot be calculated.

Transferable Securities and Money Market Instruments which, in accordance with article 48, paragraph 3 of the 2010 Act are issued or guaranteed by an EU Member State or its local authorities, by a Member State of the G20, by an OECD Member State, Singapore, Hong Kong or which are issued by public international organisations of which one or more EU Member States are members are exempted from the above limits;

- (c) selling Transferable Securities, Money Market Instruments and other Eligible Investments mentioned under sub-paragraphs 5.1(a)(v), (vii) and (viii) short;
- (d) acquiring precious metals or related certificates;
- (e) investing in real estate and purchasing or selling commodities or commodities contracts;
- (f) borrowing on behalf of a particular Sub-Fund, unless:
  - (i) the borrowing is in the form of a back-to-back loan for the purchase of foreign currency;
  - (ii) the loan is only temporary and does not exceed 10% of the net assets of the Sub-Fund in question;
- (g) granting credits or acting as guarantor for third parties. This limitation does not refer to the purchase of Transferable Securities, Money Market Instruments and other Eligible Investments mentioned under sub-paragraphs 5.1(a)(v), (vii) and (viii) that are not fully paid up.

## 6. CO-MANAGEMENT AND POOLING

To ensure effective management of the Company, the Directors and the Management Company may decide to manage all or part of the assets of one or more Sub-Funds with those of other Sub-Funds in the Company (pooling technique) or, where applicable, to co-manage all or part of the assets, except for a cash reserve, if necessary, of one or more Sub-Funds with the assets of other Luxembourg investment funds or of one or more sub-funds of other Luxembourg investment funds (hereinafter referred to as the **Party(ies) to the co-managed assets**) for which the Depositary is the appointed depositary. These assets will be managed in accordance with the respective investment policies of the Parties to the co-managed assets, each of which is pursuing identical or comparable objectives. Parties to the co-managed assets will only participate in co-managed assets which are in accordance with the stipulations of their respective prospectuses and investment restrictions.

Each Party to the co-managed assets will participate in the co-managed assets in proportion to the assets it has contributed to the co-management. Assets and liabilities will be allocated to each Party to the co-managed assets in proportion to its contribution to the co-managed assets.

Each Party's rights to the co-managed assets apply to each line of investment in the said co-managed assets.

The aforementioned co-managed assets will be formed by the transfer of cash or, where applicable, other assets from each of the Parties participating in the co-managed assets. Thereafter, the Directors and the Management Company may regularly make subsequent transfers to the co-managed assets. The assets can also be transferred back to a Party to the co-managed assets for an amount not exceeding the participation of the said Party to the co-managed assets.

Dividends, interest and other distributions deriving from income generated by the co-managed assets will accrue to each Party to the co-managed assets in proportion to its respective investment. Such income may be kept by the Party to the co-managed assets or reinvested in the co-managed assets.

All charges and expenses incurred in respect of the co-managed assets will be applied to these assets. Such charges and expenses will be allocated to each Party to the co-managed assets in proportion to its respective entitlement to the co-managed assets.

In the case of an infringement of the investment restrictions affecting a Sub-Fund of the Company, when such a Sub-Fund takes part in co-management and even if the manager has complied with the investment restrictions applicable to the co-managed assets in question, the Directors and the Management Company shall ask the manager to reduce the investment in question in proportion to the participation of the Sub-Fund concerned in the co-managed assets or, where applicable, reduce its participation in the co-managed assets to a level that respects the investment restrictions of the Sub-Fund.

When the Company is liquidated or when the Directors and the Management Company decide, without prior notice, to withdraw the participation of the Company or a Sub-Fund from co-managed assets, the co-managed assets will be allocated to the Parties to the co-managed assets in proportion to their respective participation in the co-managed assets.

The investor must be aware of the fact that such co-managed assets are employed solely to ensure effective management inasmuch as all Parties to the co-managed assets have the same depositary. Co-managed assets are not distinct legal entities and are not directly accessible to investors. However, the assets and liabilities of each Sub-Fund will be constantly separated and identifiable.

## **7. RISK FACTORS**

Before making an investment decision with respect to Shares of any Class in any Sub-Fund, prospective investors should carefully consider all of the information set out in this Prospectus and the relevant Special Section, as well as their own personal circumstances. Prospective investors should have particular regard to, among other matters, the considerations set out in this Section and under the Sections "Specific Risk Factors" and "Profile of the typical investor" in the relevant Special Section. The risk factors referred to therein, and in this document, alone or collectively, may reduce the return on the Shares of any Sub-Fund and could result in the loss of all or a proportion of a Shareholder's investment in the Shares of any Sub-Fund. The price of the Shares of any Sub-Fund can go down as well as up and their value is not guaranteed. Shareholders may not receive, at redemption or liquidation, the amount that they originally invested in any Class or any amount at all.

The risks may include or relate to equity markets, bond markets, foreign exchange rates, interest rates, credit risk, the use of derivatives, counterparty risk, market volatility and political risks. The risk

factors set out in this Prospectus, the PRIIPs KID(s) and the relevant Special Section are not exhaustive. There may be other risks that a prospective investor should consider that are relevant to its own particular circumstances or generally.

An investment in the Shares of any Sub-Fund is only suitable for investors who (either alone or in conjunction with an appropriate financial or other adviser) are capable of evaluating the merits and risks of such an investment and who have sufficient resources to be able to bear any losses that may result therefrom.

Before making any investment decision with respect to the Shares, prospective investors should consult their own stockbroker, bank manager, lawyer, solicitor, accountant and/or financial adviser and carefully review and consider such an investment decision in the light of the foregoing and the prospective investor's personal circumstances.

The Company is intended to be a medium to long-term investment vehicle (depending on the investment policy of the relevant Sub-Funds). Shares may however be redeemed on each Valuation Day. Substantial redemptions of Shares by Shareholders within a limited period of time could cause the Company to liquidate positions more rapidly than would otherwise be desirable, which could adversely affect the value of both the Shares being redeemed and the outstanding Shares. In addition, regardless of the period of time in which redemptions occur, the resulting reduction in the Net Asset Value per Share could make it more difficult for the Company to generate trading profits or recover losses.

## **7.1 Investments in emerging markets**

In certain countries, there is the possibility of expropriation of assets, confiscatory taxation, political or social instability or diplomatic developments which could affect investment in those countries. There may be less publicly available information about certain financial instruments than some investors would find customary and entities in some countries may not be subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and requirements comparable to those to which certain investors may be accustomed. Certain financial markets, while generally growing in volume, have for the most part, substantially less volume than more developed markets, and securities of many companies are less liquid and their prices more volatile than securities of comparable companies in more sizeable markets. There are also varying levels of government supervision and regulation of exchanges, financial institutions and issuers in various countries. In addition, the manner in which foreign investors may invest in securities in certain countries, as well as limitations on such investments, may affect the investment operations of the Sub-Funds.

Emerging country debt will be subject to high risk and will not be required to meet a minimum rating standard and may not be rated for creditworthiness by any internationally recognised credit rating organisation. The issuer or governmental authority that controls the repayment of an emerging country's debt may not be able or willing to repay the principal and/or interest when due in accordance with the terms of such debt. As a result of the foregoing, a government obligor may default on its obligations. If such an event occurs, the Company may have limited legal recourse against the issuer and/or guarantor. Remedies must, in some cases, be pursued in the courts of the defaulting party itself, and the ability of the holder of foreign government debt securities to obtain recourse may be subject to the political climate in the relevant country. In addition, no assurance can be given that the holders of commercial debt will not contest payments to the holders of other foreign government debt obligations in the event of default under their commercial bank loan agreements.

Settlement systems in emerging markets may be less well organised than in developed markets. Thus, there may be a risk that settlement may be delayed and that cash or securities of the Sub-Funds may be in jeopardy because of failures or of defects in the systems. In particular, market practice may



require that payment shall be made prior to receipt of the security which is being purchased or that delivery of a security must be made before payment is received. In such cases, default by a broker or bank (the **Counterparty**) through whom the relevant transaction is effected might result in a loss being suffered by Sub-Funds investing in emerging market securities.

The Company will seek, where possible, to use Counterparties whose financial status is such that this risk is reduced. However, there can be no certainty that the Company will be successful in eliminating this risk for the Sub-Funds, particularly as Counterparties operating in emerging markets frequently lack the substance or financial resources of those in developed countries.

There may also be a danger that, because of uncertainties in the operation of settlement systems in individual markets, competing claims may arise in respect of securities held by or to be transferred to the Sub-Funds. Furthermore, compensation schemes may be non-existent or limited or inadequate to meet the Company's claims in any of these events.

In some Eastern European countries there are uncertainties with regard to the ownership of properties. As a result, investing in Transferable Securities issued by companies holding ownership of such Eastern European properties may be subject to increased risk.

### *Russia*

Furthermore, investments in Russia are currently subject to certain heightened risks with regard to the ownership and custody of securities. In Russia this is evidenced by entries in the books of a company or its registrar (which is neither an agent nor responsible to the Depositary). No certificates representing ownership of Russian companies will be held by the Depositary or any of its local correspondents or in an effective central depository system. As a result of this system and the lack of the effective state regulation and enforcement, the Company could lose its registration and ownership of Russian securities through fraud, negligence or even mere oversight. In addition, Russian securities have an increased custodial risk associated with them as such securities are, in accordance with market practice, held in custody with Russian institutions which may not have adequate insurance coverage to cover loss due to theft, destruction or default whilst such assets are in its custody.

Some Sub-Funds may invest a significant portion of their net assets in securities or corporate bonds issued by companies domiciled, established or operating in Russia as well as, as the case may be, in debt securities issued by the Russian government as more fully described for each relevant Sub-Fund in its investment policy.

## **7.2 Investments in China**

### *Country and market risk*

Investing in the People's Republic of China (**PRC**) is subject to the risks of investing in emerging markets – outlined above – and additional risks which are specific to the PRC market. The economy of China is in a state of transition from a planned economy to a more market oriented economy and investments may be sensitive to changes in law and regulation together with political, social or economic policy which includes possible government intervention. In extreme circumstances, a Sub-Fund (or a Target Fund) investing in the PRC may incur losses due to limited investment capabilities, or may not be able to fully implement or pursue its investment objectives or strategy, due to local investment restrictions, illiquidity of the PRC domestic securities market, and/or delay or disruption in execution and settlement of trades. Any Sub-Fund investing directly (or indirectly through a Target Fund) in China may be adversely affected by such losses.

China is one of the world's largest emerging markets. As with investing in any emerging market country, investments in China may be subject to greater risk of loss than investments made in a

developed market. This is due, among other things, to greater market volatility, lower trading volume, greater risk of market shut down, and more governmental limitations with respect to foreign-inward investment. The companies in which a Sub-Fund (or a Target Fund) invests may be held to lower disclosure, corporate governance, accounting and reporting standards than companies listed or traded in more developed markets. In addition, some of the securities held by a Sub-Fund (or a Target Fund) may be subject to higher transaction and other costs, foreign ownership limits, the imposition of taxes, or may have liquidity issues which make such securities more difficult to sell at reasonable prices. These factors may increase the volatility and hence the risk of an investment in a Sub-Fund (or a Target Fund) investing in China.

#### *Legal risk*

The PRC legal system is based on written statutes and their interpretation by the Supreme People's Court. Prior court decisions may be cited for reference but have no precedent value. Since 1979, the PRC government has been developing a comprehensive system of commercial laws, and considerable progress has been made in introducing laws and regulations dealing with economic matters such as foreign investment, corporate organisation and governance, commerce, taxation and trade. However, because of the limited volume of published cases and judicial interpretation and their non-binding nature, the interpretation and enforcement of these regulations involves significant uncertainties. Given the short history of the PRC system of commercial laws, the PRC regulatory and legal framework may not be as well developed as those of developed countries. In addition, as the PRC legal system develops, no assurance can be given that changes in such laws and regulations, their interpretation or their enforcement will not have a material adverse effect on the relevant Sub-Fund's onshore business operations or the ability of a Target Fund to acquire China A, B or H shares. The PRC government heavily regulates the domestic exchange of foreign currencies within the PRC. PRC law requires that all domestic securities transactions must be settled in RMB, places significant restrictions on the remittance of foreign currency, and strictly regulates currency exchange from RMB.

#### *China Interbank Bond Market Risk*

The China Interbank Bond Market (**CIBM**) is made up of the interbank bond market and the exchange listed bond market. The CIBM is an OTC market established in 1997. Currently, more than 90% of CNY (onshore RMB) bond trading activity takes place in the CIBM, and the main products traded in this market include government bonds, policy bank bonds and corporate bonds. The CIBM is in a stage of development and the market capitalisation may be lower than those of the more developed markets. Market volatility and potential lack of liquidity due to low trading volume may result in prices of debt securities traded on such market fluctuating significantly. A Sub-Fund investing in such market is therefore subject to liquidity and volatility risks and may suffer losses in trading PRC bonds. The bid and offer spreads of the prices of the PRC bonds may be large, and the relevant Sub-Fund may therefore incur significant trading and realisation costs and may even suffer losses when selling such investments.

To the extent that a Sub-Fund transacts in the CIBM in the PRC, this Sub-Fund may also be exposed to risks associated with settlement procedures and default of counterparties. The counterparty which has entered into a transaction with the Sub-Fund may default in its obligation to settle the transaction by delivery of the relevant security or by payment for value. The CIBM is also subject to regulatory risks.

Operational and settlement risk procedures in the PRC are less developed and may differ from those in countries that have more developed financial markets. A Sub-Fund may be subject to a risk of substantial loss if an appointed agent (such as a broker or a settlement agent) defaults in the performance of its responsibilities. A Sub-Fund may incur substantial losses if its counterparty fails to pay for securities the Sub-Fund has delivered, or for any reason fails to complete its contractual

obligations owed to the Sub-Fund. On the other hand, significant delays in settlement may occur in certain markets in registering the transfer of securities. Such delays could result in substantial losses for the Sub-Fund if investment opportunities are missed or if a Sub-Fund is unable to acquire or dispose of a security as a result.

Trading in the CIBM may expose investors to certain risks associated with settlement procedures and the default of counterparties. Much of the protection afforded to investors in securities listed on more developed exchanges may not be available in connection with transactions on the CIBM which is an over-the-counter market. All trades settled through China Central Depository & Clearing Co., Ltd. (the **CCDC**), the central clearing for the CIBM, are settled on a delivery versus payment basis i.e., if a Sub-Fund is buying certain securities, the Sub-Fund will only pay the counterparty upon receipt of such securities. If a counterparty defaults in delivering the securities, the trade may be cancelled and this may adversely affect the value of the Sub-Fund.

### *Stock Connect*

The Stock Connect (meaning the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect (together, the **Stock Connect**)) is a securities trading and clearing linked programme developed by the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (the **HKEx**), the Shanghai Stock Exchange (**SSE**), the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (**SZSE**) and the China Securities Depository and Clearing Co., Ltd. (**CSDCC**), with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC.

Each of the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect comprises a northbound trading link (the **Northbound Trading Link**) for investment in PRC shares and a southbound trading link (the **Southbound Trading Link**) for investment in Hong Kong shares. Under the Northbound Trading Link, Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Sub-Fund), through their Hong Kong brokers and a securities trading service company established by the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (**SEHK**) are able to trade eligible shares listed on the SSE or the SZSE by routing orders to the SSE or the SZSE (as the case may be). Under the Southbound Trading Link, eligible investors, through PRC securities firms and a securities trading service company established by the SSE, are able to trade eligible shares listed on the SEHK by routing orders to the SEHK.

Eligible securities – Initially, Hong Kong and overseas investors are only able to trade certain stocks listed on the SSE market (the **SSE Securities**) and the SZSE market (the **SZSE Securities**).

It is expected that the list of eligible securities will be subject to review.

Trading day – Investors (including the Sub-Fund) will only be allowed to trade on the other market on days where both markets are open for trading, and banking services are available in both markets on the corresponding settlement days.

Trading quota – Trading under the Stock Connect will be subject to a daily quota (the **Daily Quota**), which will be separate for Northbound and Southbound trading. The Daily Quota limits the maximum net buy value of cross-boundary trades by all investors (including the Sub-Fund) under the Stock Connect each day. The quotas are utilised on a first-come-first-serve basis. The SEHK will monitor the quota and publish the remaining balance of the Northbound Daily Quota at scheduled times on the HKEx's website. The Daily Quota may change in the future. The Investment Manager and/or the Management Company will not notify investors in case of a change of quota.

Settlement and custody – The Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited (**HKSCC**) is responsible for the clearing, settlement and the provision of depository, nominee and other related services of the trades executed by Hong Kong market participants and investors. SSE Securities or

SZSE Securities acquired by an investor through Northbound Trading is maintained with such investor's broker's or custodian's stock account with the Central Clearing and Settlement System (CCASS) operated by HKSCC.

Currency – Hong Kong and overseas investors (including a Sub-Fund) will trade and settle SSE Securities and SZSE Securities in RMB only.

Trading fees – In addition to paying trading fees and stamp duties in connection with China A-share trading, a Sub-Fund may be subject to other fees and taxes concerned with income arising from stock transfers which are determined by the relevant authorities.

Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect specific risks: The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect is newly launched and does not have an operating history and the risks identified above are particularly relevant to the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect due to the lack of an operating history. Investors should note that the performance of the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect may not be the same as the performance of the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect to date.

Foreign shareholding restrictions: Pursuant to relevant rules and regulations, foreign investors holding China A-shares (including through the Stock Connect) are subject to the following shareholding restrictions:

- the shareholding of any single foreign investor in an A-share listed company must not exceed 10% of such company's total issued shares; and
- the aggregate shareholding of all foreign investors in an A-share listed company must not exceed 30% of such company's total issued shares.

When aggregate foreign shareholding of an individual A-share listed company exceeds the 30% threshold, the foreign investors concerned will be requested to sell the relevant China A-shares on a last-in-first-out basis within 5 trading days. If the 30% threshold is exceeded due to trading via Stock Connect, the SEHK will identify the exchange participant(s) concerned and require a force-sell. As a result, it is possible that a Sub-Fund may be required to unwind its positions where it has invested in a China A-share listed company in respect of which the aggregate foreign shareholding threshold has been exceeded.

The SSE, SZSE and the SEHK (as the case may be) will issue warnings as the aggregate foreign shareholding of an SSE Security or SZSE Security approaches 30%. Northbound Trading buy orders will be suspended once the aggregate foreign shareholding reaches 28% and will resume when it drops back to 26%. Northbound Trading sell orders will not be affected.

Further information about the Stock Connect is available at the website: <http://www.hkex.com.hk/eng/csm/index.htm>.

### *Stock Connect risk*

A Sub-Fund's investments through the Stock Connect may be subject to the following risks. In the event that the Sub-Fund's ability to invest in China A-shares through the Stock Connect on a timely basis is adversely affected, the Sub-Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective may be affected.

**Quota limitations:** The Stock Connect is subject to quota limitations. In particular, once the remaining balance of the Northbound Daily Quota drops to zero or the Northbound Daily Quota is exceeded during the opening call session, new buy orders will be rejected (though investors will be allowed to sell their cross-boundary securities regardless of the quota balance). The Sub-Fund's ability to invest in China A-shares through the Stock Connect may be affected.

**Front-end monitoring risk:** PRC regulations require that in order for an investor to sell any China A-share on a certain trading day, there must be sufficient China A-shares in the investor's account before market opens on that day. If there are insufficient China A-shares in the investor's account, the sell order will be rejected by the SSE or the SZSE. The SEHK carries out pre-trade checking on SSE Securities and SZSE Securities sell orders of its participants (i.e. stock brokers) to ensure that this requirement is satisfied. This means that investors must transfer SSE Securities and SZSE Securities to the accounts of its brokers before the market opens on the day of selling. If an investor fails to meet this deadline, it will not be able to sell SSE Securities or SZSE Securities on the relevant trading day. Because of this requirement, investors may not be able to dispose of holdings of SSE Securities or SZSE Securities in a timely manner. This also raises concerns as to counterparty risks as securities may need to be kept by brokers overnight.

To facilitate investors whose SSE Securities or SZSE Securities are maintained with custodians to sell their SSE Securities or SZSE Securities without having to pre-deliver the SSE Securities or SZSE Securities from their custodians to their executing brokers, the HKEx introduced an enhanced pre-trade checking model in March 2015, under which an investor may request its custodian to open a Special Segregated Account (SPSA) in CCASS to maintain its holdings in SSE Securities and SZSE Securities.

**Legal and beneficial ownership risk:** The SSE Securities and the SZSE Securities in respect of a Sub-Fund will be held by the Depositary (or its delegate) in accounts in CCASS maintained by the HKSCC as central securities depositary in Hong Kong. The HKSCC in turn holds the SSE Securities and the SZSE Securities, as the nominee holder, through an omnibus securities account in its name registered with the CSDCC. The precise nature and rights of the Sub-Fund as the beneficial owner of the SSE Securities and the SZSE Securities through HKSCC as nominee is not well defined under PRC law. There is lack of a clear definition of, and distinction between, legal ownership and beneficial ownership under PRC law and there have been few cases involving a nominee account structure in the PRC courts. The exact nature and methods of enforcement of the rights and interests of the Sub-Fund under PRC law is also uncertain.

In the unlikely event that HKSCC becomes subject to winding up proceedings in Hong Kong there is a risk that the SSE Securities and the SZSE Securities may not be regarded as held for the beneficial ownership of the Sub-Fund or as part of the general assets of HKSCC available for general distribution to its creditors.

**Nominee arrangements:** HKSCC is the nominee holder of the SSE Securities and SZSE Securities acquired by Hong Kong and overseas investors through Stock Connect.

The China Securities Regulatory Commission Stock Connect rules expressly provide that investors enjoy the rights and benefits of the securities acquired through Stock Connect in accordance with applicable laws. Such rules are departmental regulations having legal effect in the PRC. However, the

application of such rules is untested, and there is no assurance that PRC courts will recognise such rules (for example, in liquidation proceedings of PRC companies).

It should be noted that, under the CCASS Rules, HKSCC as nominee holder shall have no obligation to take any legal action or court proceedings to enforce any rights on behalf of the investors in respect of the SSE Securities and SZSE Securities in the PRC or elsewhere. Therefore, although the Sub-Fund's ownership may be ultimately recognised, the Sub-Fund may suffer difficulties or delays in enforcing its rights in SSE Securities or SZSE Securities.

**Suspension risk:** Each of the SEHK, the SSE and the SZSE reserves the right to suspend Northbound and/or Southbound trading if necessary for ensuring an orderly and fair market and that risks are managed prudently. Consent from the relevant regulator would be sought before a suspension is triggered. Where a suspension in the Northbound trading is effected, a Sub-Fund's ability to access the China A-share market through the Stock Connect will be adversely affected.

**Differences in trading day:** The Stock Connect only operates on days when both the PRC and Hong Kong markets are open for trading and when banks in both markets are open on the corresponding settlement days. So it is possible that there are occasions when it is a normal trading day for the PRC market but Hong Kong investors (such as a Sub-Fund) cannot carry out any China A-shares trading. Due to the differences in trading days, a Sub-Fund may be subject to a risk of price fluctuations in China A-shares on a day that the PRC stock markets are open for trading but the Hong Kong stock market is closed.

**Operational risk:** The Stock Connect provides a new channel for investors from Hong Kong and overseas to access the China stock market directly. The Stock Connects are premised on the functioning of the operational systems of the relevant market participants. Market participants are able to participate in this programme subject to meeting certain information technology capability, risk management and other requirements as may be specified by the relevant exchange and/or clearing house.

Market participants generally have configured and adapted their operational and technical systems for the purpose of trading China A-shares through the Stock Connect. However, it should be appreciated that the securities regimes and legal systems of the two markets differ significantly and in order for the programme to operate, market participants may need to address issues arising from the differences on an on-going basis.

Further, the "connectivity" in the Stock Connect requires routing of orders across the border. SEHK has set up an order routing system to capture, consolidate and route the cross boundary orders input by exchange participants. There is no assurance that the systems of the SEHK and market participants will function properly or will continue to be adapted to changes and developments in both markets. In the event that the relevant systems failed to function properly, trading in both markets through the programme could be disrupted.

**Recalling of eligible stocks:** If a stock is recalled from the scope of eligible stocks for trading via the Stock Connect, the stock can only be sold and cannot be bought. This may affect the Sub-Fund's ability to invest in China A-shares through the Stock Connect.

**Broker risk:** Where a Sub-Fund relies on only one broker to invest via Stock Connect and for any reason, the Investment Manager is unable to use the relevant broker, the operation and its ability to invest would be adversely affected. A Sub-Fund may also incur losses due to the acts or omissions of any of the broker(s) in the execution or settlement of any transaction via Stock Connect.

Clearing and settlement risk: The HKSCC and CSDCC establish clearing links and each has become a participant of each other to facilitate clearing and settlement of cross-boundary trades. For cross-boundary trades initiated in a market, the clearing house of that market will on one hand clear and settle with its own clearing participants, and on the other hand undertake to fulfil the clearing and settlement obligations of its clearing participants with the counterparty clearing house. Should the remote event of CSDCC default occur and the CSDCC be declared as a defaulter, HKSCC's liabilities in Northbound trades under its market contracts with clearing participants will be limited to assisting clearing participants in pursuing their claims against the CSDCC. HKSCC will in good faith seek recovery of the outstanding stocks and monies from the CSDCC through available legal channels or through the CSDCC's liquidation. In that event, the Sub-Fund may suffer delay in the recovery process or may not be able to fully recover its losses from the CSDCC.

Regulatory risk: The Stock Connect is evolving, and will be subject to regulations promulgated by regulatory authorities and implementation rules made by the stock exchanges in the PRC and Hong Kong. Further, new regulations may be promulgated from time to time by the regulators in connection with operations and cross-border legal enforcement in connection with cross-border trades under the Stock Connect. The regulations are untested and there is no certainty as to how they will be applied, and are subject to change. There can be no assurance that the Stock Connect will not be abolished.

#### *Risks of investing in China A-shares*

The securities markets in the PRC, including the A-share markets, are still in a stage of development, and may be characterised by higher liquidity risk than markets in more developed countries, which may in turn result in higher transaction costs and price volatility. In addition, the PRC's securities markets are undergoing a period of growth and change, which lead to uncertainties and potentially result in difficulties in the settlement and recording of transactions and in interpreting and applying the relevant regulations. The PRC's regulatory authorities have only recently been given the power and duty to prohibit fraudulent and unfair market practices relating to securities markets, such as insider trading and market abuse, and to regulate substantial acquisitions of shares and takeovers of companies. All of these factors may lead to a higher level of volatility and instability associated with the PRC securities markets relative to more developed markets.

The liquidity and price volatility associated with China A-share markets are subject to greater risks of government intervention (for example, to suspend trading in particular stocks) and imposition of trading band restrictions for all or certain stocks from time to time. In addition, China A-shares traded in the PRC are still subject to trading band limits that restrict maximum gain or loss in stock prices, which means the prices of stocks may not necessarily reflect their underlying value. Such factors may affect the performance of, or cause disruption to the liquidity of the relevant Sub-Fund.

#### *Depository risk*

The assets of a Sub-Fund investing in the PRC (including onshore PRC cash deposits and its onshore portfolio of equities, equity-related instruments and fixed income instruments, if any) may be held by a PRC custodian (the **PRC Custodian**). A Sub-Fund may incur losses due to the acts or omissions or insolvency of the PRC Custodian in the execution or settlement of any transaction or in the transfer of any funds or securities in the PRC. Subject to the applicable laws and regulations in the PRC, the Company and the Depository will make arrangements to ensure that the PRC Custodian have appropriate procedures to properly safe-keep the relevant Sub-Fund's assets.

#### Investments via QFI risk

As the Company may invest in China A-Shares through institutions that have obtained the Qualified Foreign Investor status in the PRC, certain restrictions imposed on QFIs may have an adverse effect on the relevant Sub-Funds' liquidity and performance.

The QFI regime is governed by rules and regulations as promulgated by the PRC Chinese authorities, i.e., the CSRC, the SAFE and the PBOC. Such rules and regulations may be amended from time to time and include (but are not limited to) (hereinafter the “**QFI Regulations**”):

- (i) the “*Measures on Capital Administration of Domestic Securities and Futures Investment of Foreign Institutional Investors*”, issued by the PBOC and SAFE and effective from 6 June 2020;
- (ii) the “*Measures on Administration of Domestic Securities and Futures Investments of QFIIs and RQFIIs*”, jointly promulgated by the CSRC, the PBOC and the SAFE and made effective on 1 November 2020;
- (iii) the “*Provisions on Issues Concerning the Implementation of the Measures on Administration of Domestic Securities and Futures Investments of QFIIs and RQFIIs*”, issued by the CSRC and effective from 1 November 2020; and
- (iv) any other applicable regulations promulgated by the relevant authorities.

The Company may invest in China A-Shares and these instruments may fall in value. Investors may suffer losses as a result. The Company is not principal guaranteed and the purchase of its shares is not the same as investing directly in China A-Shares.

The Company is not a QFI but may obtain access to China A-Shares, RMB denominated fixed income instruments or other permissible investments directly through a QFI. The relevant Sub-Funds may invest directly in QFI eligible securities investment via the QFI status of Quaero Capital LLP, acting as sub-investment manager of the relevant Sub-Funds.

The current QFI Regulations include rules on investment restrictions applicable to the Company. Transaction sizes for QFIs are relatively large, coupled with the corresponding heightened risk of exposure to decreased market liquidity and significant price volatility could potentially lead to possible adverse effects on the timing and pricing of acquisition or disposal of securities.

Prospective investors should refer to the Foreign Investment Regulations in the PRC. Under the prevailing regulations, foreign investors can only invest in China A-Shares and certain other investment products in the PRC through QFI or through Stock Connect. According to former regulations, each QFII / RQFII was allocated a certain investment limit (“**Quota**”), the limits of the Quota were calculated based on the assets of such foreign investors or the assets under management of such foreign investors. To further open the capital market, the limits of Quota of both QFII and RQFII have been abolished as from 10 September 2019. With the new *Measures on Capital Administration of Domestic Securities and Futures Investment of Foreign Institutional Investors* (the “**New QFII / RQFII Capital Rules**”) become effective from 6 June 2020, QFII / RQFIIs no longer require to apply for Quotas from SAFE. Instead, after obtaining QFI licences / Securities and Futures Operation License from the CSRC, QFIs only need to register with SAFE through their respective main custodians for permission to open special accounts. A QFI may decide the timing and currency in which investment capital will be remitted into the PRC.

The Company intends to invest in such China A-Share market. QFIs are subject to strict investment restrictions imposed by the CSRC. These restrictions currently include:

- (a) Net realised profits of a QFI may be repatriated following a repatriation application/instruction and a tax payment undertaking letter, and all such repatriations shall be handled by the custodian. A special audit report and a tax clearance or filing form will be required when a QFI or its product is liquidated. The same currency used for the inward remittance shall be applied for future repatriation to avoid currency arbitrage between RMB and the foreign currency.



(b) The holdings by a single QFI and other foreign investors should not exceed 10% of the shares of any listed company in the PRC and the aggregate holdings of all QFIs and other foreign investors of China A-Shares in any listed company in the PRC cannot exceed 30% of the total number of shares in such a company.

(c) Each QFI is obliged to appoint licensed custodian bank(s) to act in respect of its holdings. A QFI shall entrust its custodian bank to open several securities trading accounts with the CSDCC. A QFI shall apply for the opening of securities trading accounts in its own name and if the QFI provides asset management services for its customers, it shall open nominal holder accounts. The QFI shall entrust an institution who has obtained the participants qualification of the CSDCC to conduct capital settlement. Upon registration with SAFE, a QFI shall open one or more qualified investors' special account(s) with its custodian bank.

(d) A QFI may only invest in market sectors which are classified as open to foreign investment and all such holdings will be subject to a maximum foreign investment limit or ratio as specified in (b) above.

(e) The QFI will be the information disclosure obligor in respect of the domestic securities investment under its name and shall submit information disclosure documents to the trading venues where necessary. The QFI shall appoint persons familiar with laws and regulations of domestic securities and futures markets and who have good professional ethics to be inspectors to supervise the lawful operation.

The restrictions on repatriation of the invested capital and net profits may impact on the relevant Sub-Funds' ability to meet the realisation on requests of its shareholders. In the event that realisation requests for a large number of Shares are received, the Company may need to realise other investments instead of the investments held through a QFI for the purposes of meeting such realisation requests and/or suspending the determination of the net asset value of the Company and dealing of the Fund. It is likely that such impact will increase as the investment of the Fund in China A-Shares increases.

There is no assurance, however, that PRC rules and regulations will not change or that repatriation restrictions will not be imposed in the future. Any restrictions on repatriation of the invested capital and net profits may impact on the relevant Sub-Fund's ability to meet redemption requests from the shareholders. Furthermore, as the QFI local custodian's review on authenticity and compliance is conducted on each repatriation, the repatriation may be delayed or even rejected by the QFI local custodian in case of non-compliance with the QFI rules and regulations. In such case, it is expected that redemption proceeds will be paid to the redeeming shareholder as soon as practicable and after the completion of the repatriation of funds concerned. It should be noted that the actual time required for the completion of the relevant repatriation will be beyond the sub-investment manager's control.

Investments by the Company in investment products in the PRC are to be made and held by relevant QFI representing the Company and is shared by the relevant Sub-Funds with other investors investing through the same QFI. As the investment restrictions apply to the QFI as a whole (and not simply to that portion of the QFI relating to investments of the relevant Sub-Funds), any violation of any such restriction arising from activities relating to investments of the specified portion of the QFI other than that of the Company may result in the revocation of, or other regulatory action being imposed on, all the investments in the specified portion of the QFI, including those of the Company. Further, the Company may not be able to repatriate all or part of its realised profits if the investments in the specified QFI as a whole do not make any profit or the level of profits made by the entire specified QFI is below that of the portion of the specified portion of the QFI invested by the Company.

In extreme circumstances, the Company may incur significant loss due to limited investment capabilities, or may not be able to fully implement or pursue its investment objectives or strategies, due to Qualified Foreign Investor investment restrictions, illiquidity of the PRC's securities markets, and delay or disruption in execution of trades or in settlement of trades. Currently it is intended that

the Fund will obtain exposure to RMB equity securities, RMB fixed income securities and other permissible investments by using the QFI status of the sub-investment manager.

The Depositary has been appointed to hold the assets of the Company. Quaero Capital LLP as sub-investment manager (in its capacity as a QFI) and the Depositary have appointed a PRC local custodian of the QFI (the “**QFI Local Custodian**”), pursuant to relevant laws and regulations.

Onshore PRC securities are registered in the name of “the full name of the QFI investment manager – the name of the Company-name of the Sub-Fund” in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations, and maintained in electronic form via a securities account with the CSDCC. The sub-investment manager may select PRC brokers (each a “**PRC Broker**”) to act on its behalf in each of the two onshore PRC securities markets as well as the QFI Local Custodian to maintain its assets in custody in the PRC.

Onshore PRC assets will be maintained by the QFI Local Custodian in electronic form via a securities account with the CSDCC and a cash account with the QFI Local Custodian. The sub-investment manager also selects the PRC Broker to execute transactions for it in the PRC markets.

Should, for any reason, the Company’s ability to use the relevant PRC Broker be affected, this could disrupt the operations of the Company and affect the ability of the Company to implement its investment strategy, causing a premium or a discount to the trading price of the relevant securities on the relevant stock exchange. The Company may also incur losses due to the acts or omissions of either the relevant PRC Broker(s) or the QFI Local Custodian in the execution or settlement of any transaction or in the transfer of any funds or securities. Subject to the applicable laws and regulations in the PRC, the Depositary will make arrangements to ensure that the QFI Local Custodian has appropriate procedures to properly safe-keep the Company’s assets.

According to the QFI Regulations and market practice, the securities and cash accounts for the Company in the PRC are to be maintained in the name of “the full name of the QFI – the name of the Company- name of the Sub-Fund”. Although the assets in such securities account would belong to the Company, such market practice cannot be relied on as being conclusive, as the QFI Regulations are subject to the interpretation of the relevant authorities in the PRC.

Investors should note that cash deposited in the cash account of the Company with the QFI Local Custodian will not be segregated but will be a debt owing from the QFI Local Custodian to the Company as a depositor. Such cash will be co-mingled with cash belonging to other clients of the QFI Local Custodian. In the event of bankruptcy or liquidation of the QFI Local Custodian, the Company will not have any proprietary rights to the cash deposited in such cash account, and the Company will become an unsecured creditor, ranking *pari passu* with all other unsecured creditors of the QFI Local Custodian. The Company may face difficulty and/or encounter delays in recovering such debt, or may not be able to recover it in full or at all, in which case the Company will suffer losses.

There is a risk that the Company may suffer losses, whether direct or consequential, from the default or bankruptcy of the QFI Local Custodian or disqualification of the same party from acting as a custodian. This may adversely affect the Fund in the execution or settlement of any transaction or in the transfer of any funds or securities.

The execution and settlement of transactions or the transfer of any funds or securities may be conducted by PRC Brokers appointed by a QFI. There is a risk that the Company may suffer losses, whether direct or consequential, from the default or bankruptcy of the PRC Broker or disqualification of the same from acting as a broker. This may adversely affect the Company in the execution or settlement of any transaction or in the transfer of any funds or securities. Reasonably competitive commission rates and prices of securities will generally be sought to execute the relevant transactions in PRC markets. It is possible that, in circumstances where only a single PRC Broker is appointed where it is considered appropriate to do so by the QFI holder, the Company may not necessarily pay

the lowest commission or spread available, but the transaction execution will be consistent with best execution standards and in the best interest of the investors. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the QFI holder will seek to obtain the best net results for the Company, taking into account such factors as prevailing market conditions, price (including the applicable brokerage commission or dealer spread), size of order, difficulties of execution and operational facilities of the PRC Broker involved and the PRC Broker's ability to position efficiently the relevant block of securities.

In the event of any default of either the relevant PRC Broker or the QFI Local Custodian (directly or through their delegates) in the execution or settlement of any transaction or in the transfer of any funds or securities in the PRC, the Company may encounter delays in recovering its assets which may in turn adversely impact the net asset value of the Company.

Certain Sub-Funds may also invest in China A-Shares through Stock Connect.

Science and Technology Innovation Board on the Shanghai Stock Exchange ("STAR Market") risks

Some Sub-Funds may invest in the stocks listed on the Science and Technology Innovation Board on the Shanghai Stock Exchange ("STAR Market"), by either participating in initial public offerings ("IPOs") of companies to be listed on the STAR Market, or purchasing stocks that have been listed on the STAR Market. Sub-Funds that invest in the STAR Market will be exposed to the risk factors described under "China" section. In addition, the Sub-Funds will be exposed to the risk factors further described below.

#### Liquidity Risk

The STAR Market has strict investor eligibility requirements, and institutional and individual investors must meet such conditions to be allowed to invest in listed stocks on the STAR Market. As a result, the STAR Market may have limited liquidity relative to other stock markets.

#### De-listing Risk

The STAR Market's registration-based IPO system is likely to lead to more regular de-listing, while temporary listing suspension, listing resumption and re-listing systems have not been set under the STAR Market. As a result, companies listed on the STAR Market have greater exposure to de-listing risk.

#### Market Risk

Most companies listed on the STAR Market specialize in information technology, new materials, new energy, and biomedicine. These types of companies tend to be start-ups with uncertain earnings, cash flow and valuation prospects. Therefore, the stocks listed on the STAR Market have greater exposure to market risks, which may lead to greater price fluctuations.

#### Correlation Risk

Many of the companies listed on the STAR Market will be innovative technology enterprises that have gained a relatively high level of market recognition. Such companies tend to have similar operating and profit models; therefore there could be a relatively high degree of correlation among many stocks listed on the STAR Market. A market downturn may lead to significant systematic, correlation risk, which is a risk that a price fluctuation of a security will result in price fluctuations of all correlated securities.

## Pricing Risk

Institutional investors will play a dominant role in quotation, pricing and placement activities of the STAR Market. Furthermore, given the typical characteristics of companies listed on the STAR Market, such as a high degree of technological innovation combined with uncertain performance prospects, only a limited number of comparable companies will be available in the marketplace. These conditions may lead to pricing difficulties, and after listing, the listed stocks on the STAR Market may face the risk of immediate and significant price fluctuation.

## Government Policy Risk

The Chinese government may change its policy with respect to its support of the Chinese technological industry. If such policy change were to take place, it will have a major impact on companies listed on the STAR Market. In addition, changes in the global economic situation may also have policy-level implications for the Chinese government, which could impact the prices of stocks listed on the STAR Market.

### **7.3 Investments in small capitalisation companies**

There are certain risks associated with investing in small cap stocks and the securities of small companies. The market prices of these securities may be more volatile than those of larger companies. Because small companies normally have fewer shares outstanding than larger companies it may be more difficult to buy and sell significant amounts of shares without affecting market prices. There is typically less publicly available information about these companies than for larger companies. The lower capitalisation of these companies and the fact that small companies may have smaller product lines and command a smaller market share than larger companies may make them more vulnerable to fluctuation in the economic cycle.

### **7.4 Use of financial derivative instruments**

While the prudent use of financial derivative instruments can be beneficial, derivatives also involve risks different from, and, in certain cases, greater than, the risks presented by more traditional investments. The following is a general discussion of important risk factors and issues concerning the use of derivatives that investors should understand before investing in a Sub-Fund.

#### **(a) Market risk**

This is a general risk that applies to all investments meaning that the value of a particular derivative may change in a way which may be detrimental to a Sub-Fund's interests. Some derivatives do experience more extreme volatility than others and that volatility may further impact the value of a Sub-Fund's portfolio.

#### **(b) Control and monitoring**

Derivative products are highly specialised instruments that require investment techniques and risk analysis different from those associated with equity and fixed-income securities. The use of derivative techniques requires an understanding not only of the underlying assets of the derivative but also of the derivative itself, without the benefit of observing the performance of the derivative under all possible market conditions. In particular, the use and complexity of derivatives require the maintenance of adequate controls to monitor the transactions entered into, the ability to assess the risk that a derivative adds to a Sub-Fund and the ability to forecast the relative price, interest rate or currency rate movements correctly.

(c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk exists when a particular instrument is difficult to purchase or sell. If a derivative transaction is particularly large or if the relevant market is illiquid, it may not be possible to initiate a transaction or liquidate a position at an advantageous price (however, the Company will only enter into OTC Derivatives if it is allowed to liquidate such transactions at any time at fair value).

(d) Counterparty risk

A Sub-Fund may enter into transactions in OTC markets, which will expose the Sub-Funds to the credit of its counterparties and their ability to satisfy the terms of such contracts. For example, a Sub-Fund may enter into swap arrangements or other derivative techniques as specified in the relevant Special Section, each of which exposes the Sub-Fund to the risk that the counterparty may default on its obligations to perform under the relevant contract. In the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency of a counterparty, a Sub-Fund could experience delays in liquidating the position and significant losses, including declines in the value of its investment during the period in which the Company seeks to enforce its rights, inability to realise any gains on its investment during such period and fees and expenses incurred in enforcing its rights. There is also a possibility that the above agreements and derivative techniques are terminated due, for instance, to bankruptcy, supervening illegality or change in the tax or accounting laws relative to those at the time the agreement was originated. However, this risk is limited in view of the investment restrictions laid down in under Section 5 of the General Section.

(e) Different maturity

The Company will enter into derivative contracts with a maturity date which may be different from the maturity date of the Sub-Fund. There can be no assurance that any new derivative contracts entered into will have terms similar to those previously entered into.

(f) Specific risk relating to the use of TRS

Because it does not involve physically holding the securities, synthetic replication through total return (or unfunded swaps) and fully-funded swaps can provide a means to obtain exposure to difficult-to-implement strategies that would otherwise be very costly and difficult to have access to with physical replication. Synthetic replication therefore involves lower costs than physical replication. Synthetic replication however involves counterparty risk. If a Sub-Fund engages in OTC Derivatives, there is the risk – beyond the general counterparty risk – that the counterparty may default or not be able to meet its obligations in full. Where the Company and any of its Sub-Funds enters into TRS on a net basis, the two payment streams are netted out, with each Sub-Fund receiving or paying, as the case may be, only the net amount of the two payments. TRS entered into on a net basis do not involve the physical delivery of investments, other underlying assets or principal. Accordingly, it is intended that the risk of loss with respect to TRS is limited to the net amount of the difference between the total rate of return of a reference investment, index or basket of investments and the fixed or floating payments. If the other party to a TRS defaults, in normal circumstances the Company's or relevant Sub-Fund's risk of loss consists of the net amount of total return payments that the Company or Sub-Fund is contractually entitled to receive.

(g) Other risks

Other risks in using derivatives include the risk of differing valuations of derivatives arising out of different permitted valuation methods and the inability of derivatives to correlate perfectly with underlying securities, rates and indices. Many derivatives, in particular OTC Derivatives, are complex and often valued subjectively and the valuation can only be provided by a limited number of market professionals which often are acting as counterparties to the transaction to be valued. Inaccurate valuations can result in increased cash payment requirements to counterparties or a loss of value to a Sub-Fund. However, this risk is limited as the valuation method used to value OTC Derivatives must be verifiable by an independent auditor.

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

(h) Particular risks in relation to interest rate, currency, TRS, credit default swaps and interest rate swaptions

A Sub-Fund may, as a part of its investment policy, enter into interest rate, currency, TRS, credit default swaps and interest rate swaptions agreements. Interest rate swaps involve the exchange by a Sub-Fund with another party of their respective commitments to pay or receive interest, such as an exchange of fixed rate payments for floating rate payments. Currency swaps may involve the exchange of rights to make or receive payments in specified currencies. TRS involve the exchange of the right to receive the total return, coupons plus capital gains or losses, of a specified reference asset, index or basket of assets against the right to make fixed or floating payments.

Where a Sub-Fund enters into interest rate or TRS on a net basis, the two payment streams are netted out, with each Sub-Fund receiving or paying, as the case may be, only the net amount of the two payments. Interest rate or TRS entered into on a net basis do not involve the physical delivery of investments, other underlying assets or principal. Accordingly, it is intended that the risk of loss with respect to interest rate swaps is limited to the net amount of interest payments that the Sub-Fund is contractually obligated to make (or in the case of TRS, the net amount of the difference between the total rate of return of a reference investment, index or basket of investments and the fixed or floating payments). If the other party to an interest rate or TRS defaults, in normal circumstances the Sub-Fund's risk of loss consists of the net amount of interest or total return payments that the Sub-Fund is contractually entitled to receive. In contrast, currency swaps usually involve the delivery of the entire principal value of one designated currency in exchange for the other designated currency. Therefore, the entire principal value of a currency swap is subject to the risk that the other party to the swap will default on its contractual delivery obligations.

A Sub-Fund may use credit default swaps. A credit default swap is a bilateral financial contract in which one counterparty (the protection buyer) pays a periodic fee in return for a contingent payment by the protection seller following a Credit Event of a reference issuer. The protection buyer must either sell particular obligations issued by the reference issuer for its par value (or some other designated reference or strike price) when a Credit Event (such as bankruptcy or insolvency) occurs or receive a cash settlement based on the difference between the market price and such reference price.

A Sub-Fund may use credit default swaps in order to hedge the specific credit risk of some of the issuers in its portfolio by buying protection. In addition, a Sub-Fund may buy protection under credit default swaps without holding the underlying assets provided that the aggregate premiums paid together with the present value of the aggregate premiums still payable in connection with credit default swaps purchased may not, at any time, exceed the net assets of the relevant Sub-Fund.

A Sub-Fund may also sell protection under credit default swaps in order to acquire a specific credit exposure. In addition, the aggregate commitments in connection with such credit default swaps may not, at any time, exceed the value of the net assets of the relevant Sub-Fund.

A Sub-Fund may also purchase a receiver or payer interest rate swaption contract. These give the purchaser the right, but not the obligation to enter into an interest rate swap at a preset interest rate within a specified period of time. The interest rate swaption buyer pays a premium to the seller for this right. A receiver interest rate swaption gives the purchaser the right to receive fixed payments in return for paying a floating rate of interest. A payer interest rate swaption would give the purchaser the right to pay a fixed rate of interest in return for receiving a floating rate payment stream.

The use of interest rate, currency, TRS, credit default swaps and interest rate swaptions is a highly specialised activity which involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. If the Company and/or Investment Manager and/or Sub-Investment Manager (if any) is incorrect in its forecasts of market values, interest rates and currency exchange rates, the investment performance of the Sub-Fund would be less favourable than it would have been if these investment techniques were not used.

**At the date of this Prospectus, none of the Sub-Funds is making use of TRS or other financial derivative instruments with the same characteristics, as referred under the SFTR. If and when a Sub-Fund intends to enter into TRS or to invest in other financial derivative instruments with similar characteristics, then the relevant Special Section will be updated accordingly.**

## **7.5 Market risk**

Market risk as set out in Section 7.4(a) above is a general risk which may affect all investments to the effect that the value of a particular investment could change in a way that is detrimental to the Company's interests. In particular, the value of investments may be affected by uncertainties such as international, political and economic developments or changes in government policies.

## **7.6 Credit risk**

Sub-Funds investing in fixed-income securities are subject to the risk that issuers may not make payments on such securities. An issuer suffering an adverse change in its financial condition could lower the credit quality of a security, leading to greater price volatility of the security. A lowering of the credit rating of a security may also offset the security's liquidity. Sub-Funds investing in lower quality debt securities are more susceptible to these problems and their value may be more volatile.

## **7.7 Investment in equities**

The risks associated with investments in equity (and equity-type) securities include in particular significant fluctuations in market prices, adverse issuer or market information and the subordinate status of equity compared to debt securities issued by the same company. Investors should also

consider the risk attached to fluctuations in exchange rates, possible imposition of exchange controls and other restrictions.

## **7.8 Debt securities risks**

### *Fixed-income securities risk – general*

The Net Asset Value of any Sub-Fund's assets invested in fixed-income securities will change in response to fluctuations in interest rates and currency exchange rates, as well as changes in credit quality of the issuer. The relevant Sub-Funds may invest in high yielding fixed-income securities where the risk of depreciation and realisation of capital losses on some of the fixed-income securities held will be unavoidable. In addition, medium- and lower-rated and unrated fixed-income securities of comparable quality may be subject to wider fluctuations in yield and market values than higher-rated fixed-income securities.

### *Fixed-income securities risk – interest rates*

The value of the relevant Sub-Funds will fluctuate with the value of its investments. The value of the relevant Sub-Funds' investments in fixed-income securities will change as the general level of interest rates fluctuates. During periods of falling interest rates, the values of fixed-income securities generally rise, although if falling interest rates are viewed as precursor to a recession, the values of the relevant Sub-Funds' securities may fall along with interest rates. Conversely, during periods of rising interest rates, the values of fixed-income securities generally decline. Changes in interest rates have a greater effect on fixed-income securities with longer maturities and durations than those with shorter maturities and durations.

### *Fixed-income securities risk – lower-rated and unrated instruments*

The relevant Sub-Funds' assets may be invested, in whole or in part, in high yield, high risk debt securities that are rated on the lower rating categories (i.e., below Investment Grade) or which are unrated but are of comparable quality as determined by the Investment Manager or the Sub-Investment Manager (if any). Debt securities rated below Investment Grade are commonly referred to as "junk bonds" and are considered to be subject to greater risk of loss of principal and interest than higher-rated securities and are considered to be predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal, which may in any case decline during sustained periods of deteriorating economic conditions or rising interest rates. Lower-rated securities are generally considered to be subject to greater market risk than higher-rated securities in times of deteriorating economic conditions. In addition, lower-rated securities may be more susceptible to real or perceived adverse economic and competitive industry conditions than Investment Grade securities, although the market values of lower-rated securities tend to react less to fluctuations in interest rate levels than those of higher-rated securities. The market for lower-rated securities may be thinner and less active than that for higher-quality securities, which can adversely affect the prices at which these securities can be sold. To the extent there is no regular secondary market trading for certain lower-rated securities, it may be difficult to value such securities and, in turn, the relevant Sub-Funds' assets. In addition, adverse publicity and investor perceptions about lower-rated securities, whether or not based on fundamental analyses, may tend to decrease the market value and liquidity of such lower-rated securities. Transaction costs with respect to lower-rated securities may be higher, and in some cases information may be less available, than is the case with Investment Grade securities.

Since the risk of default is higher for lower-rated securities, the Investment Manager's or the Sub-Investment Manager's (if any) research and credit analysis are a correspondingly important aspect of its program for managing investment in these securities. In considering investments for the relevant Sub-Funds, the Investment Manager or the Sub-Investment Manager (if any) will attempt to identify



those high-yielding securities the financial condition of which are adequate to meet future obligations or have improved, or are expected to improve in the future. The Investment Manager's or the Sub-Investment Manager's (if any) analysis focuses on relative values based on such factors as interest or dividend coverage, asset coverage, earnings prospects, and the experience and managerial strength of the issuer.

Unrated securities will be considered for investment by the relevant Sub-Funds when the Investment Manager or the Sub-Investment Manager (if any) believes that the financial condition of the issuers of such securities, or the protection afforded by the terms of the securities themselves, limits the risk to the Sub-Funds to a degree comparable to that of rated securities which are consistent with the relevant Sub-Funds' objectives and policies. Should a debt security not be rated by the major credit rating agencies, (i) the rating of similar issues of the same issuer can be used as representative rating, or (ii) a rating will be assigned by the Investment Manager.

In seeking to achieve a primary objective, there will be times, such as during periods of rising interest rates, when depreciation and realisation of capital losses on securities in the relevant Sub-Funds will be unavoidable. Moreover, medium- and lower-rated securities and unrated securities of comparable quality may be subject to wider fluctuations in yield and market values than higher-rated securities under certain market conditions. Such fluctuations, after a security is acquired, do not affect the cash income received from that security but are reflected in the Net Asset Value of the relevant Sub-Funds.

#### *Fixed-income securities risk – prepayment*

Many fixed-income securities, especially those issued at high interest rates, provide that the issuer may repay them early. Issuers often exercise this right when interest rates decline. Accordingly, holders of securities that may be called or prepaid may not fully benefit from the increase in value that other fixed-income securities experience when rates decline. Furthermore, in such a scenario, the relevant Sub-Funds may reinvest the proceeds of the payoff at then-current yields, which would be lower than those paid by the security that was paid off. Prepayments may cause losses on securities purchased at a premium, and unscheduled prepayments, which will be made at par, will cause the relevant Sub-Funds to experience a loss equal to any unamortised premium.

### **7.9 Use of structured finance securities**

Structured finance securities include, without limitation, securitised credit and portfolio credit-linked notes.

Securitised credit is securities primarily serviced, or secured, by the cash flows of a pool of receivables (whether present or future) or other underlying assets, either fixed or revolving. Such underlying assets may include, without limitation, residential and commercial mortgages, leases, credit card receivables as well as consumer and corporate debt. Securitised credit can be structured in different ways, including "true sale" structures, where the underlying assets are transferred to a special purpose entity, which in turn issues the asset-backed securities, and "synthetic" structures, in which not the assets, but only the credit risks associated with them are transferred through the use of derivatives, to a special purpose entity, which issues the securitised credit.

Portfolio credit-linked notes are securities in respect of which the payment of principal and interest is linked directly or indirectly to one or more managed or unmanaged portfolios of reference entities and/or assets (**Reference Credits**). Upon the occurrence of a credit-related trigger event (**Credit Event**) with respect to a Reference Credit (such as a bankruptcy or a payment default), a loss amount will be calculated (equal to, for example, the difference between the par value of an asset and its recovery value).

Securitised credit and portfolio credit-linked notes are usually issued in different tranches: Any losses realised in relation to the underlying assets or, as the case may be, calculated in relation to the Reference Credits are allocated first to the securities of the most junior tranche, until the principal of such securities is reduced to zero, then to the principal of the next lowest tranche, and so forth.

Accordingly, in the event that (a) in relation to securitised credit, the underlying assets do not perform and/or (b) in relation to portfolio credit-linked notes, any one of the specified Credit Events occurs with respect to one or more of the underlying assets or Reference Credits, this may affect the value of the relevant securities (which may be zero) and any amounts paid on such securities (which may be zero). This may in turn affect the Net Asset Value per Share. In addition the value of structured finance securities from time to time, and consequently the Net Asset Value per Share, may be adversely affected by macro-economic factors such as adverse changes affecting the sector to which the underlying assets or Reference Credits belong (including industry sectors, services and real estate), economic downturns in the respective countries or globally, as well as circumstances related to the nature of the individual assets (for example, project finance loans are subject to risks connected to the respective project). The implications of such negative effects thus depend heavily on the geographic, sector-specific and type-related concentration of the underlying assets or Reference Credits. The degree to which any particular asset-backed security or portfolio credit-linked note is affected by such events will depend on the tranche to which such security relates; junior tranches, even having received investment grade rating, can therefore be subject to substantial risks.

Exposure to structured finance securities may entail a higher liquidity risk than exposure to sovereign bonds which may affect their realisation value.

#### **7.10 Contingent Convertible Bonds (CoCos)**

Certain Sub-Funds may invest in Contingent Convertible Bonds (**CoCos**). Under the terms of a CoCos, certain triggering events, including events under the control of the management of the CoCos' issuer, could cause the permanent write-down to zero of principal investment and/or accrued interest, or a conversion to equity. These triggering events may include (i) a deduction in the issuing bank's Core Tier 1/Common Equity Tier 1 (CT1/CET1) ratio (or other capital ratios) below a pre-set limit, (ii) a regulatory authority, at any time, making a subjective determination that an institution is "nonviable", i.e., a determination that the issuing bank requires public sector support in order to prevent the issuer from becoming insolvent, bankrupt, unable to pay a material part of its debts as they fall due or otherwise carry on its business and requiring or causing the conversion of the CoCos into equity in circumstances that are beyond the control of the issuer or (iii) a national authority deciding to inject capital. The attention of investors investing in Sub-Funds that are allowed to invest in CoCos is drawn to the following risks linked to an investment in this type of instruments.

##### *Write-down risk, conversion risk and trigger levels risk*

Investment in CoCos may result in material losses based on certain trigger events. The existence of these trigger events creates a different type of risk from traditional bonds and may more likely result in a partial or total write-down of the principal investment or alternatively they may be converted into shares of the issuing company which may also have suffered a loss in value.

In particular, trigger levels, among others, influence the exposure to conversion/write-down risk depending on the CET1 distance to the trigger levels. Given the varying trigger levels of issuance across a given banking group it is difficult to envision exactly how the contractual provisions relating to the conversion or write-down of a particular investment in CoCos will play out.

### *Coupon cancellation*

For Additional Tier 1 (AT1) CoCos, coupons may be cancelled in a going concern situation. Coupon payments on such CoCos are entirely discretionary and may be cancelled by the issuer at any point, for any reason, and for any length of time. The cancellation of coupon payments on AT1 CoCos does not amount to an event of default. Cancelled payments do not accumulate and are instead written off. This significantly increases uncertainty in the valuation of these CoCos and may lead to mispricing of risk.

### *Capital structure inversion risk*

Contrary to classic capital hierarchy, holders of CoCos may suffer a loss of capital when equity holders do not. In certain scenarios, holders of CoCos will suffer losses ahead of equity holders. This cuts against the normal order of capital structure hierarchy where equity holders are expected to suffer the first loss.

### *Call extension risk*

Most CoCos are issued as perpetual instruments, callable at pre-determined levels only with the approval of the competent authority. It cannot be assumed that the perpetual CoCos will be called on call date. Perpetual CoCos are a form of permanent capital. The investor may not receive return of principal if expected on call date or indeed at any date.

### *Unknown risk*

The structure of CoCos is innovative yet untested. In a stressed environment, when the underlying features of these instruments will be put to the test, it is uncertain how they will perform. In the event a single issuer activates a trigger or suspends coupons, will the market view the issue as an idiosyncratic event or systemic? In the latter case, potential price contagion and volatility to the entire asset class is possible. This risk may in turn be reinforced depending on the level of underlying instrument arbitrage. Furthermore in an illiquid market, price formation may be increasingly stressed.

### *Sector concentration risk*

CoCos are issued by banking/insurance institutions. If a Sub-Fund invests significantly in CoCos its performance will depend to a greater extent on the overall condition of the financial services industry than a Sub-Fund following a more diversified strategy.

### *Liquidity risk*

In certain circumstances finding a ready buyer for CoCos may be difficult and the seller may have to accept a significant discount to the expected value of the bond in order to sell it.

### *Yield and valuation risk*

CoCos' attractive yield should be viewed as a complexity premium. CoCos are complex instruments due to dissimilar trigger levels, necessary capital buffer levels and loss absorption mechanisms and yet untested. Investors should have fully considered the underlying risks before investing in a Sub-Fund having an exposure to CoCos and in particular for AT1 CoCos, the risks of conversion/write-down or coupon cancellation.

The valuation of CoCos is highly complex and depends on the probability of activating the triggers, the extent and probability of any losses upon trigger conversion (not only for write-downs but also from unfavourably timed conversion to equity) and (for AT1 CoCos) the likelihood of cancellation of

coupons. These different risks may be highly challenging to model due to factors that are discretionary or difficult to estimate (e.g. among others - individual regulatory requirements relating to the capital buffer, the issuers' future capital position, the issuers' behaviour in relation to coupon payments on AT1 CoCos, and any risks of contagion).

### **7.11 Contracts for Differences**

A contract for differences (**CFD**) is a contract between two parties allowing each parties to gain exposure to the economic performance and cash flows of a security without having to actually buy or sell the relevant security. The parties agree that the seller will pay the buyer the difference in price after a certain period of time if the relevant security's price increases, and the buyer will in return pay the seller the difference in price if the security's price decreases. A CFD is therefore linked to the underlying security price. Consequently, no right is acquired or obligation incurred relating to the underlying security.

A Sub-Fund may take synthetic long or synthetic short positions with a variable margin via CFDs. CFDs are highly leveraged instruments and for a small deposit, a Sub-Fund may hold a position much greater than would be possible with a traditional investment. In case of substantial and adverse market movements, the potential exists to lose all of the money originally deposited and to remain liable to pay additional funds immediately to maintain the margin requirement.

### **7.12 Investments in Target Funds**

#### *Fee structure*

A Sub-Fund investing in Target Funds incurs a pro rata portion of the fees paid by the Target Funds in which that Sub-Fund invests to their investment manager and advisors or other service providers. As a result the operating expenses of the relevant Sub-Fund may constitute a higher percentage of the Net Asset Value than could be found in other investment schemes. Further, some of the strategies employed at the level of the Target Funds may require frequent changes in trading positions and a consequent portfolio turnover. This may involve brokerage commission expenses to exceed significantly those of other investment schemes of comparable size.

#### *Inadvertent concentration*

It is possible that a number of Target Funds might take substantial positions in the same security at the same time. This inadvertent concentration would interfere with the respective Sub-Fund's goal of diversification. The respective Sub-Fund will attempt to alleviate such inadvertent concentration as part of its regular monitoring and reallocation process. Conversely the respective Sub-Funds may at any given time, hold opposite positions, such position being taken by different Target Funds. Each such position shall result in transaction fees for the respective Sub-Fund without necessarily resulting in either a loss or a gain. Moreover, the respective Sub-Fund may proceed to a reallocation of assets between Target Funds and liquidate investments made in one or several of them. Finally, the respective Sub-Fund may also, at any time, select additional Target Funds. Such assets reallocations may impact negatively the performance of one or several of the Target Funds.

#### *Future returns*

No assurance can be given that the strategies employed by the Target Funds in the past to achieve attractive returns will continue to be successful or that the return on the respective Sub-Fund's investments will be similar to that achieved by the Sub-Fund or such Target Funds in the past.

### *Reliance on managers and key personnel*

The Target Funds are selected on the basis of the personal investment methods of their managers. If, within an investment management firm, certain Persons become unavailable, it is conceivable that no other Person would be able to follow their positions. The respective Sub-Fund may have to liquidate the units or shares held in the relevant Target Funds in its best interest. The liquidation of such positions could result in losses.

### *Other activities of managers of Target Funds*

Managers of Target Funds may currently manage other funds or accounts for the benefit of other clients and intend to increase the number of their management mandates. Such managers may potentially be in a position where they have to give, for other funds or accounts, orders similar to those given for the Target Funds the respective Sub-Fund is investing into. The performance of the investments of the respective Sub-Fund could be affected by the way orders are given and executed for all the funds and accounts managed by managers of Target Funds.

### *Alternative Target Funds*

Certain Sub-Funds may invest in Alternative Target Funds as defined under Section 1. Alternative Target Funds typically use financial derivative instruments, including with a view to achieve synthetic short sales or synthetic leverage, and are therefore exposed to the risks outlined under Sections 7.4, 7.5, 7.8 and 7.10 above.

## **7.13 EPM Techniques / SFTs**

A Sub-Fund may enter into Repurchase Transaction agreements and reverse Repurchase Transaction agreements as a buyer or as a seller subject to the conditions and limits set out in Section 5.4(f). If the other party to a Repurchase Transaction agreement or reverse Repurchase Transaction agreement should default, the Sub-Fund might suffer a loss to the extent that the proceeds from the sale of the underlying securities and/or other collateral held by the Sub-Fund in connection with the Repurchase Transaction agreement or reverse Repurchase Transaction agreement are less than the repurchase price or, as the case may be, the value of the underlying securities. In addition, in the event of bankruptcy or similar proceedings of the other party to the Repurchase Transaction agreement or reverse Repurchase Transaction agreement or its failure otherwise to perform its obligations on the repurchase date, the Sub-Fund could suffer losses, including loss of interest on or principal of the security and costs associated with delay and enforcement of the Repurchase Transaction agreement or reverse Repurchase Transaction agreement.

A Sub-Fund may enter into Securities Lending transactions subject to the conditions and limits set out in Section 5.5(j). If the other party to a Securities Lending transaction should default, the Sub-Fund might suffer a loss to the extent that the proceeds from the sale of the collateral held by the Sub-Fund in connection with the Securities Lending transaction are less than the value of the securities lent. In addition, in the event of the bankruptcy or similar proceedings of the other party to the Securities Lending transaction or its failure to return the securities as agreed, the Sub-Fund could suffer losses, including loss of interest on or principal of the securities and costs associated with delay and enforcement of the Securities Lending agreement.

The Sub-Funds will only use Repurchase Transaction agreements, reverse Repurchase Transaction agreements or Securities Lending transactions for the purpose of either reducing risks (hedging) or generating additional capital or income for the relevant Sub-Fund. When using such techniques, the Sub-Funds will comply at all times with the provisions set out in Section 5.5(j). The risks arising from the use of Repurchase Transaction agreements, reverse Repurchase Transaction agreements and

Securities Lending transactions will be closely monitored and techniques (including collateral management) will be employed to seek to mitigate those risks.

A Sub-Fund may also incur a loss in reinvesting cash collateral received. Such a loss may arise due to a decline in the value of the investments made. A decline in the value of such investments would reduce the amount of collateral available to be returned by the Sub-Fund to the counterparty as required by the terms of the transaction. The Sub-Fund would be required to cover the difference in value between the collateral originally received and the amount available to be returned to the counterparty, thereby resulting in a loss to the Sub-Fund.

Securities Lending, Repurchase Transaction or reverse Repurchase Transaction also entail operational risks such as the non-settlement or delay in settlement of instructions and legal risks related to the documentation used in respect of such transactions.

The Company may enter into Securities Lending, Repurchase Transaction or reverse Repurchase Transaction with other companies. Affiliated counterparties, if any, will perform their obligations under any Securities Lending, Repurchase Transaction or reverse Repurchase Transaction concluded with the Company in a commercially reasonable manner. In addition, the Investment Manager or the Sub-Investment Manager (if any) will select counterparties and enter into transactions in accordance with best execution and at all times in the best interests of the respective Sub-Fund and its Shareholders. However, Shareholders should be aware that the Investment Manager or the Sub-Investment Manager (if any) may face conflicts between its role and its own interests or that of affiliated counterparties.

The use of EPM Techniques, in particular with respect to the quality of the collateral received and/or reinvested, may lead to several risks such as liquidity risk, counterparty risk, issuer risk, valuation risk and settlement risk, which can have an impact on the performance of the Sub-Fund concerned.

The use of Repurchase Transaction agreements, reverse Repurchase Transaction agreements and Securities Lending transactions is generally not expected to have a material adverse impact on a Sub-Fund's performance or risk profile, subject to the above described risk factors.

**At the date of the Prospectus, none of the Sub-Funds has entered into (i) repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements, (ii) securities lending, (iii) buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions, as referred to under the SFTR. If and when a Sub-Fund intends to enter into the above mentioned financing transactions, then the relevant Special Section will be updated accordingly.**

#### **7.14 Sub-Classes denominated in non-Reference Currencies**

Where Shares of a Sub-Fund are available in a Sub-Class which is denominated in a different currency from the Reference Currency in which the Sub-Fund is denominated investors should note that the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund will be calculated in the Sub-Fund's Reference Currency and will be stated in the other currency by reference to the current exchange rate between the Reference Currency and such other currency. Fluctuations in that currency exchange rate may affect the performance of the Shares of that Sub-Class independent of the performance of the Sub-Fund's investments. In normal circumstances the costs and expenses of currency exchange transactions in connection with the purchase, redemption and exchange of Shares of that Sub-Class will be borne by the relevant Sub-Class and will be reflected in the Net Asset Value of that Sub-Class. The costs and expenses incurred in hedging a specific Sub-Class (as set out in the relevant Special Section) will be borne by that Sub-Class alone.

Investors should note that inflows and outflows from non-Reference Currency Sub-Classes may have a greater potential to impact the price of such Shares due to the fluctuations in the relevant currency exchange rate.

#### **7.15 Specific restrictions in connection with the Shares**

Investors should note that there may be restrictions in connection with the subscription, holding and trading in the Shares. Such restrictions may have the effect of preventing the investor from freely subscribing, holding or transferring the Shares. In addition to the features described below, such restrictions may also be caused by specific requirements such as a Minimum Subscription Amount or due to the fact that certain Sub-Funds may be closed to additional subscriptions after the Initial Offering Period or Initial Offering Date.

#### **7.16 Performance allocation and fees**

Certain Sub-Funds may provide for the right of the Investment Manager or the Sub-Investment Manager (if any) to receive a Performance Fee or similar remuneration schemes. The fact that the remuneration is based on the performance of the relevant Sub-Fund may create an incentive for the Investment Manager or the Sub-Investment Manager (if any) to cause the Sub-Fund to make investments that are more speculative than would be the case in the absence of performance-based compensation. However, such incentive may be tempered somewhat by the fact that losses will reduce the Sub-Fund's performance and thus the Investment Manager's or the Sub-Investment Manager's (if any) Performance Fee or similar remuneration scheme.

#### **7.17 Nominee arrangements**

The Company draws the investors' attention to the fact that any investor will only be able to fully exercise his/her/its investor rights directly against the Company, in particular the right to participate in general meetings of Shareholders, if the investor is registered himself/herself/itself and in his/her/its own name in the Register. In cases where an investor invests in the Company through an intermediary investing into the Company in his/her/its own name but on behalf of the investor, it may not always be possible for the investor to (i) exercise certain shareholder rights directly against the Company or (ii)<sup>1</sup> to be indemnified in case of Net Asset Value calculation errors and/or non-compliance with investment rules and/or other errors at the level of the Fund. Investors are advised to take advice on their rights which may be negatively impacted.

#### **7.18 Taxation**

Shareholders should be aware that they may be required to pay income tax, withholding tax, capital gains tax, wealth tax, stamp taxes or any other kind of tax on distributions or deemed distributions of a Sub-Fund, capital gains within a Sub-Fund, whether or not realised, income received or accrued or deemed received within a Sub-Fund etc., and this will be according to the laws and practices of the country where the Shares are purchased, sold, held or redeemed and in the country of residence or nationality of the Shareholder.

Shareholders should be aware of the fact that they might have to pay taxes on income or deemed income received by or accrued within a Sub-Fund. Taxes might be calculated based on income received and/or deemed to be received and/or accrued in a Sub-Fund in relation to their direct investments, whereas the performance of a Sub-Fund, and subsequently the return Shareholders receive after redemption of the Shares, might partially or fully depend on the performance of underlying assets. This can have the effect that the investor has to pay taxes for income or/and a performance which he does not, or does not fully, receive.

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<sup>1</sup> (ii) applicable as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

Shareholders who are in any doubt as to their tax position should consult their own independent tax advisers. In addition, Shareholders should be aware that tax regulations and their application or interpretation by the relevant taxation authorities change from time to time. Accordingly, it is not possible to predict the precise tax treatment, which will apply at any given time.

#### **7.19 Change of law**

The Company must comply with regulatory constraints, such as a change in the laws affecting the investment restrictions and limits applicable to UCITS, which might require a change in the investment policy and objectives followed by a Sub-Fund.

#### **7.20 Political factors**

The performance of the Shares or the possibility to purchase, sell, or redeem may be affected by changes in general economic conditions and uncertainties such as political developments, changes in government policies, the imposition of restrictions on the transfer of capital and changes in regulatory requirements.

#### **7.21 Fees in underlying undertakings for collective investment**

A Sub-Fund may, subject to the conditions set out in Section 5.4 of the General Section, invest in other undertakings for collective investment which may be operated and/or managed by the Investment Manager, the Sub-Investment Manager (if any) or a related party. As an investor in such other undertakings for collective investment, in addition to the fees, costs and expenses payable by a Shareholder in the Sub-Funds, each Shareholder will also indirectly bear a portion of the fees, costs and expenses of the underlying undertakings for collective investment, including management, investment management and, administration and other expenses.

#### **7.22 Transaction costs**

Where a Sub-Fund does not adjust its subscription and redemption prices by an amount representing the duties and charges associated with buying or selling underlying assets this will affect the performance of that Sub-Fund.

#### **7.23 Sustainability Risk**

"Sustainability Risk" means an environmental, social or governance event or condition that, if it occurs, could cause an actual or a potential material negative impact on the value of the investments made by the Company.

Such risk is principally linked to climate-related events resulting from climate change (i.e. physical risks) or to the society's response to climate change (i.e. transition risks), which may result in unanticipated losses that could affect the Company investments and financial condition. Sustainability Risks can also affect companies by introducing social risks (e.g. gender gaps, social inequality) and governance risks (e.g. bribery issues, selling practices).

### **8. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT**

#### **8.1 General**

The Directors, the Management Company, the Global Distributor, the Investment Manager, any Sub-Investment Managers, the Depositary and the UCI Administrator may, in the course of their business, have potential conflicts of interests with the Company. Each of the Directors, the Management Company, the Global Distributor, the Investment Manager, any Sub-Investment Managers, the



Depository and the UCI Administrator will have regard to their respective duties to the Company and other Persons when undertaking any transactions where conflicts or potential conflicts of interest may arise. In the event that such conflicts do arise, each of such Persons has undertaken or shall be requested by the Company to undertake to use its reasonable endeavours to resolve any such conflicts of interest fairly (having regard to its respective obligations and duties) and to ensure that the Company and the Shareholders are fairly treated.

## 8.2 Interested dealings

The Directors, the Management Company, the Investment Manager, any Sub-Investment Managers, the Depository, the UCI Administrator, the Global Distributor or the sub-distributors and any of their respective subsidiaries, affiliates, associates, agents, directors, officers, employees or delegates (together the **Interested Parties** and, each, an **Interested Party**) may:

- contract or enter into any financial, banking or other transaction with one another or with the Company including, without limitation, investment by the Company, in securities in any company or body any of whose investments or obligations form part of the assets of the Company or any Sub-Fund, or be interested in any such contracts or transactions;
- invest in and deal with Shares, securities, assets or any property of the kind included in the property of the Company for their respective individual accounts or for the account of a third party;
- act as counterparty to the derivative transactions or contracts entered on behalf of the Company, or act as index sponsor or calculation agent in respect of underlying to which the Company will be exposed via derivative transactions; and
- deal as agent or principal in the sale, issue or purchase of securities and other investments to, or from, the Company through, or with, the Investment Manager or the Depository or any subsidiary, affiliate, associate, agent or delegate thereof.

Any assets of the Company in the form of cash may be invested in certificates of deposit or banking investments issued by any Interested Party. Banking or similar transactions may also be undertaken with or through an Interested Party (provided it is licensed to carry out this type of activities).

There will be no obligation on the part of any Interested Party to account to Shareholders for any benefits so arising and any such benefits may be retained by the relevant party.

Any such transactions must be carried out as if effected on normal commercial terms negotiated at arm's length.

The Investment Manager or any Sub-Investment Managers may also be appointed as the lending agent of the Company under the terms of a Securities Lending management agreement. Under the terms of such an agreement, the lending agent is appointed to manage the Company's Securities Lending activities and is entitled to receive a fee which is in addition to its fee as investment manager. The fee paid to the lending agent will be at normal commercial rates. The Directors and the Management Company will, at least annually, review the stock lending arrangements and associated costs. All revenues arising from EPM Techniques, net of direct and indirect operational costs/fees, will be accrued to the relevant Sub-Fund.

The Management Company, the Investment Manager or any Sub-Investment Managers may execute trades through their affiliates on both a principal and agency basis, as may be permitted under applicable law. As a result of these business relationships, the Management Company's, Investment

Manager's or any Sub-Investment Managers' affiliates will receive, among other benefits, commissions and mark-ups/mark-downs, and revenues associated with providing prime brokerage and other services.

Certain conflicts of interest may arise from the fact that affiliates of the Management Company, the Investment Manager or any Sub-Investment Managers may act as sub-distributors of interests in respect of the Company or certain Sub-Funds. Such entities may also enter into arrangements under which they or their affiliates will issue and distribute notes or other securities the performance of which will be linked to the relevant Sub-Fund.

## **9. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

### **9.1 General**

During the Initial Offering Period or Initial Offering Date, the Company is offering the Shares under the terms and conditions as set forth in the relevant Special Section. The Company may offer Shares in one or several Sub-Funds or in one or more Classes or in one or more Sub-Classes in each Sub-Fund.

After the Initial Offering Period or Initial Offering Date, the Company may offer Shares of each existing Sub-Class in each existing Class in each existing Sub-Fund on any day that is a Valuation Day, as stipulated in the relevant Special Section. The Board may decide that for a particular Sub-Class or Class or Sub-Fund no further Shares will be issued after the Initial Offering Period or Initial Offering Date (as will be set forth in the relevant Special Section). The Company may, in its discretion, create new Sub-Funds with different investment objectives and policies or new Classes within each Sub-Fund or new Sub-Classes within each Class at any time, details of which shall be set forth in the relevant Special Section.

Unless otherwise specified in the relevant Special Section in respect of a specific Sub-Fund, subscriptions are accepted in amounts and for a particular number of Shares.

### **9.2 Eligibility requirements for Classes**

The Board may from time to time decide to create within each Sub-Fund different Classes. Investors within the Sub-Funds should refer to the Special Sections for the Classes available to them within the Sub-Fund, which have the following characteristics:

- Class A Shares are intended for financial intermediaries, for family offices and Retail Investors.
- Class A1 Shares may be offered for distribution:
  - (a) to Institutional Investors investing on their own account. With respect to investors that are incorporated in the European Union. Institutional Investor means *per se* professional investors; or
  - (b) to financial intermediaries who, according to regulatory requirements (e.g. in the EEA this will include financial intermediaries providing discretionary portfolio management or investment advice on an independent basis) are, in general, not allowed to receive and retain any fees or commissions from third parties in relation to the services rendered; or
  - (c) to financial intermediaries in the EEA who are rendering non-independent advice and which according to individual fee arrangements with their clients are not allowed to accept and keep commissions; or

(d) to other investors determined by the Board in their discretion.

- Class B, B1 Shares are open to Institutional Investors including investors investing via certain distributors and/or intermediaries who, on the basis of either (i) applicable legal and/or regulatory requirements including those rendering discretionary portfolio management and/or independent advice under the MiFID II Directive or (ii) individual fee arrangements or commercial models with their clients, are not allowed to receive and retain any fees or commissions from third parties in relation to the services rendered.
- Class C, C1 Shares are open to all Institutional Investors including investors investing via certain distributors and/or intermediaries who, on the basis of either (i) applicable legal and/or regulatory requirements including those rendering discretionary portfolio management and/or independent advice under the MiFID II Directive or (ii) individual fee arrangements or commercial models with their clients, are not allowed to receive and retain any fees or commissions from third parties in relation to the services rendered.
- Classes D Shares are intended for (i) financial intermediaries and certain platforms that have been approved by the Global Distributor/Investment Manager and that have fee arrangements with their clients are based on accepting and keeping fees or commissions and (ii) retail investors.
- Classes D1 Shares are intended for (i) financial intermediaries and certain platforms that have been approved by the Global Distributor/Investment Manager and that have fee arrangements with their clients which are based on accepting and keeping fees or commissions and (ii) retail investors.
- Classes D2 Shares are intended for (i) financial intermediaries and certain platforms that have been approved by the Global Distributor/Investment Manager and that have fee arrangements with their clients which are based on accepting and keeping fees or commissions and (ii) retail investors.
- Class H, I, X, X1 Shares and Class Y Shares are early investors shares classes which (i) are only available to founder shareholders or which (ii) may be offered in limited circumstances to certain investors who meet the minimum account maintenance or qualification requirements or any other such criteria as established from time to time by the Investment Manager.
- Class S Shares are for any director appointed by a general meeting in accordance with article 13 of the Articles out of a list of directors proposed by the holder of Class S Shares of the sub-fund Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Argonaut.
- Class Z Shares are intended for (i) Institutional Investors who have entered into a specific agreement with the Company, the Investment Manager or any other entity of the Quaero Capital Group and (ii) investment by a Sub-Fund into any other Sub-Funds.

### **Restrictions on Subscriptions and Conversions for Classes**

In order to *inter alia* protect existing Shareholders, the Board may, at any time, decide to close a Sub-Fund or a Class and not to accept any further Subscriptions and Conversions of Shares into the relevant Sub-Fund or Class (i) from investors who have not yet invested into the said Sub-Funds or into the said Share Class (**Soft Closure**) or (ii) from any Investor or Shareholder (**Hard Closure**).

Decisions taken by the Board on Soft Closure and Hard Closure may have immediate or non-immediate effect and be effective for non-determined period of time.

In relation thereto, a notification will be displayed on the website <https://quaerocapital.com> and will be updated according to the status of the said Shares or Sub-Funds.

A reason for a Soft Closure or a Hard Closure may be among others that the size of a given Sub-Fund has reached such a level that the market it is invested into has also reached its capacity level and thus the Sub-Fund can no longer be managed according to the defined objectives and investment policy.

### **9.3 Subscription price**

Shareholders or prospective investors may subscribe for a Sub-Class in a Class in a Sub-Fund at a subscription price per Share equal to:

- (a) the Initial Subscription Price where the subscription relates to the Initial Offering Period or Initial Offering Date; or
- (b) the Net Asset Value per Share as of the Valuation Day on which the subscription is effected where the subscription relates to a subsequent offering (other than the Initial Offering Period or Initial Offering Date) of Shares of an existing Sub-Class in an existing Class in an existing Sub-Fund.

If an investor wants to subscribe Shares, a Subscription Fee of up to 5% of the Net Asset Value per Share may be added to the subscription price to be paid by the investor. The applicable Subscription Fee will be stipulated in the relevant Special Section. The Subscription Fee will be payable to the Global Distributor, sub-distributors, intermediaries or will partially or totally revert to the relevant Sub-Fund. The Board reserves the right to waive all or part of such Subscription Fee at its entire discretion.

### **9.4 Subscription procedure**

Subscriptions may be made only by investors who are not Restricted Persons by:

- (a) submitting a written subscription request to be received by the UCI Administrator, the Global Distributor or a sub-distributor by the Subscription Cut-off as set out in the relevant Special Section; and
- (b) delivering to the account of the Depositary (on behalf of the Company) cleared funds for the full amount of the subscription price (plus any Subscription Fee) of the Shares being subscribed for pursuant to the subscription request by the Payment Deadline as set out in the relevant Special Section.

If the Depositary (on behalf of the Company) does not receive the monies by the Payment Deadline the purchase request may be cancelled and the funds returned to the investor without interest. The investor will be liable for the costs of late or non-payment in which case the Directors and the Management Company will have the power to redeem all or part of the investor's holding of Shares in the Company in order to meet such costs. In circumstances where it is not practical or feasible to recoup a loss from an applicant for Shares, any losses incurred by the Company due to late or non-payment of the subscription proceeds in respect of subscription applications received may be borne by the Company.

Subscribers for Shares must make payment in the Reference Currency of the relevant Sub-Fund or Class or Sub-Class. Subscription monies received in another currency than the Reference Currency will be exchanged by the UCI Administrator on behalf of the investor at normal banking rates. Any such currency transaction will be effected with the UCI Administrator at the investor's risk and cost. Such currency exchange transactions may delay any transaction in Shares.

Subscribers for Shares are to indicate the allocation of the subscription monies among one or more of the Sub-Funds and/or Classes and/or Sub-Class offered by the Company.

In the event that the subscription request is incomplete (i.e., all requested papers or information are not received by the UCI Administrator, the Global Distributor or a sub-distributor, by the Subscription Cut-off) the subscription request will be rejected and a new subscription request will have to be submitted.

The minimum amount (if any) of Shares of the same Class or of the same Sub-Fund for which a subscriber or Shareholder must subscribe in each Sub-Fund is the amount stipulated in the relevant Special Section as the Minimum Subscription Amount.

In the event that the Company or the Management Company decides to reject any application to subscribe for, or the purchase of Shares, the monies transferred by a relevant applicant will be returned to the prospective investor without undue delay (unless otherwise provided for by law or regulations).

The number of Shares issued to a subscriber or Shareholder in connection with the foregoing procedures will be equal to the subscription monies provided by the subscriber or Shareholder, after deduction of the Subscription Fee (if any), divided by:

- (a) the Initial Subscription Price, in relation to subscriptions made in connection with an Initial Offering Period or Initial Offering Date, or
- (b) the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Sub-Class of the relevant Class in the relevant Sub-Fund as of the relevant Valuation Day.

With regard to the Initial Offering Period or Initial Offering Date, Shares will be issued on the first Business Day following the end of the Initial Offering Period or Initial Offering Date.

The Company shall recognise rights to fractions of Shares up to four decimal places, rounded up or down to the nearest decimal point. Any purchases of Shares will be subject to the ownership restrictions set forth below. Fractional Shares shall have no right to vote (except to the extent their number is so that they represent a whole Share, in which case, they confer a voting right) but shall have the right to participate pro rata in distributions and allocation of liquidation proceeds.

In the event that a Class or Sub-Class, closed for subscriptions because all the Shares issued in that Class or Sub-Class have been redeemed, is reopened for subscriptions or in the event that no Shares of a Class or Sub-Class are subscribed during the Initial Offering Period or Initial Offering Date of a Sub-Fund, as set out in the relevant Special Section, the Initial Subscription Price per Share of the Class or Sub-Class concerned will, at the time of the launch of the Class or Sub-Class, be equal to 100 units of the valuation currency of the Class or Sub-Class concerned, i.e. CHF 100, EUR 100, GBP 100, USD 100 or SEK 100. All subscriptions made after the Initial Offering Period or Initial Offering Date for a Class or Sub-Class will be made on the basis of the Net Asset Value of the Class or Sub-Class concerned.

## **9.5 Subscription in kind**

At the discretion of the Board, Shares may be issued against contributions of Transferable Securities or other eligible assets to the Sub-Funds provided that these assets are Eligible Investments and the contributions comply with the investment policies and restrictions laid out in this Prospectus and have a value equal to the issue price of the Shares concerned. The assets contributed to the Sub-Fund, as described above, will be valued separately in a special report of the Auditor. These contributions in kind of assets are not subject to brokerage costs. The Board will only have recourse to this possibility (i) at the request of the relevant investor and (ii) if the transfer does not negatively affect current

Shareholders. All costs related to a contribution in kind will be paid for by the Sub-Fund concerned provided that they are lower than the brokerage costs which the Sub-Fund would have paid if the assets concerned had been acquired on the market. If the cost relating to the contribution in kind are higher than the brokerage costs which the Sub-Fund concerned would have paid if the assets concerned had been acquired on the market, the exceeding portion thereof will be supported by the subscriber.

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

The Company must comply with AML/CFT Rules. In particular, the AML/CFT Rules require the Company, on a risk sensitive basis, to establish and verify the identity of subscribers for Shares, and, as the case may be, of any person acting on behalf of such Shareholder as well as of the beneficial owner of the Shares if they are not the subscribers) and the origin of subscription proceeds and to monitor the business relationship on an ongoing basis. The identity of a Shareholder should be verified on the basis of documents, data or information obtained from a reliable and independent source.

To that end, the Company, the Management Company, the Registrar and Transfer Agent and any other service provider of the Company shall request the information and documents necessary to establish and verify the identity and the profile of a Shareholder, the nature and the intended purpose of the business relationship and the origin of subscription proceeds. In any case, the Company, the Management Company, the Registrar and Transfer Agent and any other service provider of the Company have the right to request additional information and documents deemed necessary to comply with the AML/CFT Rules. Failure to provide such information and documents shall result in an application not being processed; the Company, the Management Company and the Registrar and Transfer Agent are entitled to refuse the application and will not be liable for any interest, costs or compensation. Similarly, when Shares are issued, they cannot be redeemed or converted until full details of registration and AML/CFT documents of the Shareholder have been completed.

Subscriptions of Shares can also be made indirectly, that is through third parties. In such case, the Company and the Management Company may be permitted to rely on the above-mentioned customer identification and verification measures performed by these third parties under the conditions described in Art. 3-3 of the 2004 Act. These conditions require in particular that the third parties apply customer due diligence and record-keeping requirements that are consistent with those laid down in the 2004 Act and in the Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2015 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing and are supervised by a competent supervisory authority in a manner consistent with these rules. In addition, the Company and the Management Company will ensure that the third-parties (i) provide the Company and the Registrar and Transfer Agent with information about the identity of the investor, the persons acting on its behalf and the beneficial owners, (ii) provide the Company and the Management Company with relevant information on the source of funds, and (iii) at the request of the Company and/or the Management Company, provide copies of the customer due diligence documents as further specified in the relevant application subscription forms without delay, which can be used to verify the identity of the investor (and, if applicable, all beneficial owners).

The ongoing monitoring of the business relationship with the shareholders of the Company that have subscribed Shares indirectly through the third party may be performed by the Management Company and/or the Registrar and Transfer Agent. Distribution agents and local paying agents may provide a nominee service for investors purchasing Shares through them. In such a case, the Management Company and/or the Registrar and Transfer Agent will perform enhanced due diligence measures with respect to said intermediary pursuant to article 3 of the CSSF Regulation N° 12-02, as amended by CSSF Regulation 20-05.

The Management Company performs a specific due diligence and regular monitoring and applies precautionary measures on both the liability and asset side of the balance sheet (i.e. including in the context of investments/divestments), in accordance with Articles 3 (7) and 4 (1) of the 2004 Act.

Pursuant to articles 3 (7) and 4 (1) of the 2004 Act, the Company is also required to apply precautionary measures regarding the assets of the Company. The Company should assess, using its risk-based approach, the extent to which the offering of its products and services presents potential vulnerabilities to placement, layering or integration of criminal proceeds into the financial system.

Pursuant to the Law of 19 December 2020 on the implementation of restrictive measures in financial matters, the application of international financial sanctions must be enforced by any Luxembourg natural or legal person, as well as any other natural or legal person operating in or from the Luxembourg territory. As a result, prior investing in assets, the Company must, as a minimum, screen the name of such assets or of the issuer against the target financial sanctions lists.

## **9.7 Institutional Investors**

The sale of Shares of certain Sub-Funds or Classes may be restricted to institutional investors within the meaning of Article 174 of the 2010 Act and as determined in accordance with the CSSF administrative practice (**Institutional Investors**) and the Company will not issue or give effect to any transfer of Shares of such Sub-Funds or Classes to any investor who may not be considered as an Institutional Investor. The Company may, at its discretion, delay the acceptance of any subscription for shares of a Sub-Fund or Class restricted to Institutional Investors until such date as it has received sufficient evidence on the qualification of the investor as an Institutional Investor. If it appears at any time that a holder of Shares of a Sub-Fund or Class restricted to Institutional Investors is not an Institutional Investor, the Company will, at its discretion, either redeem the relevant shares in accordance with the provisions under Section 10 of the General Section or convert such Shares into Shares of a Sub-Fund or Class which is not restricted to Institutional Investors (provided there exists such a Sub-Fund or Class with similar characteristics) and which is essentially identical to the restricted Sub-Fund or Class in terms of its investment object (but, for avoidance of doubt, not necessarily in terms of the fees and expenses payable by such Sub-Fund or Class), unless such holding is the result of an error of the Company, the Management Company or their agents, and notify the relevant Shareholder of such conversion.

Considering the qualification of a subscriber or a transferee as Institutional Investor, the Company will have due regard to the guidelines or recommendations (if any) of the competent supervisory authorities.

Institutional Investors subscribing in their own name, but on behalf of a third party, may be required to certify that such subscription is made either on behalf of an Institutional Investor or on behalf of a Retail Investor provided in the latter case that the Institutional Investor is acting within the framework of a discretionary management mandate and that the Retail Investor has no right to lay a claim against the Company or the Management Company for direct ownership of the Shares.

## **9.8 Ownership restrictions**

A Person who is a Restricted Person may not invest in the Company. In addition, each applicant for Shares must certify that it is either (a) not a U.S. Person or (b) a "qualified institutional buyer" within the meaning of Rule 144A under the Securities Act and a "qualified purchaser" within the meaning of Section 2(a)(51) of the Investment Company Act. The Company may, in its sole discretion, decline to accept an application to subscribe for Shares from any prospective subscriber, including any Restricted Person or any Person failing to make the certification set forth in (a) or (b) above. Shares may not be transferred to or owned by any Restricted Person. The Shares are subject to restrictions on

transferability to a U.S. Person and may not be transferred or re-sold except pursuant to an exemption from registration under the Securities Act or an effective registration statement under the Securities Act. In the absence of an exemption or registration, any resale or transfer of any of the Shares in the United States or to U.S. Persons may constitute a violation of US law (See "Important Information – Selling Restrictions"). It is the responsibility of the Board to verify that Shares are not transferred in breach of the above. The Company reserves the right to redeem any Shares which are or become owned, directly or indirectly, by a Restricted Person or (a) in the case of Regulation S Shares, are or become owned, directly or indirectly, by a U.S. Person or (b) in the case of 144A Shares, are or become owned, directly or indirectly, by a U.S. Person who is not a "qualified institutional buyer" within the meaning of Rule 144A under the Securities Act and a "qualified purchaser" within the meaning of Section 2(a)(51) of the Investment Company Act in accordance with the Articles. Any prospective investor shall only be issued Shares for Institutional Investor if such person provides a representation that it qualifies as an Institutional Investor pursuant to Luxembourg law.

## 10. REDEMPTIONS

### 10.1 Redemptions

Shares in a Sub-Fund may be redeemed at the request of the Shareholders on any Valuation Day. Redemption Request must be sent in writing to the Global Distributor, a sub-distributor or the UCI Administrator or such other place as the Company or the Management Company may advise. Redemption request must be received by the Redemption Cut-off as set out in the relevant Special Section prior to a forthcoming Valuation Day will be eligible for redemption at that Valuation Day (an **Eligible Redemption Request**). Redemption requests received after the Redemption Cut-off shall be processed on the basis of the Net Asset Value per Share as of the next following Valuation Day.

The Board, the Management Company, the UCI Administrator, the Global Distributor and the sub-distributors will ensure that the relevant Redemption Cut-off as indicated in the Special Section of each Sub-Fund are strictly complied with and will therefore take all adequate measures to prevent practices known as "Late Trading".

Requests for redemption must be for either a number of Shares or an amount denominated in the relevant currency of the relevant Sub-Class.

A Shareholder who redeems his Shares will receive an amount per Share redeemed equal to the Net Asset Value per Share as of the applicable Valuation Day for the relevant Class in the relevant Sub-Fund (less, as the case may be, a Redemption Fee as stipulated in the relevant Special Section and any tax or duty imposed on the redemption of the Shares).

Payment of the redemption proceeds shall be made generally within the Payment Deadline as set out in the relevant Special Section, unless otherwise specified in the Special Section relating to a particular Sub-Fund. Where a Shareholder redeems Shares that he has not paid for within the required subscription settlement period, in circumstances where the redemption proceeds would exceed the subscription amount that he owes, the Company will be entitled to retain such excess for the benefit of the Company.

If as a result of a redemption, the value of a Shareholder's holding would become less than the relevant Minimum Holding Amount as stipulated in the relevant Special Section, the Shareholder may be deemed (if the Board so decides) to have requested the redemption of all his Shares.

Redemption of Shares may be suspended for certain periods of time as described under Section 23 of the General Section.



The Company reserves the right to reduce proportionally all Redemption Requests in a Sub-Fund to be executed on one Valuation Day whenever the total proceeds to be paid for the Shares so tendered for redemption exceed 10% (ten per cent) of the total net assets of that specific Sub-Fund. The portion of the non-proceeded redemptions will then be proceeded by priority on subsequent Valuation Days (but subject always to the foregoing 10% (ten per cent) limit).

Redemption Requests must be addressed to the UCI Administrator. Redemption Requests will not be accepted by telephone or telex. Redemption Requests are irrevocable (unless otherwise provided in respect of a specific Sub-Fund in the relevant Special Section and except during any period where the determination of the Net Asset Value, the issue, redemption and conversion of Shares is suspended) and proceeds of the redemption will be remitted to the account indicated by the Shareholder in its redemption request. The Company reserves the right not to redeem any Shares if it has not been provided with evidence satisfactory to the Company that the redemption request was made by a Shareholder of the Company. Failure to provide appropriate documentation to the UCI Administrator may result in the withholding of redemption proceeds.

If a Shareholder wants to redeem Shares of the Company, a Redemption Fee of up to five percent (5%) may be levied on the amount to be paid to the Shareholder. The applicable Redemption Fee will be stipulated in the relevant Special Section. This fee will be payable to the Global Distributor, sub-distributors, intermediaries or to the relevant Sub-Fund. The Board reserves the right to waive all or part of such Redemption Fee at its entire discretion.

## **10.2 Compulsory redemptions by the Company**

The Company may redeem Shares of any Shareholder if the Board or the Management Company determine that:

- (a) any of the representations given by the Shareholder to the Company or the Management Company were not true and accurate or have ceased to be true and accurate; or
- (b) the Shareholder is not or ceases to be an Eligible Investor; or
- (c) that the continuing ownership of Shares by the Shareholder would cause an undue risk of adverse tax consequences to the Company or any of its Shareholders; or
- (d) the continuing ownership of Shares by such Shareholder may be prejudicial to the Company or any of its Shareholders; or
- (e) further to the satisfaction of a redemption request received by a Shareholders, the number or aggregate amount of Shares of the relevant Class held by this Shareholder is less than the Minimum Holding Amount.

## **10.3 In kind redemptions of Shares**

The Board and the Management Company may, at the request of a Shareholder, agree to make, in whole or in part, a distribution in-kind of securities of the Sub-Fund to that Shareholder in lieu of paying to that Shareholder redemption proceeds in cash. The Board and the Management Company will agree to do so if they determine that such a transaction would not be detrimental to the best interests of the remaining Shareholders of the relevant Sub-Fund. Such redemption will be effected at the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Class of the Sub-Fund which the Shareholder is redeeming, and thus will constitute a pro rata portion of the Sub-Fund's assets attributable in that Class in terms of value. The assets to be transferred to such Shareholder shall be determined by the Management Company, the Investment Manager and the Depositary, with regard to the practicality of transferring the assets and to the interests of the Sub-Fund and continuing participants therein and to

the Shareholder. Such a Shareholder may incur brokerage and/or local tax charges on any transfer or sale of securities so received in satisfaction of redemption. The net proceeds from this sale by the redeeming Shareholder of such securities may be more or less than the corresponding redemption price of Shares in the relevant Sub-Fund due to market conditions and/or differences in the prices used for the purposes of such sale or transfer and the calculation of the Net Asset Value of Shares of the Sub-Fund. The selection, valuation and transfer of assets shall be subject to the review and approval of the Auditor.

Any costs incurred in connection with a redemption in-kind will be borne by the relevant Shareholder.

## **11. CONVERSIONS**

Unless otherwise stated in the relevant Special Section, Shareholders are allowed to convert all, or part, of the Shares of a given Class into Shares of the same or different Class of that or another Sub-Fund. However, the right to convert Shares is subject to compliance with any condition (including any minimum subscription amounts and eligibility requirements) applicable to the Class into which conversion is to be effected. Therefore, if, as a result of a conversion, the value of a Shareholder's holding in the new Class would be less than the applicable Minimum Subscription Amount, the Board and the Management Company may decide not to accept the request for conversion of the Shares. In addition, if, as a result of a conversion, the value of a Shareholder's holding in the original Class would become less than the relevant Minimum Holding Amount as stipulated in the relevant Special Section, the Shareholder may be deemed (if the Board so decides) to have requested the conversion of all of his Shares. Shareholders are not allowed to convert all, or part, of their Shares into Shares of a Sub-Fund which is closed for further subscriptions after the Initial Offering Period or Initial Offering Date (as will be set forth in the relevant Special Section).

If the criteria to become a Shareholder of such other Class and/or such other Sub-Fund are fulfilled, the Shareholder shall make an application to convert Shares by sending a written request for conversion to Global Distributor, a sub-distributor or the UCI Administrator. Shares may be converted at the request of the Shareholders on any day that is a Valuation Day. The conversion request must be received by the UCI Administrator by the Conversion Cut-off as set out in the relevant Special Section. Conversion requests received after the Conversion Cut-off shall be processed on the basis of the Net Asset Value per Share as of the next following Valuation Day. The conversion request must state either the amount in the relevant currency of the first Sub-Fund or the number of Shares of the relevant Classes in the relevant Sub-Fund, which the Shareholder wishes to convert.

A Conversion Fee, in favour of the original Sub-Fund or Class, of up to five (5) per cent of the Net Asset Value of the new Sub-Fund may be levied to cover conversion costs. The applicable fee, if any, will be stipulated in the relevant Special Section. The same rate of Conversion Fee will be applied to all conversion requests received on the same Valuation Day. The Board reserves the right to waive all or part of such Conversion Fee at its entire discretion.

Conversion of Shares shall be effected on the Valuation Day, by the simultaneous:

- (a) redemption of the number of Shares of the relevant Class (or Sub-Class) in the relevant Sub-Fund specified in the conversion request at the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Class (or Sub-Class) in the relevant Sub-Fund; and
- (b) issue of Shares on that Valuation Day in the new Sub-Fund or Class (or Sub-Class), into which the original Shares are to be converted, at the Net Asset Value per Share for Shares of the relevant Class (or Sub-Class) in the (new) Sub-Fund.

Subject to any currency conversion (if applicable) the proceeds resulting from the redemption of the original Shares shall be applied immediately as the subscription monies for the Shares in the new Class or Sub-Fund into which the original Shares are converted.

Where Shares denominated in one currency are converted into Shares denominated in another currency, the number of such Shares to be issued shall be calculated by converting the proceeds resulting from the redemption of the Shares into the currency in which the Shares to be issued are denominated. The exchange rate for such currency conversion shall be calculated by the Depositary in accordance with the rules laid down under Section 22 of the General Section.

If, within a Class several Sub-Classes have been created, the rules set out above will apply similarly to these Sub-Classes.

Assuming that there are no subscriptions to Shares in the relevant Class on the Valuation Day applicable to the conversion, the Initial Subscription Price per Share of the Shares in the relevant Class will correspond to 100 units of the currency of the relevant Class, i.e. depending on the Sub-Fund, CHF 100, EUR 100, GBP 100, USD 100 or SEK 100.

## **12. TRANSFER OF SHARES**

All transfers of Shares shall be effected by a transfer in writing in any usual or common form or any other form approved by the Board and every form of transfer shall state the full name and address of the transferor and the transferee. The instrument of transfer of a Share shall be signed by or on behalf of the transferor. The transferor shall be deemed to remain the holder of the Share until the name of the transferee is entered on the Share register in respect thereof. The Directors may decline to register any transfer of Shares if, in consequence of such transfer, the value of the holding of the transferor or transferee does not meet the minimum subscription or holding levels of the relevant Share Class or Sub-Fund as set out in this Prospectus or the relevant Special Section. The registration of transfer may be suspended at such times and for such periods as the Directors may from time to time determine, provided, however, that such registration shall not be suspended for more than 90 days in any calendar year. The Directors may decline to register any transfer of Shares unless the original instruments of transfer, and such other documents that the Directors may require are deposited at the registered office of the Company or at such other place as the Directors may reasonably require, together with such other evidence as the Directors may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer and to verify the identity of the transferee. Such evidence may include a declaration as to whether the proposed transferee (i) is a U.S. Person or acting for or on behalf of a U.S. Person, (ii) is a Restricted Person or acting for or on behalf of a Restricted Person or (iii) does qualify as Institutional Investor.

The Directors may decline to register a transfer of Shares:

- (a) if in the opinion of the Directors, the transfer will be unlawful or will result or be likely to result in any adverse regulatory, tax or fiscal consequences to the Company or its Shareholders; or
- (b) if the transferee is a U.S. Person or is acting for or on behalf of a U.S. Person; or
- (c) if the transferee is a Restricted Person or is acting for or on behalf of a Restricted Person; or
- (d) in relation to Classes reserved for subscription by Institutional Investors, if the transferee is not an Institutional Investor; or

- (e) if in the opinion of the Directors, the transfer of the Shares would lead to the Shares being registered in a depositary or clearing system in which the Shares could be further transferred otherwise than in accordance with the terms of this Prospectus or the Articles.

### **13. MARKET TIMING AND LATE TRADING**

Prospective investors and Shareholders should note that the Company may reject or cancel any subscription or conversion orders for any reason and in particular in order to comply with the CSSF Circular 04/146 relating to the protection of UCIs and their investors against Late Trading and Market Timing practices.

For example, excessive trading of shares in response to short-term fluctuations in the market, a trading technique sometimes referred to as Market Timing, has a disruptive effect on portfolio management and increases the Sub-Funds' expenses. Accordingly, the Company may, in the sole discretion of the Board or the Management Company, compulsorily redeem Shares or reject any subscription and conversions requests from any investor that the Company or the Management Company reasonably believes has engaged in Market Timing activity. For these purposes, the Board and the Management Company may consider an investor's trading history in the Sub-Funds and accounts under common control or ownership.

In addition to the Redemption Fee or Conversion Fee which may be of application to such orders as set forth in the Special Section of the relevant Sub-Fund, the Company and the Management Company may impose a penalty of a maximum of 2% of the Net Asset Value of the Shares subscribed or converted where the Company reasonably believes that an investor has engaged in Market Timing activity. The penalty shall be credited to the relevant Sub-Fund. The Company, the Management Company and the Board will not be held liable for any loss resulting from rejected orders or mandatory redemption.

Furthermore, the Company will ensure that the relevant Cut-off for requests for subscriptions, redemptions or conversions are strictly complied with and will therefore take all adequate measures to prevent practices known as Late Trading.

### **14. MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPANY**

The Company shall be managed by the Board. The Board is vested with the broadest powers to perform all acts of administration and disposition in the Company's interests. All powers not expressly reserved by law to the general meeting of Shareholders fall within the competence of the Board.

The Board will issue, in at least one Sub-Fund, at least one Class S Share, as more fully described in article 13 of the Articles and the relevant Special Section. The holder of Class S Shares will be entitled to propose to the general meeting of Shareholders a list containing the names of candidates for the position of Class S Director.

The Board must be composed of at least three Directors, all of which must be Directors appointed out of the list proposed by the holder of Class S Share(s).

Any Director may be removed with or without cause or be replaced at any time by resolution adopted by the general meeting of Shareholders, provided however that if a Class S Director is removed, the remaining Directors must call for an extraordinary general meeting of Shareholders without delay in order for a new Class S Director to be appointed in his/her place in accordance with the requirements of article 13 of the Articles. The new Class S Director so appointed will be chosen from the candidates on the list presented by the relevant Class.

The Company may indemnify any Director or officer, and his heirs, executors and administrators against expenses reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with any action, suit proceeding to which he or she may be made a party by reason of his or her being or having been a director or officer of the Company or, at its request, of any other company of which the Company is a shareholder or creditor and from which he or she is not entitled to be indemnified, except in relation to matters as which he or she shall be finally adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for gross negligence or wilful misconduct; in the event of a settlement, indemnification shall be provided only in connection with such matters covered by the settlement as to which the Company is advised by counsel that the Person to be indemnified did not commit such a breach of duty. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not exclude other rights to which he or she may be entitled.

The Board is currently composed as follows:

- Mr Jean Keller;
- Mr Dominique Dubois;
- Mr Francesco Cristoforo Samson;
- Mr Yvar Claude Menthia;
- Ms Rachel Nancy Hill; and
- Mr Thierry Callault.

## **15. THE MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

### **15.1 Corporate information**

The Board has appointed FundPartner Solutions (Europe) S.A. (the **Management Company**) as the management company of the Company to serve as its designated management company within the meaning of Part I of the 2010 Act pursuant to the Management Company Services Agreement.

FundPartner Solutions (Europe) S.A. is a public limited company incorporated under the laws of Luxembourg incorporated for an unlimited duration on 17 July 2008. Its articles were published in the Luxembourg Official Gazette on 26 August 2008. It is registered on the official list of Luxembourg management companies governed by Chapter 15 of the 2010 Act. At the date of this Prospectus, the authorised capital of the Management Company which is fully paid up is CHF 6,250,000 and the own funds of the Management Company comply with the requirements of the 2010 Act and of the Circular 18/698. Its board of directors is composed as follows:

- Mr Marc Briol, CEO Pictet Asset Services, Banque Pictet & Cie S.A., Geneva;
- Mr Dorian Jacob, Managing Director, Chief Executive Officer, FundPartner Solutions (Europe) S.A.;
- Mr Geoffroy Linard De Guertechin, Independent Director;
- Mrs Christel Schaff, Independent Director;
- Mr Pierre Etienne, Independent Director;
- Mr Cédric Vermesse, Chief Financial Officer Pictet Asset Management.

## 15.2 Duties of FundPartner Solutions (Europe) S.A. as Management Company

The Management Company will provide, subject to the overall control of the Board and without limitation, (i) investment management services, (ii) administrative services and (iii) marketing, distribution and sales services to the Company as listed in Annex II of the 2010 Act. The rights and duties of the Management Company are further laid down in articles 107 et seq. of the 2010 Act. The Management Company must at all times act honestly and fairly in conducting its activities in the best interest of the Shareholders and in conformity with the 2010 Act, the Prospectus and the Articles.

The Management Company is vested with the day-to-day administration of the Company. In fulfilling its duties as set forth by the 2010 Act and the Management Company Services Agreement, the Management Company is authorised, for the purpose of more efficient conduct of its business, to delegate, under its responsibility and control, and with the prior consent of the Company and subject to the approval of the CSSF, part or all of its functions and duties to any third party, which, having regard to the nature of the functions and duties to be delegated, must be qualified and capable of undertaking the duties in question. The Management Company will remain liable to the Company in respect of all matters so delegated.

The Management Company will require any such agent to which it intends to delegate its duties to comply with the provisions of the Prospectus, the Articles and the relevant provisions of the Management Company Services Agreement.

In relation to any delegated duty, the Management Company will implement appropriate control mechanisms and procedures, including risk management controls, and regular reporting processes in order to ensure an effective supervision of the third parties to whom functions and duties have been delegated and that the services provided by such third party service providers are in compliance with the Articles, the Prospectus and the agreement entered into with the relevant third party service provider.

The Management Company will be careful and diligent in the selection and monitoring of the third parties to whom functions and duties may be delegated and ensure that the relevant third parties have sufficient experience and knowledge as well as the necessary authorisations required to carry out the functions delegated to them.

The following functions may be delegated by the Management Company to third parties: investment management of certain Sub-Funds, administration, marketing and distribution, as further set forth in this Prospectus and in the Special Sections.

The Management Company has established and applies a remuneration policy and practices that are consistent with, and promote, sound and effective risk management and that neither encourage risk taking which is inconsistent with the risk profiles, rules, this Prospectus or the Articles nor impair compliance with the Management Company's obligation to act in the best interest of the Company (the **Remuneration Policy**).

The Remuneration Policy includes fixed and variable components of salaries and applies to those categories of staff, including senior management, risk takers, control functions and any employee receiving total remuneration that falls within the remuneration bracket of senior management and risk takers whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profiles of the Management Company, the Company or the Sub-Funds.

The Remuneration Policy is in line with the business strategy, objectives, values and interests of the Management Company, the Company and the Shareholders and includes measures to avoid conflicts of interest.

In particular, the Remuneration Policy will ensure that:

- (a) the staff engaged in control functions are compensated in accordance with the achievement of the objectives linked to their functions, independently of the performance of the business areas that they control;
- (b) the assessment of performance is set in a multi-year framework appropriate to the holding period recommended to the investors of the Company in order to ensure that the assessment process is based on the longer-term performance of the Company and its investment risks and that the actual payment of performance-based components of remuneration is spread over the same period;
- (c) the fixed and variable components of total remuneration are appropriately balanced and the fixed component represents a sufficiently high proportion of the total remuneration to allow the operation of a fully flexible policy on variable remuneration components, including the possibility to pay no variable remuneration component;
- (d) the measurement of performance used to calculate variable remuneration components or pools of variable remuneration components includes a comprehensive adjustment mechanism to integrate all relevant types of current and future risks;
- (e) if at any point of time, the management of the Company were to account for 50% or more of the total portfolio managed by the Management Company, at least 50%, of any variable remuneration component will have to consist of Shares, equivalent ownership interests, or share-linked instruments or equivalent non-cash instruments with equally effective incentives as any of the instruments referred to in this item (e); and
- (f) a substantial portion, and in any event at least 40%, of the variable remuneration component, is deferred over a period which is appropriate in view of the holding period recommended to the Shareholders and is correctly aligned with the nature of the risks of the Company.

Details of the Remuneration Policy, including the persons in charge of determining the fixed and variable remunerations of the staff, a description of the key remuneration elements and an overview of how remuneration is determined, is available on the website <https://www.group.pictet/media/sd/f566617c918def6ae04bbd860383fcfa31a7f3e8>. A paper copy of the summarised Remuneration Policy is available free of charge to the Shareholders upon request.

The Management Company Services Agreement has been entered into for an undetermined period of time and may be terminated by either party upon serving to the other a three months' prior written notice. At the date of this Prospectus, the Management Company has also been appointed to act as the management company for other investment funds, the list of which is available at the registered office of the Management Company and which will be set out in the Management Company's annual reports.

### **15.3 Conducting persons**

The conducting persons of the Management Company are responsible for the conduct of the day-to-day business of the Management Company. As at the date of this Prospectus, the conducting persons of the Management Company are Dorian Jacob, Abdellali Khokha, Pierre Bertrand and Thomas Labat.

The conducting persons, acting as a management committee, have the duty to ensure that the different service providers to which the Management Company has delegated certain functions perform their functions in compliance with the 2010 Act, Circular 18/698, the Articles, the Prospectus and the provisions of the relevant services agreements between the Management Company, the Company and each of them. The conducting persons will also ensure compliance of the Company with the investment

restrictions and oversee the implementation of the Sub-Funds' investment policies. The conducting persons will also report to the board of directors of the Management Company on a regular basis and inform the board of directors of the Management Company without delay of any non-compliance of the Company with the investment restrictions.

#### **15.4 Duties of FundPartner Solutions (Europe) S.A. as UCI Administrator**

The Management Company also provides under the terms of the Management Company Services Agreement central administration services to the Company (the Management Company in this capacity, the **UCI Administrator**). In that context, the UCI Administrator will:

- (a) as register and transfer agent, be responsible to maintain the register of Shareholders of the Company and to proceed with the issue, conversion and redemption of Shares in accordance with this Prospectus and the Articles;
- (b) as UCI administrator and paying agent, be responsible for the calculation and publication of the Net Asset Value of the Shares of each Sub-Fund and Class pursuant to the 2010 Act, the Articles and the Prospectus and to perform administrative and accounting services for the Company as necessary as well as to arrange for the payment of dividend or distributions and redemption proceeds to Shareholders;
- (c) as communication agent, produce and deliver confidential documents intended for Shareholders.

Furthermore, as domiciliary agent, the Management Company will be primarily responsible for receiving and keeping safely any and all notices, correspondence, telephonic advice or other representations and communications received for the account of the Company, as well as for providing such other facilities as may from time to time be necessary in the course of the day-to-day administration of the Company.

### **16. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT**

Quaero Capital S.A. (the **Investment Manager**) is the investment manager of each Sub-Fund. The Management Company has, with the consent of the Company, delegated to the Investment Manager full authority to act on behalf of the Company to carry out investment management services and be responsible for the investment activities of the Company in respect of each Sub-Fund as it deems necessary in relation to the management of the assets of the relevant Sub-Fund, as is stipulated in the relevant Special Section.

The Investment Manager is a company established under Swiss law on 22 April 2005 as a public limited liability company (*société anonyme*) for an unlimited period of time with registered office at 20bis, Rue de Lausanne, CH-1201 Geneva, Switzerland. The Investment Manager is registered with the Company Register Geneva under the number CH-660-0921005-4. The Investment Manager is under the supervision of the FINMA and authorised by the FINMA as an investment manager.

The Investment Manager may delegate its functions with respect to one or more Sub-Funds, with the approval of the CSSF, the Management Company and the Company, to one or more Sub-Investment Managers as set out in the relevant Special Sections. Unless otherwise stated in the relevant Special Section, the Investment Manager is responsible for, among other matters, identifying and acquiring the investments of the Company. The Investment Manager is granted full power and authority and all rights necessary to enable it to manage the investments of the Sub-Funds and provide other investment management services to assist the Management Company to achieve the investment objectives and policy set out in this Prospectus and any specific investment objective and policy set out in the relevant Special Section. Consequently, the responsibility for making decisions to buy, sell or hold a particular



security or asset rests the Investment Manager and, as the case may be, the relevant Sub-Investment Manager appointed by it, subject always to the overall policies, direction, control and responsibility of the Board and the Management Company.

## **17. DEPOSITARY**

Bank Pictet & Cie (Europe) AG succursale Luxembourg has been designated as the Depositary Bank for the Fund pursuant to the Depositary Agreement entered into for an indefinite period.

Bank Pictet & Cie (Europe) AG succursale Luxembourg is a branch of the German credit institution Bank Pictet & Cie (Europe) AG, is situated at 15A, Avenue J.F. Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg, and is registered with the Luxembourg register of commerce and companies under number B277879. It is licensed to carry out depositary functions under the terms of Luxembourg law.

On behalf of and in the interests of the Shareholders, as Bank Pictet & Cie (Europe) AG succursale Luxembourg is in charge of (i) the safekeeping of cash and securities comprising the Fund's assets, (ii) the cash monitoring, (iii) the oversight functions and (iv) such other services as agreed from time to time and reflected in the Depositary Agreement.

### **Duties of the Depositary Bank**

The Depositary Bank is entrusted with the safekeeping of the Fund's assets. For the financial instruments which can be held in custody, they may be held either directly by the Depositary Bank or, to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations, through every third-party custodian/sub-custodian providing, in principle, the same guarantees as the Depositary Bank itself, i.e. for Luxembourg institutions to be a credit institution within the meaning of the Luxembourg Law of 5 April 1993 on the financial sector as amended or for foreign institutions, to be a financial institution subject to the rules of prudential supervision considered as equivalent to those provided by EU legislation. The Depositary Bank also ensures that the Fund's cash flows are properly monitored, and in particular that the subscription monies have been received and all cash of the Fund has been booked in the cash account in the name of (i) the Fund, (ii) the Management Company on behalf of the Fund or (iii) the Depositary Bank on behalf of the Fund.

The Depositary Bank must notably:

- perform all operations concerning the day-to-day administration of the Fund's securities and liquid assets, e.g. pay for securities acquired against delivery, deliver securities sold against collection of their price, collect dividends and coupons and exercise subscription and allocation rights;
- ensure that the value of the Shares is calculated in accordance with Luxembourg laws and the Articles of Association;
- carry out the instructions of the Fund, unless they conflict with Luxembourg laws or the Articles of Association;
- ensure that proceeds are remitted within the usual time limits for transactions relating to the Fund's assets;
- ensure that Shares are sold, issued, redeemed or cancelled by the Fund or on its behalf in accordance with Luxembourg laws and the Articles of Association;
- ensure that the Fund's income is allocated in accordance with Luxembourg laws and the Articles of Association.

The Depositary Bank regularly provides the Fund and the Management Company with a complete inventory of all assets of the Fund.

#### Delegation of functions:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Depositary Agreement, the Depositary Bank may, subject to certain conditions and in order to more efficiently conduct its duties, delegate part or all of its safekeeping duties over the Fund's assets including but not limited to holding assets in custody or, where assets are of such a nature that they cannot be held in custody, verification of the ownership of those assets as well as record-keeping for those assets, to one or more third-party delegates appointed by the Depositary Bank from time to time. The Depositary Bank shall exercise care and diligence in choosing and appointing the third-party delegates so as to ensure that each third-party delegate has and maintains the required expertise and competence. The Depositary Bank shall also periodically assess whether the third-party delegates fulfil applicable legal and regulatory requirements and will exercise ongoing supervision over each third-party delegate to ensure that the obligations of the third-party delegates continue to be competently discharged. The fees of any third-party delegate appointed by the Depositary Bank shall be paid by the Fund.

The liability of the Depositary Bank shall not be affected by the fact that it has entrusted all or some of the Fund's assets in its safekeeping to such third-party delegates.

In case of a loss of a financial instrument held in custody, the Depositary Bank shall return a financial instrument of an identical type or the corresponding amount to the Fund without undue delay, except if such loss results from an external event beyond the Depositary Bank's reasonable control and the consequences of which would have been unavoidable despite all reasonable efforts to the contrary.

An up-to-date list of the appointed third-party delegates is available upon request at the registered office of the Depositary Bank and is available on the website of the Depositary Bank:  
<https://www.group.pictet/asset-services/custody/safekeeping-delegates-sub-custodians>

#### Conflicts of interests:

In carrying out its functions, the Depositary Bank shall act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and solely in the interest of the Fund and the Shareholders.

Potential conflicts of interest may nevertheless arise from time to time from the provision by the Depositary Bank and/or its delegates of other services to the Fund, the Management Company and/or other parties. As indicated above, Depositary Bank's affiliates are also appointed as third-party delegates of the Depositary Bank. Potential conflicts of interest which have been identified between the Depositary Bank and its delegates are mainly fraud (unreported irregularities to the competent authorities to avoid bad reputation), legal recourse risk (reluctance or avoidance to take legal steps against the depositary), selection bias (the choice of the depositary not based on quality and price), insolvency risk (lower standards in asset segregation or attention to the depositary's solvency) or single group exposure risk (intragroup investments).

The Depositary Bank (or any of its delegates) may in the course of its business have conflicts or potential conflicts of interest with those of the Fund and/or other funds for which the Depositary Bank (or any of its delegates) acts.

The Depositary Bank has pre-defined all kind of situations which could potentially lead to a conflict of interest and has accordingly carried out a screening exercise on all activities provided to the Fund either by the Depositary Bank itself or by its delegates. Such exercise resulted in the identification of potential conflicts of interest that are however adequately managed. The details of potential conflicts

of interest listed above are available free of charge from the registered office of the Depositary Bank and on the following website:

<https://www.pictet.com/content/dam/www/documents/legal-and-notes/bank-pictet-cie-europe-ag/BPAG-Lux-conflicts-of-interest-register-FR.pdf.coredownload.pdf>

On a regular basis, the Depositary Bank re-assesses those services and delegations to and from delegates with which conflicts of interest may arise and will update such list accordingly.

Where a conflict or potential conflict of interest arises, the Depositary Bank will have regard to its obligations to the Fund and will treat the Fund and the other funds for which it acts fairly and such that, so far as is practicable, any transactions are effected on terms which shall be based on objective pre-defined criteria and meet the sole interest of the Fund and the Shareholders. Such potential conflicts of interest are identified, managed and monitored in various other ways including, without limitation, the hierarchical and functional separation of Depositary Bank's depositary functions from its other potentially conflicting tasks and by the Depositary Bank adhering to its own conflicts of interest policy.

The Depositary Bank or the Fund may terminate the Depositary Agreement at any time, by giving at least three months' written notice to the other party; provided, however, that any decision by the Fund to end the Depositary's appointment is subject to another custodian bank taking on the duties and responsibilities of the Depositary Bank and provided further that, if the Fund terminates the Depositary's duties, the Depositary Bank will continue to perform its duties until Depositary Bank has been relieved of all the Fund's assets that it held or had arranged to be held on behalf of the Fund. Should the Depositary Bank itself give notice to terminate the Depositary Agreement, the Fund will be required to appoint a new depositary bank to take over the duties and responsibilities of the Depositary Bank, provided, however, that, as of the date when the notice of termination expires and until a new depositary bank is appointed by the Fund, the Depositary Bank will only be required to take any necessary measures to safeguard the best interests of Shareholders.

Up-to-date information regarding the description of the Depositary Bank's duties and of conflicts of interest that may arise as well as of any safekeeping functions delegated by the Depositary Bank and any conflicts of interest that may arise from such a delegation will be made available to investors on request at the Fund's registered office.

The Depositary Bank is remunerated in accordance with customary practice in the Luxembourg financial market. Such remuneration is expressed as a percentage of the Fund's net assets and paid on a quarterly basis.

## 18. DISTRIBUTORS AND NOMINEES

The Management Company has appointed, at the request and with the consent of the Company, Quaero Capital S.A. (the **Global Distributor**) as global distributor of the Sub-Funds. The Global Distributor will provide coordination services in the context of the marketing of the Sub-Funds' Shares and will appoint one or more sub-distributors of the relevant Sub-Fund(s).

The Company and the Management Company expect that in relation to Shares to be offered to investors the Global Distributor or any sub-distributor may offer to enter into arrangements with the relevant investors to provide nominee services to those investors in relation to the Shares or arrange for third party nominee service providers to provide such nominee services to the underlying investors.

All sub-distributors that are entitled to receive subscription monies and/or subscription, redemption or conversion requests on behalf of the Company and nominee service providers must be (i) professionals of the financial sector of a FATF member country which are subject under their local regulations to anti money laundering rules equivalent to those required by Luxembourg law or (ii) professionals

established in a non-FATF member State provided they are a subsidiary of a professional of the financial sector of a FATF member State and they are obliged to follow anti money laundering and terrorism financing rules equivalent to those required by Luxembourg law because of internal group policies. Whilst and to the extent that such arrangements subsist, such underlying investors will not appear in the Register of the Company and will have no direct right of recourse against the Company.

Any sub-distributor or nominee service providers holding their Shares through Euroclear or Clearstream or any other relevant clearing system as an accountholder also will not be recognised as the registered Shareholder in the Register. The relevant nominee of Euroclear or Clearstream or the other relevant clearing system will be recognised as the registered Shareholder in the Register in such event, and in turn would hold the Shares for the benefit of the relevant accountholders in accordance with the relevant arrangements. 144A Shares will be issued in physical, certificated form only and will not be eligible for clearance or settlement through Euroclear or Clearstream or any other relevant clearing system.

The terms and conditions of the sub-distribution agreement(s) with arrangements to provide nominee services will have to allow that an underlying investor who (i) has invested in the Company through a nominee and (ii) is not a Restricted Person, may at any time, require the transfer in his name of the Shares subscribed through the nominee. After this transfer, the investor will receive evidence of his shareholding at the confirmation of the transfer from the nominee.

Investors may subscribe directly to the Company without having to go through the Global Distributor, a sub-distributor or a nominee.

The Investment Manager and Global Distributor may enter into retrocession fee arrangements with any sub-distributor in relation to their distribution services. Any such retrocession fee shall be paid by the Investment Manager and Global Distributor out of their own assets (or remuneration). The Investment Manager and Global Distributor may instruct from time to time in writing the Company and/or the Management Company to pay a part of their own remuneration directly to the sub-distributors.

## **19. FEES, COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES**

### **19.1 Fees**

#### **(a) Management Company Fee**

The Management Company is entitled to receive a Management Company Fee payable at a rate of 0.06% p.a. calculated on the average Net Asset Value of each Sub-Fund over the relevant period and subject to an annual minimum of EUR 30,000 per Sub-Fund. The Management Company reserves the right to waive all or part of such annual minimum at its entire discretion.

#### **(b) Central Administration Fee**

The UCI Administrator is entitled to receive a Central Administration Fee of up to 0.10% p.a., payable quarterly and calculated on the average Net Asset Value of each Sub-Fund over the relevant period and subject to an annual minimum of EUR 15,000 per Sub-Fund. The UCI Administrator reserves the right to waive all or part of such annual minimum at its entire discretion.

#### **(c) Depositary Fee**

The Depositary is entitled to receive a Depositary Fee up to 0.07% p.a., payable quarterly and calculated on the average Net Asset Value of each Sub-Fund over the relevant period and subject to

an annual minimum of EUR 10,000 per Sub-Fund. The Depositary reserves the right to waive all or part of such annual minimum at its entire discretion.

(d) Remuneration of the Investment Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager(s)

The remuneration of the Investment Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager(s) of each Sub-Fund are set out in the relevant Special Sections.

In addition, the Investment Manager is entitled to receive, out of the assets of each Class within each Sub-Fund, a fee corresponding to 0.20% p.a. of the Net Asset Value (the **Fixed Fee**). The Fixed Fee will cover all fees and expenses incurred in the day-to-day operation, administration and servicing of the Company and its Sub-Funds in relation to the following:

- (i) marketing and promotion expenses;
- (ii) advertising;
- (iii) costs relating to the publication of prices;
- (iv) distribution of semi-annual and annual reports and other reporting expenses;
- (v) publication and mailing of notifications and reports to Shareholders or any other type of communication to Shareholders, regulatory authorities or service providers.

Such expenses are defined and charged at the level of each Class for each Sub-Fund, are accrued at each calculation of the Net Asset Value and are paid monthly in arrears to the Investment Manager. These expenses are fixed in the sense that the Investment Manager will bear the excess in actual expenses to any such expenses charged to each Class. Conversely, the Investment Manager will be entitled to retain any amount of such expenses charged to each Class which exceeds the actual related expenses incurred by the respective Class over the relevant period of time.

The Board reserves the right to amend the level of such expenses applicable to each Class. In the event of an increase of such expenses, the concerned Shareholders will be given at least one month prior notice of such increase. During this notice period, such Shareholders may request the redemption of their Shares, free of charge.

## 19.2 Operating Expenses

The Company pays out of the assets of the relevant Sub-Fund all expenses payable by the Company which will include but not be limited to formation expenses, fees (including the Performance Fee) payable to the Management Company, Investment Manager and Sub-Investment Manager(s), fees and expenses payable to its Auditors and accountants, Depositary and its correspondents, UCI Administrator, any pricing agencies, any permanent representatives in places of registration, as well as any other agent employed by the Company, the remuneration of the Directors and officers and their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, insurance coverage, and reasonable travelling costs in connection with Board meetings, fees and expenses for legal and auditing services consultants, any fees and expenses involved in registering and maintaining the registration of the Company with any governmental agencies or stock exchanges in the Luxembourg and in any other country, reporting and publishing expenses, including the costs of preparing, printing, advertising and distributing prospectuses, explanatory memoranda, periodical reports or registration statements, all taxes, duties, governmental and similar charges, and all other operating expenses, including the cost of buying and selling assets, interest, bank charges and brokerage, postage, telephone and telex. The Company may accrue administrative and other expenses of a regular or recurring nature based on an estimated amount rateably for yearly or other periods.

Furthermore, charges and expenses borne by the Company shall include all reasonable charges and expenses paid on its behalf, including but not limited to, telephone, fax, telegram and postage expenses incurred by the Depositary on purchases and sales of portfolio securities in one or several Sub-Funds.

The Company may indemnify any director, manager, authorised officer, employee or agent, their heirs, executors and administrators, to the extent permitted by law, for all costs and expenses borne or paid by them in connection with any claim, action, law suit or proceedings brought against them in their capacity as director, manager, authorised officer, employee or agent of the Company, except in cases where they are ultimately sentenced for gross negligence. In the case of an out of court settlement, such indemnification will only be granted if the Company's legal adviser is of the opinion that the director, manager, authorised officer, employee or agent in question did not fail in his duty and only if such an arrangement is approved beforehand by the Board. The right to such indemnification does not exclude other rights to which the director, manager, authorised officer, employee or agent are entitled. The rights to indemnification provided herein are separate and do not affect the other rights to which a director, managing director, authorised officer, employee or agent may now or later be entitled and shall be maintained for any Person who has ceased their activity as director, manager, authorised officer, employee or agent.

Expenses for the preparation and presentation of a defence in any claim, action, lawsuit or proceedings brought against a Director, manager, authorised officer, employee or agent will be advanced by the Company, prior to any final decision on the case, on receipt of a commitment by or on behalf of the Director, manager, authorised officer, employee or agent to repay this amount if it ultimately becomes apparent that they are not entitled to indemnification. Notwithstanding the above, the Company may take out the necessary insurance policies on behalf of Directors, managers, authorised officers, employees or agents of the Company.

Each Sub-Fund shall pay for the costs and expenses directly attributable to it. Costs and expenses that cannot be attributed to a given Sub-Fund shall be allocated to the Sub-Funds on an equitable basis, in proportion to their respective net assets.

All revenues arising from EPM Techniques, net of direct and indirect operational costs, will be accrued to the relevant Sub-Fund.

### **19.3 Expenses resulting from investment by a Sub-Fund in other UCIs or UCITS**

To the extent that a Sub-Fund may invest in any other UCI or UCITS, additional sales commissions or redemption fees may be charged to it. The Sub-Fund may, in addition, be required to indirectly pay management fees of a maximum of 4% on account of its investment in other UCIs or UCITS. The maximum level shall also be reported in the Annual Report of the Company.

### **19.4 Formation and Launching Expenses**

Expenses incurred in connection with the incorporation of the Company and the creation of the initial Sub-Funds, including those incurred in the preparation and publication of the first Prospectus and PRIIPs KID(s), as well as the taxes, duties and any other publication expenses, have been written off over a period of five (5) years.

All fees, costs and expenses referred to in the preceding paragraph are referred to as **Formation and Launching Expenses**. Expenses incurred in connection with the creation of any additional Sub-Fund may be borne by the relevant Sub-Fund and will be written off over a period of five (5) years. Hence, the additional Sub-Funds will not bear a pro rata proportion of the Formation and Launching Expenses.

## **19.5 Retrocession fee arrangements**

Subject to the approval of the Company, the Management Company and the Investment Manager (including in its capacity as Global Distributor) may enter into arrangements whereby the Management Company or the Investment Manager agrees that part of their fees will be redirected to one or more entities, such as business introducers, as payment for services that they have provided to or for the benefit of the Company. The Management Company and the Investment Manager (including in its capacity as Global Distributor) may only enter into similar arrangements in accordance with applicable law and regulatory requirements (and, in respect of the Management Company, only where the payment is designed to enhance the quality of the services provided to the Company and does not impair compliance with the Management Company's duty to act in the best interest of the Company). The Company, the Management Company and the Investment Manager (including in its capacity as Global Distributor) may also enter into arrangements with one or more investors to the effect that they will rebate all or a portion of their fees to such investor(s), each time subject to applicable regulatory requirements and provide always that these arrangements are in the best interest of the Company and that the fair treatment of investors is ensured.

## **20. DIVIDENDS**

Each year the general meeting of Shareholders will decide, based on a proposal from the Board, for each Sub-Fund, on the use of the balance of the year's net income of the investments. A dividend may be distributed, either in cash or Shares. Further, dividends may include a capital distribution, provided that after distribution the net assets of the Company total more than EUR 1,250,000.

Over and above the distributions mentioned in the preceding paragraph, the Board may decide to the payment of interim dividends in the form and under the conditions as provided by law.

The Board may issue distribution Shares and accumulation Shares within the Classes of each Sub-Fund, as indicated in the Special Sections. Accumulation Shares capitalise their entire earnings whereas distribution Shares pay dividends.

For Classes entitled to distribution, dividends, if any, will be declared and distributed on an annual basis. Moreover, interim dividends may be declared and distributed from time to time at a frequency determined by the Board within the conditions set forth by law.

Payments will be made in the Reference Currency of the relevant Sub-Fund. With regard to Shares held through Euroclear or Clearstream (or their successors), dividends shall be paid by bank transfer to the relevant bank. Dividends remaining unclaimed for five years after their declaration will be forfeited and revert to the relevant Sub-Fund.

Dividends may be declared separately in respect of each Sub-Fund by a resolution of the Shareholders of the Sub-Fund concerned at the annual general meeting of Shareholders.

## **21. TAX ASPECTS**

### **21.1 Luxembourg**

The Company's assets are subject to tax (*taxe d'abonnement*) in Luxembourg of 0.05% p.a. on net assets (and 0.01% p.a. on total net assets in case of Sub-Funds or Classes reserved to Institutional Investors, as it is the case for the Class B and Class C Shares), payable quarterly. In case some Sub-Funds are invested in other Luxembourg UCIs, which in turn are subject to the annual subscription tax (*taxe d'abonnement*) provided for by the 2010 Act, no annual subscription tax (*taxe d'abonnement*) is due from the Company on the portion of assets invested therein.

The Company's income is not taxable in Luxembourg. Income received from the Company may be subject to withholding taxes in the country of origin of the issuer of the security, in respect of which such income is paid. No duty or tax is payable in Luxembourg in connection with the issue of Shares of the Company.

Under current legislation, Shareholders are not subject to any capital gains, income, withholding, or other taxes in Luxembourg with respect to their investment in the Shares, except for those Shareholders resident of, or established in Luxembourg, or having a permanent establishment or permanent representative in Luxembourg.

## **21.2 FATCA**

Capitalised terms used in this section should have the meaning as set forth in the FATCA Law, unless provided otherwise herein.

The Company may be subject to the so-called FATCA legislation which generally requires reporting to the US Internal Revenue Service of non-US financial institutions that do not comply with FATCA and direct or indirect ownership by US persons of non-US entities. As part of the process of implementing FATCA, the US government has negotiated intergovernmental agreements with certain foreign jurisdictions which are intended to streamline reporting and compliance requirements for entities established in such foreign jurisdictions and subject to FATCA.

Luxembourg has entered into a Model I Intergovernmental Agreement implemented by the FATCA Law, which requires Financial Institutions located in Luxembourg to report, when required, information on Financial Accounts held by Specified US Persons, if any, to the Luxembourg tax authorities (*administration des contributions directes*).

Under the terms of the FATCA Law, the Company is likely to be treated as a Luxembourg Reporting Financial Institution.

This status imposes on the Company the obligation to regularly obtain and verify information on all of its Shareholders. On the request of the Company, each Shareholder shall agree to provide certain information, including, in the case of a passive Non-Financial Foreign Entity ("NFFE"), information on the Controlling Persons of such NFFE, along with the required supporting documentation. Similarly, each Shareholder shall agree to actively provide to the Company within thirty (30) days any information that would affect its status, as for instance a new mailing address or a new residency address.

FATCA may require the Company to disclose the names, addresses and taxpayer identification number (if available) of its Shareholders as well as information such as account balances, income and gross proceeds (non-exhaustive list) to the Luxembourg tax authorities for the purposes set out in the FATCA Law. Such information will be relayed by the Luxembourg tax authorities to the US Internal Revenue Service.

Shareholders qualifying as passive NFFEs undertake to inform their Controlling Persons, if applicable, of the processing of their information by the Company.

Additionally, the Company is responsible for the processing of personal data and each Shareholder has a right to access the data communicated to the Luxembourg tax authorities and to correct such data (if necessary). Any data obtained by the Company are to be processed in accordance with the applicable data protection legislation.

Although the Company will attempt to satisfy any obligation imposed on it to avoid imposition of FATCA withholding tax, no assurance can be given that the Company will be able to satisfy these



obligations. If the Company becomes subject to a withholding tax or penalties as result of the FATCA regime, the value of the Shares held by the Shareholders may suffer material losses. The failure for the Company to obtain such information from each Shareholder and to transmit it to the Luxembourg tax authorities may trigger the 30% withholding tax to be imposed on payments of US source income and on proceeds from the sale of property or other assets that could give rise to US source interest and dividends as well as penalties.

Any Shareholder that fails to comply with the Company's documentation requests may be charged with any taxes and/or penalties imposed on the Company as a result of such Shareholder's failure to provide the information and the Company may, in its sole discretion, redeem the Shares of such Shareholder.

Shareholders who invest through intermediaries are reminded to check if and how their intermediaries will comply with this US withholding tax and reporting regime.

Shareholders should consult a US tax advisor or otherwise seek professional advice regarding the above requirements.

**TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH IRS CIRCULAR 230, EACH TAXPAYER IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT: (A) ANY TAX DISCUSSION HEREIN IS NOT INTENDED OR WRITTEN TO BE USED, AND CANNOT BE USED BY THE TAXPAYER FOR THE PURPOSE OF AVOIDING U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX PENALTIES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED ON THE TAXPAYER; (B) ANY SUCH TAX DISCUSSION WAS WRITTEN TO SUPPORT THE PROMOTION OR MARKETING OF THE TRANSACTIONS OR MATTERS ADDRESSED HEREIN; AND (C) THE TAXPAYER SHOULD SEEK ADVICE BASED ON THE TAXPAYER'S PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES FROM AN INDEPENDENT TAX ADVISER.**

### **21.3 CRS**

Capitalised terms used in this section should have the meaning as set forth in the CRS Law, unless provided otherwise herein.

The Company may be subject to the CRS as set out in the CRS Law implementing Directive 2014/107/EU which provides for an automatic exchange of financial account information between Member States of the European Union as well as the OECD's multilateral competent authority agreement on automatic exchange of financial account information signed on 29 October 2014 in Berlin, with effect as of 1 January 2016.

Under the terms of the CRS Law, the Company is likely to be treated as a Luxembourg Reporting Financial Institution.

As such, the Company will be required to annually report to the Luxembourg tax authorities personal and financial information related, inter alia, to the identification of, holdings by and payments made to (i) certain Shareholders qualifying as Reportable Persons and (ii) Controlling Persons of certain non-financial entities ("NFEs") which are themselves Reportable Persons. This information, as exhaustively set out in Annex I of the CRS Law (the "Information"), will include personal data related to the Reportable Persons.

The Company's ability to satisfy its reporting obligations under the CRS Law will depend on each Shareholder providing the Company with the Information, along with the required supporting documentary evidence. In this context, the Shareholders are hereby informed that, as data controller, the Company will process the Information for the purposes as set out in the CRS Law.

Shareholders qualifying as passive NFEs undertake to inform their Controlling Persons, if applicable, of the processing of their Information by the Company.

Additionally, the Company is responsible for the processing of personal data and each Shareholder has a right to access the data communicated to the Luxembourg tax authorities and to correct such data (if necessary). Any data obtained by the Company are to be processed in accordance with the applicable data protection legislation.

The Shareholders are further informed that the Information related to Reportable Persons will be disclosed to the Luxembourg tax authorities annually for the purposes set out in the CRS Law. The Luxembourg tax authorities will, under their own responsibility, eventually exchange the reported information to the competent authority of the Reportable Jurisdiction. In particular, Reportable Persons are informed that certain operations performed by them will be reported to them through the issuance of statements, and that part of this information will serve as a basis for the annual disclosure to the Luxembourg tax authorities.

Similarly, the Shareholders undertake to inform the Company within thirty (30) days of receipt of these statements should any included personal data be not accurate. The Shareholders further undertake to immediately inform the Company of, and provide the Company with all supporting documentary evidence of any changes related to the Information after occurrence of such changes.

Although the Company will attempt to satisfy any obligation imposed on it to avoid any fines or penalties imposed by the CRS Law, no assurance can be given that the Company will be able to satisfy these obligations. If the Company becomes subject to a fine or penalty as a result of the CRS Law, the value of the Shares held by the Shareholders may suffer material losses.

Any Shareholder that fails to comply with the Company's Information or documentation requests may be held liable for penalties imposed on the Company as a result of such Shareholder's failure to provide the Information or subject to disclosure of the Information by the Company to the Luxembourg tax authorities and the Company may, in its sole discretion, redeem the Shares of such Shareholders.

## **21.4 Other jurisdictions**

### **i) General**

Interest, dividend and other income realised by the Company on the sale of securities of non-Luxembourg issuers, may be subject to withholding and other taxes levied by the jurisdictions in which the income is sourced. It is impossible to predict the rate of foreign tax the Company will pay since the amount of the assets to be invested in various countries and the ability of the Company to reduce such taxes is not known.

It is expected that Shareholders may be resident for tax purposes in many different countries. Consequently, no attempt is made in this Prospectus to summarise the tax consequences for each prospective investor of subscribing, converting, holding, redeeming or otherwise acquiring or disposing of Shares in the Company. These consequences will vary in accordance with the law and practice currently in force in a Shareholder's country of citizenship, residence, domicile or incorporation and with his or her personal circumstances.

### **ii) Germany**

Certain Sub-Funds are managed in accordance with the so-called partial exemption regime for equity or mixed funds under GInvTA. This means that these Sub-Funds invest permanently at least 51% (**Equity Fund**) or 25% (**Mixed Fund**) of their Net Asset Value in equity participations (the **Equity Participation Ratio**). For the purpose of maintaining the Equity Participation Ratio of such Sub-

Funds, "equity participations" include (i) both listed equities (either admitted for trading at a recognized stock exchange or listed on an organized market) and (ii) equities of companies that are not real estate companies and are (a) resident in an EU or EEA state subject to income taxation for companies in that state and not exempt from such taxation or (b) in case of non-EU/EEA resident companies subject to income taxation for companies of at least 15% and not exempt from such taxation and (iii) investment units in equity funds of 51% of the value of the investment unit and (iv) investment units in mixed funds of 25% of the value of the investment unit.

When a Sub-Fund qualifies as an Equity Fund or Mixed Fund, this will be disclosed in Special Section in relation to a Sub-Fund.

## **21.5 Future changes in applicable law**

The foregoing description of Luxembourg tax consequences of an investment in, and the operations of, the Company is based on laws and regulations which are subject to change through legislative, judicial or administrative action. Other legislation could be enacted that would subject the Company to income taxes or subject Shareholders to increased income taxes.

THE INFORMATION SET OUT ABOVE IS A SUMMARY OF THOSE TAX ISSUES WHICH COULD ARISE IN LUXEMBOURG AND DOES NOT PURPORT TO BE A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF THE TAX ISSUES WHICH COULD AFFECT A PROSPECTIVE SUBSCRIBER.

THE TAX AND OTHER MATTERS DESCRIBED IN THIS PROSPECTUS DO NOT CONSTITUTE, AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS, LEGAL OR TAX ADVICE TO PROSPECTIVE SUBSCRIBERS. PROSPECTIVE SUBSCRIBERS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR OWN COUNSEL REGARDING TAX LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF ANY OTHER JURISDICTION WHICH MAY BE APPLICABLE TO THEM.

## **22. CALCULATION OF NET ASSET VALUE**

The Company, each Sub-Fund and each Class in a Sub-Fund have a Net Asset Value determined in accordance with the Articles. The reference currency of the Company is the Euro. The Net Asset Value of each Class of Shares of each Sub-Fund shall be calculated in the Reference Currency of the relevant Class, as it is stipulated in the relevant Special Section, and shall be determined by the UCI Administrator as on each Valuation Day as stipulated in the relevant Special Section, by calculating the aggregate of:

- (a) the value of all assets of the Company which are allocated to the relevant Sub-Fund in accordance with the provisions of the Articles; less
- (b) all the liabilities of the Company which are allocated to the relevant Sub-Fund in accordance with the provisions of the Articles, and all fees attributable to the relevant Sub-Fund, which fees have accrued but are unpaid on the relevant Valuation Day.

The Net Asset Value per Share shall be calculated in the Reference Currency of the relevant Sub-Fund and shall be calculated by the UCI Administrator as at the Valuation Day of the relevant Sub-Fund by dividing the Net Asset Value of the relevant Sub-Fund by the number of Shares which are in issue on such Valuation Day in the relevant Sub-Fund (including Shares in relation to which a Shareholder has requested redemption on such Valuation Day).

If the Sub-Fund has more than one Class in issue, the UCI Administrator shall calculate the Net Asset Value for each Class by dividing the portion of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Sub-Fund attributable to a particular Class by the number of Shares of such Class in the relevant Sub-Fund which

are in issue on such Valuation Day (including Shares in relation to which a Shareholder has requested redemption on such Valuation Day).

The Net Asset Value per Share may be rounded up or down to the nearest whole unit of the currency in which the Net Asset Value of the relevant Shares are calculated.

The Board of Directors may determine to have the Net Asset Value per Share calculated and published more frequently or on additional dates compared with the frequency stated for each of the Sub-funds in the Special Section to the Prospectus, for information or reporting purposes. Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, these additional calculation dates do not, in principle, give rise to a right for processing Subscription, Conversion and Redemption applications.

The allocation of assets and liabilities of the Company between Sub-Funds (and within each Sub-Fund between the different Classes) shall be effected so that:

- (a) The subscription price received by the Company on the issue of Shares, and reductions in the value of the Company as a consequence of the redemption of Shares, shall be attributed to the Sub-Fund (and within that Sub-Fund, the Class) to which the relevant Shares belong.
- (b) Assets acquired by the Company upon the investment of the subscription proceeds and income and capital appreciation in relation to such investments which relate to a specific Sub-Fund (and within a Sub-Fund, to a specific Class) shall be attributed to such Sub-Fund (or Class in the Sub-Fund).
- (c) Assets disposed of by the Company as a consequence of the redemption of Shares and liabilities, expenses and capital depreciation relating to investments made by the Company and other operations of the Company, which relate to a specific Sub-Fund (and within a Sub-Fund, to a specific Class) shall be attributed to such Sub-Fund (or Class in the Sub-Fund).
- (d) Where the use of foreign exchange transactions, instruments or financial techniques relates to a specific Sub-Fund (and within a Sub-Fund, to a specific Class) the consequences of their use shall be attributed to such Sub-Fund (or Class in the Sub-Fund).
- (e) Where assets, income, capital appreciations, liabilities, expenses, capital depreciations or the use of foreign exchange transactions, instruments or techniques relate to more than one Sub-Fund (or within a Sub-Fund, to more than one Class), they shall be attributed to such Sub-Funds (or Classes, as the case may be) in proportion to the extent to which they are attributable to each such Sub-Fund (or each such Class).
- (f) Where assets, income, capital appreciations, liabilities, expenses, capital depreciations or the use of foreign exchange transactions, instruments or techniques cannot be attributed to a particular Sub-Fund they shall be divided equally between all Sub-Funds or, in so far as is justified by the amounts, shall be attributed in proportion to the relative Net Asset Value of the Sub-Funds (or Classes in the Sub-Fund) if the Company, in its sole discretion, determines that this is the most appropriate method of attribution.
- (g) Upon payment of dividends to the Shareholders of a Sub-Fund (and within a Sub-Fund, to a specific Class) the net assets of this Sub-Fund (or Class in the Sub-Fund) are reduced by the amount of such dividend.

If, within a Class several Sub-Classes have been created, the allocation rules set out above will apply similarly to these Sub-Classes.

The assets of the Company will be valued as follows:

- (a) The value of any cash in hand or on deposit, notes and bills payable on demand and accounts receivable (including reimbursements of fees and expenses payable by any UCI in which the Company may invest), prepaid expenses and cash dividends declared and interest accrued but not yet collected, shall be deemed the nominal value of these assets unless it is improbable that it can be paid and collected in full; in which case, the value will be arrived at after deducting such amounts as the Board may consider appropriate to reflect the true value of these assets.
- (b) Securities and Money Market Instruments listed on an official stock exchange or dealt on any other Regulated Market will be valued at their last available price on the Valuation Day and, if the security or Money Market Instrument is traded on several markets, on the basis of the last known price on the main market of this security. If the last known price is not representative, valuation will be based on the fair value at which it is expected it can be sold, as determined with prudence and in good faith by the Board.
- (c) Unlisted securities and securities or Money Market Instruments not traded on a stock exchange or any other Regulated Market as well as listed securities and securities or Money Market Instruments listed on a Regulated Market for which no price is available, or securities or Money Market Instruments whose quoted price is, in the opinion of the Board, not representative of actual market value, will be valued at their last known price in Luxembourg or, in the absence of such price, on the basis of their probable realisation value, as determined with prudence and in good faith by the Board.
- (d) Any Value expressed in a currency other than the currency of the Sub-Fund will be converted into the reference currency of that Sub-Fund at the exchange rate which the Board deems applicable, having regard, among other things, to any premium or discount which they consider may be relevant and to costs of exchange.
- (e) The valuation of investments reaching maturity within a maximum period of 90 days may include straight-line daily amortisation of the difference between the principal 91 days before maturity and the value at maturity.
- (f) The liquidation value of futures, spot, forward or options contracts that are not traded on stock exchanges or other Regulated Markets will be equal to their net liquidation value determined in accordance with the policies established by the Board on a basis consistently applied to each type of contract. The liquidation value of futures, spot, forward or options contracts traded on stock exchanges or other Regulated Markets will be based on the latest available price for these contracts on the stock exchanges and Regulated Markets on which these options, spot, forward or futures contracts are traded by the Company; provided that if an options or futures contract cannot be liquidated on the date on which the net assets are valued, the basis for determining the liquidation value of said contract shall be determined by the Board in a fair and reasonable manner.
- (g) Swaps are valued at their fair value based on the last known closing price of the underlying security.
- (h) UCIs are valued on the basis of their last available net asset value in Luxembourg. As indicated below, this net asset value may be adjusted by applying a recognised index so as to reflect market changes since the last valuation.
- (i) Liquid assets and money market instruments are valued at their nominal value plus accrued interest, or on the basis of amortised costs.

- (j) Any other securities and assets are valued in accordance with the procedures put in place by the Board and with the help of specialist valuers, as the case may be, who will be instructed by the Board to carry out the said valuations.

In the context of Sub-Funds which invest in other UCIs, valuation of their assets may be complex in some circumstances and the UCI administrators of such UCIs may be late or delay communicating the relevant net asset values. Consequently, the UCI Administrator, under the responsibility of the Board, may estimate the assets of the relevant Sub-Funds as of the Valuation Day considering, among other things, the last valuation of these assets, market changes and any other information received from the relevant UCIs. In this case, the Net Asset Value estimated for the Sub-Funds concerned may be different from the value that would have been calculated on the said Valuation Day using the official net asset values calculated by the UCI administrators of the UCIs in which the Sub-Fund invested. Nevertheless, the Net Asset Value calculated using this method shall be considered as final and applicable despite any future divergence.

For the purpose of determining the value of the Company's assets, the UCI Administrator, having due regards to the standard of care and due diligence in this respect, may, when calculating the Net Asset Value, completely and exclusively rely, unless there is manifest error, upon the valuations provided either (i) by the Board, (ii) by various pricing sources available on the market such as pricing agencies (i.e., Bloomberg, Reuters, etc) or administrators of underlying UCIs, (iii) by prime brokers and brokers, or (iv) by (a) specialist(s) duly authorised to that effect by the Board. In such circumstances, the UCI Administrator shall not, in the absence of manifest error on its part, be responsible for any loss suffered by the Company or any Shareholder by reason of any error in the calculation of the Net Asset Value and the Net Asset Value per Share resulting from any inaccuracy in the information provided by (i) by the Board, (ii) by various pricing sources available on the market such as pricing agencies (i.e., Bloomberg, Reuters, etc) or administrators of underlying UCIs, (iii) by prime brokers and brokers, or (iv) by (a) specialist(s) duly authorised to that effect by the Board.

In particular, for the valuation of any assets for which market quotations or fair market values are not publicly available (including but not limited to non-listed structured or credit-related instruments and other illiquid assets), the UCI Administrator will exclusively rely on valuations provided either by the Board or by third party pricing sources appointed by the Board under its responsibility or other official pricing sources like UCIs' administrators and others like Telekurs, Bloomberg, Reuters and will not check the correctness and accuracy of the valuations so provided. If the Board gives instructions to the UCI Administrator to use a specific pricing source, the Board undertakes to make its own prior due diligence on such agent as far as its competence, reputation, professionalism are concerned so as to ensure that the prices which will be given to the UCI Administrator are reliable and the UCI Administrator will not, and shall not be required to, carry out any additional due diligence or testing on any such pricing source. So far as these assets are concerned, the sole responsibility of the UCI Administrator is to compute the Net Asset Value on the basis of the prices provided by the Board or such pricing source(s), without any responsibility whatsoever (in the absence of manifest error) on the correctness or accuracy of the valuations provided by the Board or the relevant sources.

For the avoidance of doubt the UCI Administrator will, in any case, not carry out any testing or verification regarding the correctness or accuracy of the valuations or prices received in accordance with this Section 22 of the General Section.

If one or more pricing sources are not able to provide relevant valuations to the UCI Administrator, the latter is authorised to not calculate the Net Asset Value and, consequently, not to determine subscription, redemption and conversion prices. The UCI Administrator shall immediately inform the Board if such a situation arises. If necessary, the Board may decide to suspend the calculation of the Net Asset Value in accordance with the procedures described in Section 23 of the General Section. If

the Board does not decide to suspend the Net Asset Value calculation in a timely manner, the UCI Administrator shall not be liable for the consequences of a delay in such Net Asset Value calculation.

With respect to the protection of investors in case of Net Asset Value calculation error and the correction of the consequences resulting from non-compliance with the investment rules applicable to the Company, the principles and rules set out in the CSSF circular 02/77 of 27 November 2002, as amended from time to time (**CSSF circular 02/77**), shall be applicable. As a result, the liability of the UCI Administrator in the context of the Net Asset Value calculation process shall be subject to the tolerance thresholds applicable to the Company set out in CSSF circular 02/77.

## **23. SUSPENSION OF DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE, ISSUE, REDEMPTION AND CONVERSION OF SHARES**

The Company may at any time and from time to time suspend the determination of the Net Asset Value of Shares of any Sub-Fund or Class, the issue of the Shares of such Sub-Fund or Class to subscribers and the redemption of the Shares of such Sub-Fund or Class from its Shareholders as well as conversions of Shares of any Class in a Sub-Fund:

- (a) when one or more stock exchanges or markets, which provide the basis for valuing a substantial portion of the assets of the Sub-Fund or of the relevant Class, or when one or more foreign exchange markets in the currency in which a substantial portion of the assets of the Sub-Fund or of the relevant Class are denominated, are closed otherwise than for ordinary holidays or if dealings therein are restricted or suspended;
- (b) when, as a result of political, economic, military or monetary events or any circumstances outside the responsibility and the control of the Board, disposal of the assets of the Sub-Fund or of the relevant Class is not reasonably or normally practicable without being seriously detrimental to the interests of the Shareholders;
- (c) in the case of a breakdown in the normal means of communication used for the valuation of any investment of the Sub-Fund or of the relevant Class or if, for any reason beyond the responsibility of the Board, the value of any asset of the Sub-Fund or of the relevant Class may not be determined as rapidly and accurately as required;
- (d) if, as a result of exchange restrictions or other restrictions affecting the transfer of funds, transactions on behalf of the Company are rendered impracticable or if purchases and sales of the Sub-Fund's assets cannot be effected at normal rates of exchange; and
- (e) when the Board so decides, provided that all Shareholders are treated on an equal footing and all relevant laws and regulations are applied (i) upon publication of a notice convening a general meeting of Shareholders of the Company or of a Sub-Fund for the purpose of deciding on the liquidation, dissolution, the merger or absorption of the Company or the relevant Sub-Fund and (ii) when the Board is empowered to decide on this matter, upon their decision to liquidate, dissolve, merge or absorb the relevant Sub-Fund.

Any such suspension may be notified by the Company in such manner as it may deem appropriate to the Persons likely to be affected thereby. The Company shall notify Shareholders requesting redemption of their Shares of such suspension.

## **24. GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **24.1 Auditor**

PricewaterhouseCoopers, *Société coopérative* has been appointed as Auditor of the Company.

## **24.2 Fiscal year**

The accounts of the Company are closed as at 31 December each year.

## **24.3 Reports and notices to Shareholders**

Audited annual reports of the end of each fiscal year will be established as at 31 December of each year. In addition, unaudited semi-annual reports will be established as per the last day of the month of June. Those financial reports will provide for information on each of the Sub-Fund's assets as well as the consolidated accounts of the Company and be made available to the Shareholders free of charge at the registered office of the Company and of the UCI Administrator.

The financial statements of each Sub-Fund will be established in the Reference Currency of the Sub-Fund but the consolidated accounts will be in Euro.

Audited annual reports shall be published within 4 months following the end of the accounting year and unaudited semi-annual reports shall be published within 2 months following the end of period to which they refer.

Information on the Net Asset Value, the subscription price (if any) and the redemption price may be obtained at the registered office of the Company.

## **24.4 Shareholders' meetings**

The annual general meeting of the Shareholders in the Company shall be held at the registered office of the Company or on the place specified in the convening notice on the third Friday in April of each year at 3.00 p.m. (Luxembourg time).

Notice of any general meeting of Shareholders (including those considering amendments to the Articles or the dissolution and liquidation of the Company or of any Sub-Fund) will be mailed to each registered Shareholder at least eight days prior to the meeting and will be published to the extent required by Luxembourg law in the Luxembourg Official Gazette and in any Luxembourg and other newspaper(s) that the Board may determine.

Such notices shall contain the agenda, the date and place of the meeting, the conditions of admission to the meeting and they shall refer to the applicable quorum and majority requirements. The meetings of Shareholders of Shares of a particular Sub-Fund may decide on matters which are relevant only for the Sub-Fund concerned.

## **24.5 Documents available to Shareholders**

The following documents shall also be available for inspection by Shareholders during normal business hours on any Business Day at the registered office of the Company:

- the Articles;
- the Management Company Services Agreement;
- the Investment Management Agreement;
- the Depositary Agreement;
- the Central Administration Agreement; and



- the most recent annual and semi-annual financial statements of the Company.

The above agreements may be amended from time to time by all the parties involved.

A copy of the Prospectus, PRIIPs KID(s), the most recent financial statements and the Articles may be obtained free of charge upon request at the registered office of the Company.

#### **24.6 Changes of address**

Shareholders must notify the UCI Administrator in writing, at the address indicated above, of any changes or other account information.

#### **24.7 Shareholders' recourse**

Shareholders should note that, without prejudice to any potential right of action in tort, they will in principle only be able to exercise their rights directly against the Company and that they will not have any direct contractual rights against the service providers appointed from time to time.

### **25. LIQUIDATION, MERGER OF SUB-FUNDS, CLASSES AND SUB-CLASSES**

#### **Dissolution of the Company**

The duration of the Company is not limited by the Articles. The Company may be wound up by decision of an extraordinary general meeting of Shareholders. If the total net assets of the Company falls below two-thirds of the minimum capital prescribed by law (i.e. EUR 1,250,000), the Board must submit the question of the Company's dissolution to a general meeting of Shareholders for which no quorum is prescribed and which shall pass resolutions by simple majority of the Shares represented at the meeting.

If the total net assets of the Company fall below one-fourth of the minimum capital prescribed by law, the Board must submit the question of the Company's dissolution to a general meeting of Shareholders for which no quorum is prescribed. A resolution dissolving the Company may be passed by Shareholders holding one-fourth of the Shares represented at the meeting.

The meeting must be convened so that it is held within a period of forty days from the date of ascertainment that the net assets have fallen below two-thirds or one-fourth of the legal minimum, as the case may be.

If the Company is dissolved, the liquidation shall be carried out by one or several liquidators appointed in accordance with the provisions of the 2010 Act. The decision to dissolve the Company will be published in the Luxembourg Official Gazette and two newspapers with adequate circulation, one of which must be a Luxembourg newspaper. The liquidator(s) will realise each Sub-Fund's assets in the best interests of the Shareholders and apportion the proceeds of the liquidation, after deduction of liquidation costs, amongst the Shareholders of the relevant Sub-Fund according to their respective prorata. Any amounts unclaimed by the Shareholders at the closing of the liquidation of the Company will be deposited with the *Caisse de Consignation* in Luxembourg for a duration of thirty (30) years. If amounts deposited remain unclaimed beyond the prescribed time limit, they shall be forfeited.

As soon as the decision to wind up the Company is made, the issue, redemption or conversion of Shares in all Sub-Funds will be prohibited and shall be deemed void.

## **Merger or liquidation of Sub-Funds, Classes or Sub-Classes**

If, for any reason, the net assets of a Sub-Fund or of any Class or Sub-Class fall below the equivalent of EUR 5,000,000, or if a change in the economic or political environment of the relevant Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class may have material adverse consequences on the Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class's investments, or if an economic rationalisation so requires, the Board may decide on a compulsory redemption of all Shares outstanding in such Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class on the basis of the Net Asset Value per Share (after taking account of current realisation prices of the investments as well as realisation expenses), calculated as of the day the decision becomes effective. The Company will serve a notice to the holders of the relevant Shares prior to the effective date for the compulsory redemption, which will indicate the reasons of and the procedure for the redemption operations. Registered Shareholders will be notified in writing. Unless the Board decides otherwise in the interests of, or in order to keep equal treatment between the Shareholders, the Shareholders of the Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class concerned may continue to request redemption or conversion of their Shares free of redemption or conversion charge. However, the liquidation costs will be taken into account in the redemption and conversion price. Liquidation proceeds which could not be distributed to the Shareholders upon the conclusion of the liquidation of a Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class will be deposited with the *Caisse de Consignation* on behalf of such beneficiaries until the statutory limitation period has lapsed.

Notwithstanding the powers granted to the Board as described in the previous paragraph, a general meeting of Shareholders of a Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class may, upon proposal of the Board, decide to repurchase all the Shares in such Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class and to reimburse the Shareholders on the basis of the Net Asset Value of their Shares (taking account of current realisation prices of the investments as well as realisation expenses) calculated as of the Valuation Day on which such decision shall become effective. No quorum shall be required at this general meeting and resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority of the Shareholders present or represented, provided that the decision does not result in the liquidation of the Company.

Liquidation proceeds which could not be distributed to the Shareholders upon the conclusion of the liquidation of a Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class will be deposited with the *Caisse de Consignation* on behalf of such beneficiaries until the statutory limitation period has lapsed.

All the Shares redeemed will be cancelled.

Under the same circumstances as provided in the first paragraph of this Section 25, the Board may decide to merge or consolidate the Company or one or more Sub-Funds or one or more Classes and or Sub-Classes with, or transfer substantially all or part of the Company's or any Sub-Fund's or any Class's or Sub-Class's assets to, or acquire substantially all the assets of, another Luxembourg UCITS or another Sub-Fund or another Class or Sub-Class (within the Company or another Luxembourg UCITS) with compatible investment objectives and policies in accordance with Luxembourg law and the Articles. In addition, such merger or contribution may be decided upon by the Board if it believes it to be required in the interests of the Shareholders of any of the Sub-Funds or Class or Sub-Class concerned.

Shareholders will receive shares of the surviving Luxembourg UCITS or Sub-Fund except in those situations when the Company or Sub-Fund or Class or Sub-Class is the surviving entity. Any new share received in such transaction will have the same value as any Shares relinquished in the transaction.

Such decision will be published in the same manner as described above and, in addition, the publication will contain information in relation to the new Sub-Fund or the other Luxembourg UCITS. Such publication will be made not less than one month before the date on which the merger or

contribution becomes effective in order to enable Shareholders to request redemption of their Shares, free of redemption charge, before the contribution becomes effective.

Notwithstanding the powers granted to the Board in the above paragraph, a contribution of the assets and liabilities of a Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class to another Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class of the Company may be decided by the general meeting of Shareholders of the contributing Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class. No quorum shall be required and a decision on such contribution shall be taken by a resolution passed by the majority of the Shareholders present or represented, provided that this contribution does not result in the liquidation of the Company.

A contribution of the assets and liabilities attributable to a Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class to another UCITS or to another class or sub-class of such UCITS may be decided by a general meeting of Shareholders of the contributing Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class. No quorum shall be required and a decision on such contribution shall be made by a resolution passed by a simple majority of the Shares represented.

Where contribution is to be made to a mutual investment fund (*fonds commun de placement*) or a foreign-based UCITS, such resolution shall be binding only on Shareholders who have approved the proposed contribution. The Board may also, under the same circumstances as provided above, decide to merge one Sub-Fund by a contribution into a foreign UCI. In such case, approval of the relevant Shareholders should be sought or the merger be made upon the condition that only the assets of the consenting Shareholders be contributed to the foreign UCI.

For the interest of the Shareholders of the relevant Sub-Fund or in the event that a change in the economic or political situation relating to a Sub-Fund so justifies, the Board may proceed to the reorganisation of such Sub-Fund by means of a division into two or more Sub-Funds. Such decision will be published in the same manner as described above. Information concerning the new Sub-Fund(s) will be provided to the relevant Shareholders. Such publication will be made one month prior to the effectiveness of the reorganisation in order to permit Shareholders to request redemption of their Shares free of charge during such one month prior period.

## **26. SUSTAINABILITY-RELATED DISCLOSURES**

Pursuant to EU Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector (the “SFDR”), the Company is required to disclose the manner in which Sustainability Risks (as defined in the “RISK FACTORS” section) are integrated into the investment decision and the results of the assessment of the likely impacts of Sustainability Risks on the returns of the Sub-Funds.

Unless specified in the relevant investment policy, the Sub-Funds are considered as falling within the scope of Article 6 of the SFDR as they do not promote Sustainability Factors and do not maximize portfolio alignment with Sustainability Factors.

It is expected that the Company will be exposed to a broad range of Sustainability Risks. Such Sustainability Risks are integrated into the investment decision making and risk monitoring to the extent that they represent a potential or actual material risks and/or opportunities to maximizing the long-term risk-adjusted returns.

The impacts following the occurrence of a Sustainability Risk may be numerous and vary depending on the specific risk, region and asset class. In general, where a Sustainability Risk occurs in respect of an asset, there will be a negative impact on, or entire loss of, its value.

Such assessment of the likely impact must therefore be conducted at portfolio level, further detail and specific information is given in each relevant Sub-Fund’s appendix. For the purposes of Article 7(2)

of SFDR, the Management Company confirms in relation to the Company and each Sub-Fund that it does not consider the adverse impacts of investment decisions on Sustainability Factors at the present time. The main reasons for which the Management Company is currently not considering adverse impacts is the absence of sufficient data and data of a sufficient quality to allow the Management Company to define material metrics for disclosure.

The Management Company intends to monitor the industry position closely and to update its approach in due course as the industry position evolves and further regulatory guidance is made available. Pictet Group, of which the Management Company is an integral part, has committed to comply with the provisions of a number of international and Swiss codes for responsible investment. In addition, as outlined in the Group's Sustainability & Responsible ambitions 2025, it is Pictet's intention to not only consider, but mitigate where possible, material adverse impacts of investments and operations.

## **PART B – SPECIAL SECTIONS**

## SPECIAL SECTION I: QUAERO CAPITAL FUNDS (LUX) – ARGONAUT

This Special Section is valid only if accompanied by the Prospectus. This Special Section only relates to Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Argonaut (the **Sub-Fund**).

### 1. INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The objective of the Sub-Fund is to maximise long term capital growth by investing primarily in a portfolio of micro and small capitalisation European companies. The Sub-Fund promotes environmental or social characteristics but does not have as its objective a sustainable investment and is categorized as a **SFDR Article 8 Product**. To select eligible securities, the Investment Manager performs both a financial and non-financial analysis, using ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) criterias.

More information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund is available in the dedicated SFDR Annex.

The Sub-Fund is actively managed. This means that the Investment Manager is free to select investments with the aim of achieving the Sub-Fund's objectives. The Sub-Fund uses the MSCI Europe Small Cap Net Return EUR index for performance comparison only. This index is not aligned with the ESG characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund which are achieved through an active management.

The Company may change the Sub-Fund's performance comparison benchmark index without prior notice. Any such change will be communicated to Shareholders and updated in the Prospectus at the next available opportunity.

In order to achieve this objective, the Sub-Fund will invest at least 75% of its net assets, excluding Cash and Deposits, in equities and equity-related securities (such as depositary receipts (ADRs, GDRs) and closed-end real estate investment trusts (REITs) listed on a Regulated Market) of companies quoted on European stock exchanges, applying a strongly "bottom up" stock picking approach. The Sub-Fund will aim to exploit valuation inefficiencies in the market using a strong "value" style approach and investing in companies which, at the time of purchase, are micro-capitalisation companies or, to a limited extent, in larger stocks and substantially undervalued situations where the risk/reward profile provides interesting opportunities. Micro capitalisation companies are considered companies which, at the time of purchase, form the bottom 20% by market capitalisation of the relevant stock market. Small capitalisation companies are considered companies which, at the time of purchase, have a market capitalisation of less than EUR 500 million.

The Sub-Fund is authorised to invest up to 10% of the Sub-Fund's net asset in Investment Grade debt securities (highest credit rating of the issue, as defined by Moody's, Fitch or S&P, will apply).

On an ancillary basis, in normal market conditions and for treasury purposes, the Sub-Fund can invest in Money Market Instruments, money market UCIs and in Deposits.

In addition, the Sub-Fund can hold Cash for the time necessary to proceed to re-investments. The holding of Cash is limited to 20% of the net assets of the Sub-Fund's net assets in normal market conditions. The above mentioned 20% limit shall only be temporarily breached for a period of time strictly necessary when, because of exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, circumstances so require and where the Investment Manager deems this to be in the interest of the Shareholders. The Sub-Fund will not invest more than 10% of its net assets in UCITS and other UCIs (including the money market UCIs referred to above).

For hedging and for investment purposes, within the limits set out under Section 5 of the General Section, the Sub-Fund may use all types of financial derivative instruments traded on a Regulated Market and/or OTC Derivatives provided they are contracted with First Class Institutions specialised in this type of transactions and subject to regulatory supervision. Investors should refer to Sections 7.4 to 7.13 of the General Section for special risk considerations applicable to financial derivative instruments and EPM Techniques.

**The Sub-Fund does not intend to use total return swaps, securities lending and borrowing transactions and/ or repurchase, reverse repurchase agreements transactions.**

The Sub-Fund qualifies as an Equity Fund under GInvTA.

While this Sub-Fund promotes environmental characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of the SFDR, it does not currently commit to investing in any “sustainable investment” within the meaning of the SFDR or the Taxonomy Regulation. Accordingly, it should be noted that this Sub-Fund does not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation and its portfolio alignment with such Taxonomy Regulation is not calculated. Therefore, the “do not significant harm” principle does not apply to any of the investments of this Sub-Fund.

## 2. REFERENCE CURRENCY

The Reference Currency of the Sub-Fund and of all Classes within the Sub-Fund is the Euro.

However, the Net Asset Value of each Sub-Class will be calculated and subscriptions and redemptions in each Sub-Class will be made in the currency of the Sub-Class concerned.

## 3. CLASSES AND SUB-CLASSES AVAILABLE

For the time being ten Classes are available in the Sub-Fund, with the characteristics described in the table below. All the Classes of the Sub-Fund are soft-closed.

Share Class	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Argonaut A (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Argonaut A1 (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Argonaut B (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Argonaut C (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Argonaut D (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Argonaut D1 (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Argonaut H (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Argonaut X (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Argonaut S (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Argonaut Z (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>
Sub-Classes available	EUR CHF GBP SEK USD	EUR CHF GBP SEK USD	EUR CHF GBP SEK USD	EUR CHF GBP SEK USD	EUR CHF GBP SEK USD	EUR CHF GBP SEK USD	EUR CHF GBP SEK USD	EUR CHF GBP SEK USD	EUR CHF GBP SEK USD	EUR CHF GBP SEK USD
Minimum Subscription and Holding Amount (EUR or equivalent)	10,000	1,000	1,000,000	5,000,000	Nil	500,000	Nil	5,000,000	Nil	Nil

<b>Subscription Fee</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>Global Management Fee</b>	1.5% p.a. of the Net Asset Value	Max. 1.5% p.a. of the Net Asset Value	Max 1.25% p.a. of the Net Asset Value	Max 1.0% p.a. of the Net Asset Value	Max 2.00% p.a. of the Net Asset Value	Max 1.60% p.a. of the Net Asset Value	Max 1.5% p.a. of the Net Asset Value	Max 1.25% p.a. of the Net Asset Value	Nil	Nil
<b>Redemption Fee</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>Conversion Fee</b>	Max. 1% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 1% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 1% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 1% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 1% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 1% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 1% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>Performance Fee</b>	12.5% over a hurdle rate subject to a high water mark (see Section 8 below)	12.5% over a hurdle rate subject to a high water mark (see Section 8 below)	12.5% over a hurdle rate subject to a high water mark (see Section 8 below)	12.5% over a hurdle rate subject to a high water mark (see Section 8 below)	12.5% over a hurdle rate subject to a high water mark (see Section 8 below)	12.5% over a hurdle rate subject to a high water mark (see Section 8 below)	12.5% over a hurdle rate subject to a high water mark (see Section 8 below)	12.5% over a hurdle rate subject to a high water mark (see Section 8 below)	Nil	Nil

<sup>1</sup> (acc) refers to an accumulation Class, provided that each year, the Board may propose to the holders of accumulation Shares at the annual general meeting the payment of a dividend in compliance with Luxembourg law.

<sup>2</sup> (dist) refers to a distribution Class and the Sub-Fund will distribute the net income or capital gains realised in respect of these Class(es) by way of dividends or distributions.

The Company will aim at hedging assets of the CHF Sub-Class, the EUR Sub-Class, the GBP Sub-Class, the SEK Sub-Class and the USD Sub-Class denominated in a currency other than the CHF, EUR, GBP, SEK and the USD respectively. Costs and expenses incurred in hedging transactions shall be paid for by the Sub-Class concerned. To this end, the Company, on behalf of the CHF Sub-Class, the EUR Sub-Class, the GBP Sub-Class, the SEK Sub-Class and the USD Sub-Class will use financial derivative instruments and other techniques and instruments with the aim of protecting the CHF, EUR, GBP, SEK and the USD Sub-Classes' assets against foreign exchange fluctuations. It is the intention of the Board to hedge systematically at least two-thirds of the assets in the CHF Sub-Class, the EUR Sub-Class, the GBP Sub-Class, the SEK Sub-Class and the USD Sub-Class.

For the purpose of Section 9 of the General Section, Class S Shares will be reserved for subscription, and may exclusively be held, by the Investment Manager and its Affiliates.

#### 4. ONGOING SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions to the Sub-Fund's Shares must be made using the documents available from the registered offices of the Company, the Global Distributor or a sub-distributor. Class H Shares will



remain reserved for subscription by contributing investors, Class S Shares will remain reserved for subscription by the Investment Manager and its Affiliates.

Subscriptions for Shares are accepted on each Valuation Day. Eligible Investors must submit a complete written and signed subscription request to the UCI Administrator to be received by the UCI Administrator by the Subscription Cut-off as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section. Any subscription requests received after the subscription deadline on the relevant Valuation Day will be deferred to the next Valuation Day and will be dealt with on the basis of the Net Asset Value per Share calculated on the NAV Calculation Day immediately following such next Valuation Day.

Payments for subscriptions must be received, in CHF, in EUR, in GBP, in SEK or in USD, depending on the Sub-Class concerned, by the Payment Deadline as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section.

A Subscription Fee as set out under Section 3 of this Special Section may be levied upon subscription for Shares of the Sub-Fund.

## **5. REDEMPTION**

Shares in the Sub-Fund may be redeemed on each Valuation Day. Investors must submit a complete written and signed Redemption Request to be received by the UCI Administrator, the Global Distributor or a sub-distributor by the Redemption Cut-off as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section. Redemption requests received after the Redemption Cut-off will be processed on the next following Valuation Day. In extraordinary market circumstances (to be determined in the reasonable discretion of the Board), redemption requests may be withdrawn by Shareholders until 6.00 p.m. CET two (2) Business Days before the relevant Valuation Day.

Redemption proceeds will be paid by the Depositary (on behalf of the Company) in CHF, in EUR, in GBP, in SEK or in USD, depending on the Sub-Class concerned, by the Payment Deadline as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section.

A Redemption Fee as set out under Section 3 of this Special Section may be levied upon redemptions of Shares of the Sub-Fund. Redemption proceeds may be converted into any freely convertible currency at a Shareholder's request and at his own expense.

## **6. CONVERSION**

Shares in the Sub-Fund may be converted in respect of each Valuation Day.

Shareholders in the Sub-Fund may convert all or part of their Shares into Shares of another Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class in accordance with Section 11 of the General Section.

Class S Shares may not be converted into Shares of another Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class and Shares of another Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class may not be converted into Class S Shares.

Conversion requests for Shares of another Sub-Fund must be received by the UCI Administrator before the Redemption Cut-off of the relevant divested Class. Conversion requests for Shares of other Classes available into the Sub-Fund must be received by the UCI Administrator before the Subscription Cut-off of the invested Class. Conversion requests received after the relevant deadline will be processed on the next following Valuation Day.

Conversions of Shares between Sub-Funds with different Valuation Days or NAV Calculation Days are not allowed, unless such conversion occurs on a day which is a Valuation Day or NAV Calculation Day for both Sub-Funds.

A Conversion Fee in favour of the original Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class as set out under Section 3 of this Special Section may be levied to cover conversion costs.

## 7. CUT-OFF, VALUATION DAY, CALCULATION DAY AND PAYMENT DEADLINE

<b>Cut-off</b>	<p>Subscription Cut-off: 4 p.m. CET, one (1) Business Day before the relevant Valuation Day</p> <p>Redemption Cut-off: 4 p.m. CET, fifteen (15) Business Days before the relevant Valuation Day</p> <p>Conversion Cut-off(*):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• before 4 p.m. CET, fifteen (15) Business Days before the relevant Valuation Day for conversion requests for Shares of another Sub-Fund</li> <li>• before 4 p.m. CET, one (1) Business Day before the relevant Valuation Day for conversion requests for Shares of other Classes available in the Sub-Fund</li> </ul>
<b>Valuation Day</b>	The 10th, 20th, or the following Business Day if these dates do not correspond to a day on which banks are open for business (during the whole day) in Luxembourg, the last Business Day of each month and any other date as may be determined by the Board from time to time
<b>NAV Calculation Day</b>	The first Business Day following the relevant Valuation Day
<b>Payment Deadline</b>	<p>Subscription: within two (2) Business Days from the relevant Valuation Day</p> <p>Redemption: within five (5) Business Days from the relevant Valuation Day</p>

(\*) Conversions of Shares between Sub-Funds with different Valuation Days or NAV Calculation Days are not allowed, unless such conversion occurs on a day which is a Valuation Day or NAV Calculation Day for both Sub-Funds.

## 8. GLOBAL MANAGEMENT FEE AND PERFORMANCE FEE

### Global Management Fee

The aggregate amount of fees (to the exclusion of the Performance Fee and the Fixed Fee) payable out of the assets of the Sub-Fund to the Investment Manager (including in its capacity as Global Distributor) is disclosed in respect of each Class in Section 3 of this Special Section as the **Global Management Fee**. The Global Management Fee is based on the average value of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund over the relevant period and is payable monthly in arrears.

### Performance Fee

In addition to the Global Management Fee, the Investment Manager will receive out of the assets of the Sub-Fund attributable to all Classes of Shares, except Classes S and Z Shares, a performance fee, accrued on each Valuation Day, paid annually based on the Net Asset Value (NAV), equivalent to 12.5% of the performance of the NAV per Share measured against the High Water Mark (as defined below) over a hurdle rate of 5% p.a. pro rata temporis, calculated since the last Performance Fee payment.

The Performance Fee is calculated on the basis of the NAV after deduction of all Expenses, liabilities and the Global Management Fee (but not the Performance Fee) and is adjusted to take account of all subscriptions and redemptions.

The Performance Fee is equal to the outperformance of the NAV per Share multiplied by the number of Shares in circulation during the Calculation Period. No Performance Fee will be due if the NAV per Share before Performance Fee turns out to be below the High Water Mark for the Calculation Period in question.

The High Water Mark is defined as the greater of the following two figures:

- the highest NAV per Share on which a Performance Fee has been paid; or
- the initial NAV per Share.

The performance reference period of the Sub-Fund is equal to the whole life of the Sub-Fund.

The High Water Mark will be decreased by the dividends paid to Shareholders.

Provision will be made for this Performance Fee on each Valuation Day. If the NAV per Share decreases during the Calculation Period, the provisions made in respect of the Performance Fee will be reduced accordingly. If these provisions fall to zero, no Performance Fee will be payable.

If (i) Shares were redeemed or converted into other Shares of any Class of this Sub-Fund or any Class of another existing Sub-Fund of the Company or of another UCITS during the Calculation Period and a Performance Fee is accrued for those Shares, or (ii) the assets of this Sub-Fund or of a Class of Shares are transferred to or merged with those of another Sub-Fund, category or class of Shares of such other Sub-Fund within the Company or within another UCITS, and a Performance Fee is accrued for those Shares concerned by such merger, such Performance Fee will be crystallized respectively at the date of redemption or conversion or at the effective date of the merger and it will be considered as payable to the Investment Manager at the end of the Calculation Period.

However, no Performance Fee shall crystallise where this Sub-Fund or a Class of Shares of this Sub-Fund is merged with a newly established receiving UCITS or Sub-Fund with no performance history and with an investment policy not substantially different from that of this Sub-Fund. In that case, the performance reference period of this Sub-Fund shall continue applying in the receiving UCITS or Sub-Fund.

In case of subscription, the Performance Fee calculation is adjusted to avoid that this subscription impacts the amount of Performance Fee accruals. To perform this adjustment, the outperformance of the NAV per Share against the hurdle rate until the subscription date is not taken into account in the Performance Fee calculation. This adjustment amount is equal to the product of the number of subscribed Shares by the positive difference between the subscription price and the High Water Mark adjusted by the hurdle at the date of the subscription. This cumulated adjustment amount is used in the Performance Fee calculation until the end of the relevant period and is adjusted in case of subsequent redemptions during the period.

Performance Fees are payable within 20 Business Days following the end of the Calculation Period.

The formula for the calculation of the Performance Fee is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 F &= 0 \\
 &\quad \text{If } [(B / E - 1) - T * G / 365] \leq 0 \\
 F &= [(B / E - 1) - T * G / 365] * E * C \\
 &\quad * A \\
 &\quad \text{If } [(B / E - 1) - T * G / 365] > 0
 \end{aligned}$$

The new High Water Mark	=	if F>0; D If F=0; E
Number of Shares outstanding	=	A
NAV per Share before performance	=	B
Performance Fee rate (12.5%)	=	C
NAV per Share after performance	=	D
High Water Mark	=	E
Performance Fees	=	F
Number of days since the last Performance Fee payment	=	G
Hurdle rate (5%)	=	T

**Examples:**

	NAV before Perf Fee	HWM per share	NAV per share performance	Yearly hurdle performance	Cumulated hurdle perf <sup>(1)</sup>	Perf Fee	NAV after Perf Fee
Year 1:	112.00	100.00	12.00%	5.00%	5.00%	0.88	111.13
Year 2:	120.00	111.13	7.99%	5.00%	5.00%	0.41	119.59
Year 3:	117.00	119.59	-2.16%	5.00%	5.00%	0.00	117.00
Year 4:	121	119.59	1.18%	5.00%	10.00%	0.00	121.00
Year 5:	140.00	119.59	17.07%	5.00%	15.00%	0.31	139.69

Hurdle performance since the last Valuation Day at the end of a calculation period, on which a performance fee has been calculated.

With a performance fee rate equal to 12.5%.

Year 1:

The NAV per share performance (12%) is superior to the Hurdle performance (5%).  
The excess of performance is 7% and generates a performance fee equal to 0.88.

Year 2:

The NAV per share performance (7.99%) is superior to the Hurdle performance (5%).  
The excess of performance is 2.99% and generates a performance fee equal to 0.41.

Year 3:

The NAV per share performance (-2,16%) is inferior to the Hurdle performance since the last performance fees payment (5%).

No performance fee is calculated.

Year 4:

The NAV per share performance (1.18%) is inferior to the Hurdle performance since the last performance fees payment (10%).

No performance fee is calculated.

Year 5:

The NAV per share performance (17.07%) is superior to the Hurdle performance since the last performance fees payment (15%).

The excess of performance is 2.07% and generates a performance fee equal to 0.31.

## **9. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Sub-Fund will use the commitment approach to monitor its global exposure.

## **10. PROFILE OF THE TYPICAL INVESTOR**

This is a specialist equity sub-fund designed to give exposure to European micro capitalisation companies. Although such companies have often produced very high returns for investors, they have historically been less liquid and carry a higher risk of financial distress than larger blue chip companies. Therefore, investors in this Sub-Fund should be comfortable with its potential to be more volatile than core large-cap biased equity sub-funds.

Furthermore, the Sub-Fund uses a strong "value"-based approach to investing in companies and the level of company, stock and sector weightings are not determined with reference to any index.

The Sub-Fund may, therefore, be suitable for investors with at least a five-year investment horizon looking for a specialised micro capitalisation equity strategy to complement an existing core portfolio, but who are comfortable with a return profile that may vary considerably from that of most European equity funds.

Shareholders should note that the value of their investment could fall as well as rise and they should accept that there is no guarantee that they will recover their initial investment.

## **11. SPECIFIC RISK FACTORS**

This Sub-Fund invests primarily in a portfolio of European (including the UK) micro and small capitalisation equities.

As the Sub-Fund invests in equities, investors are exposed to stock market fluctuations and the financial performance of the companies held in the Sub-Fund's portfolio. Therefore, investors may see the value of their investment fall as well as rise on a daily basis, and they may get back less than they originally invested.

Because the portfolio is invested in very small companies, which tend to be less liquid and carry greater financial risk, volatility may be higher than in a typical European equity fund.

This Sub-Fund is denominated in EUR, but will have exposure to other currencies.

Shareholders should be aware of the currency risk which may affect the portfolio of the Sub-Fund. The Company, the Management Company and the Investment Manager do not intend to systematically hedge investments denominated in another currency against the Euro.

Moreover, this Sub-Fund is highly diversified and therefore the Investment Manager believes that the Sub-Fund will be exposed to a broad range of Sustainability Risks, which will differ from issuer to

issuer. Some markets and sectors will have greater exposure to Sustainability Risks than others. However, in addition, the Sub-Fund is significantly exposed to smaller companies, which are usually less transparent and deliver less robust disclosures. The information scarcity results in a more challenging task for the Investment Manager to identify and assess the materiality of eventual Sustainability Risks. However, it is not anticipated that any single Sustainability Risk will drive a material negative financial impact on the value of the Sub-Fund.

## **SPECIAL SECTION II: QUAERO CAPITAL FUNDS (LUX) – WORLD OPPORTUNITIES**

This Special Section is valid only if accompanied by the Prospectus. This Special Section only relates to Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – World Opportunities (the **Sub-Fund**).

### **1. INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY**

#### **Investment Objective**

The investment objective of the Sub-Fund is to achieve superior absolute returns as well as superior risk-adjusted returns.

The Sub-Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective through investing primarily in Transferable Securities, on a global basis.

The Sub-Fund is actively managed. This means that the Investment Manager is free to select investments with the aim of achieving the Sub-Fund's objectives. The Sub-Fund uses MSCI World Index Hedged Net Total Return USD for performance comparison only.

The Company may change the Sub-Fund's performance comparison benchmark index without prior notice. Any such change will be communicated to Shareholders and updated in the Prospectus at the next available opportunity.

#### **Investment Policy**

In order to achieve this objective, the Sub-Fund will mainly invest in equities and equity-related securities such as American, International, and Global Depository Receipts (ADR's/IDR's/GDR's) of companies which are listed on Regulated Markets, for the purpose of gaining indirect exposure to equity and/or equity related securities where the Investment Manager or the Sub-Investment Manager feel that it is more efficient to do so, and closed-end real estate investment trusts (REITs) listed on Regulated Markets.

The Sub-Fund may also invest up to 10% of its net assets in sovereign, supranational and corporate bond issues of fixed and/or floating rate with a rating of not less than BB by Standard & Poor's, or its equivalent by Moody's or another rating agency. Where no rating is available, the Sub-Investment Manager may assign its own rating, which it deems to be the equivalent of the previously mentioned Standard & Poor's rating, or the equivalent of a rating provided by Moody's or any other rating agency. Investments in bonds are only anticipated to be made in circumstances where the Sub-Investment Manager is of the view that equity markets are not performing and an investment in bonds is in the best interests of the Sub-Fund. The Sub-Fund will not invest in contingent convertible bonds (**CoCos**).

On an ancillary basis, the Sub-Fund can invest for treasury purposes (in normal market conditions), in Money Market Instruments, money market UCIs, and in Deposits.

In addition, for treasury purposes and for the time necessary to proceed to (re) investments, the Sub-Fund can hold Cash. The holding of Cash is limited to 20% of the net assets of the Sub-Fund's net assets in normal market conditions. The above mentioned 20% limit shall only be temporarily breached for a period of time strictly necessary when, because of exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, circumstances so require and where the Investment Manager deems this to be in the interest of the Shareholders.

However, the Sub-Fund will not invest more than 10% of its net assets in UCITS and other UCIs (including ETFs and the money market UCIs referred to above). An indirect exposure of no more than

10% of the net assets of the Sub-Fund to China A Shares can be made through the investment in other UCITS and UCIs.

The Sub-Fund is authorised to invest on an ancillary basis in other Eligible Investments in accordance with the authorised investments set out under Section 5 of the General Section.

For hedging and for investment purposes, within the limits set out under Section 5 of the General Section, the Sub-Fund may use all types of financial derivative instruments traded on a Regulated Market and/or OTC Derivatives provided they are contracted with First Class Institutions specialised in this type of transactions and subject to regulatory supervision. Investors should refer to Sections 7.4 to 7.13 of the General Section for special risk considerations applicable to financial derivative instruments and EPM Techniques.

The Sub-Fund does not intend to use total return swaps, securities lending and borrowing transactions and/or repurchase, reverse repurchase agreements transactions.

The Sub-Investment Manager will use a well-defined investment process, whereby the stock screening methodology is based on the search for reasonably valued quality growth companies and undervalued companies. The screening process starts with a global geographic and sectorial medium term trend analysis, followed by a fundamental analysis and portfolio construction as follows:

1	Medium term markets trend analysis	<p>Search the universe of investment opportunities in marketable securities to identify acceptable investment candidates for further fundamental analysis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Price momentum patterns from 4,000 stocks worldwide.</li> <li>Price recovery patterns from 6,000 stocks worldwide.</li> </ul>
2	Fundamental screening	<p><u>Growth stocks</u>: search for quality growth companies trading at a reasonable valuation levels versus long term trend growth in earnings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainable cash flow analysis and reasonable leverage.</li> <li>Stable growth trend (high quality earnings streams).</li> <li>Reasonable valuation versus past and expected earnings growth.</li> <li>Reasonable prospective price earnings.</li> </ul> <p><u>Value stocks</u>: search for cheap stocks based on prudent liquidating value appraisal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reasonable leverage (net debt versus both operating cash flow and current assets).</li> <li>High current ratio.</li> </ul> <p>Low Price to book ratio and low price to tangible book value ratio.</p>
3	Company research	<p>In depth fundamental analysis with the following help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Company financial statements and news releases.</li> <li>External specialised industry analysts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>external research reports;</li> <li>access to buy side analysts from major Swiss banks.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4	Portfolio construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Predefined entry and exit levels when positions are initiated.</li> <li>Timely portfolio rebalancing due to cash inflows and outflows.</li> </ul>



The Sub-Investment Manager expects that the Sub-Fund's portfolio will be significantly different to indices or benchmarks in relation to the weightings given to industry sectors, countries and individual stocks.

The Sub-Fund is not subject to any specific geographic diversification requirements. For the avoidance of doubt, up to 25% of the Sub-Fund's net assets (excluding Cash and Deposits) may be invested in emerging markets (i.e., countries which are part of the MSCI Emerging Markets Index).

In exceptional market circumstances the Sub-Fund may allocate a higher percentage of its assets to, Money Market Instruments, money market UCIs, Deposits, but only on a temporary basis and for a period of time strictly necessary.

The Sub-Fund qualifies as an Equity Fund under GInvTA.

The investments underlying this Sub-Fund do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities as per the Taxonomy Regulation.

## 2. REFERENCE CURRENCY

The Reference Currency of the Sub-Fund and of all Classes within the Sub-Fund is the USD.

However, the Net Asset Value of each Sub-Class will be calculated and subscriptions and redemptions in each Sub-Class will be made in the currency of the Sub-Class concerned.

## 3. CLASSES AND SUB-CLASSES AVAILABLE

For the time being seven Classes are available in the Sub-Fund, with the following characteristics:

Share Class	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – World Opportunities A1 (acc) <sup>2</sup> and (dist) <sup>3</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – World Opportunities A <sup>1</sup> (acc) <sup>2</sup> and (dist) <sup>3</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – World Opportunities B (acc) <sup>2</sup> and (dist) <sup>3</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – World Opportunities C (acc) <sup>2</sup> and (dist) <sup>3</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – World Opportunities D (acc) <sup>2</sup> and (dist) <sup>3</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – World Opportunities D1 (acc) <sup>2</sup> and (dist) <sup>3</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – World Opportunities Z (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>3</sup>
Sub-Classes available	EUR CHF GBP SEK USD	EUR CHF GBP SEK USD	EUR CHF GBP SEK USD	EUR CHF GBP SEK USD	EUR CHF GBP SEK USD	EUR CHF GBP SEK USD	EUR CHF GBP SEK USD
Minimum Subscription and Holding Amount (USD or equivalent)	1,000	10,000	1,000,000	5,000,000	Nil	500,000	Nil
Subscription Fee	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Global Management Fee	Max. 1.50% p.a. of the Net Asset Value	Max. 1.50% p.a. of the Net Asset Value	Max. 1.25% p.a. of the Net Asset Value	Max. 1.00% p.a. of the Net Asset Value	Max. 2% p.a. of the Net Asset Value	Max. 1.60% p.a. of the Net Asset Value	Nil
Redemption Fee	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

<b>Conversion Fee</b>	Max. 1% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 1% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 1% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 1% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 1% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 1% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Nil
<b>Performance Fee</b>	10% subject to a high water mark (see Section 9 below)	10% subject to a high water mark (see Section 9 below)	10% subject to a high water mark (see Section 9 below)	10% subject to a high water mark (see Section 9 below)	Nil	10% subject to a high water mark (see Section 9 below)	Nil

<sup>1</sup> The Soft Closure of the Class A Shares will take effect as of and when notified upon reasonable notice on the website <https://quaerocapital.com>.

<sup>2</sup> (acc) refers to an accumulation Class, provided that each year, the Board may propose to the holders of accumulation Shares at the annual general meeting the payment of a dividend in compliance with Luxembourg law.

<sup>3</sup> (dist) refers to a distribution Class and the Sub-Fund will distribute the net income or capital gains realised in respect of these Class(es) by way of dividends or distributions.

The Company will aim at hedging assets of the CHF Sub-Class, the EUR Sub-Class, the GBP Sub-Class, the SEK Sub-Class and the USD Sub-Class denominated in a currency other than the CHF, EUR, GBP, the SEK and the USD respectively. Costs and expenses incurred in hedging transactions shall be paid for by the Sub-Class concerned. To this end, the Company, on behalf of the CHF Sub-Class, the EUR Sub-Class, the GBP Sub-Class, the SEK Sub-Class and the USD Sub-Class will use financial derivative instruments and other techniques and instruments with the aim of protecting the CHF, EUR, GBP, SEK and the USD Sub-Classes' assets against foreign exchange fluctuations. It is the intention of the Board to hedge systematically at least two-thirds of the assets in the CHF Sub-Class, the EUR Sub-Class, the GBP Sub-Class, the SEK Sub-Class and the USD Sub-Class.

#### 4. ONGOING SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions to the Sub-Fund's Shares must be made using the documents available from the registered offices of the Company, the Global Distributor or a sub-distributor.

Subscriptions for Shares are accepted on each Valuation Day. Eligible Investors must submit a complete written and signed subscription request to the UCI Administrator to be received by the UCI Administrator by the Subscription Cut-off as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section. Any subscription requests received after the subscription deadline on the relevant Valuation Day will be deferred to the next Valuation Day and will be dealt with on the basis of the Net Asset Value per Share calculated on the NAV Calculation Day immediately following such next Valuation Day.

Class C Shares are reserved for the initial investors in the Sub-Fund (the **Initial Investors**) and to any affiliate or client of such Initial Investors, as reasonably determined by the Board, provided that the Board may decide to issue additional Class C Shares to Initial Investors and any of their respective affiliates or clients thereafter in its entire discretion.

Payments for subscriptions must be received, in CHF, in EUR, in GBP, in USD or in SEK depending on the Sub-Class concerned, by the Payment Deadline as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section.

A Subscription Fee as set out under Section 3 of this Special Section may be levied upon subscription for Shares of the Sub-Fund.

## 5. REDEMPTION

Shares in the Sub-Fund may be redeemed on each Valuation Day. Investors must submit a complete written and signed Redemption Request to be received by the UCI Administrator, the Global Distributor or a sub-distributor by the Redemption Cut-off as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section. Redemption requests received after the Redemption Cut-off will be processed on the next following Valuation Day.

Redemption proceeds will be paid by the Depositary (on behalf of the Company) in CHF, in EUR, in GBP, in USD or in SEK, depending on the Sub-Class concerned, by the Payment Deadline as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section.

A Redemption Fee as set out under Section 3 of this Special Section may be levied upon redemptions of Shares of the Sub-Fund. Redemption proceeds may be converted into any freely convertible currency at a Shareholder's request and at his own expense.

## 6. CONVERSION

Shares in the Sub-Fund may be converted in respect of each Valuation Day.

Shareholders in the Sub-Fund may convert all or part of their Shares into Shares of another Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class in accordance with Section 11 of the General Section.

Conversion requests for Shares of another Sub-Fund must be received by the UCI Administrator before the Redemption Cut-off of the relevant divested Class. Conversion requests for Shares of other Classes available into the Sub-Fund must be received by the UCI Administrator before the Subscription Cut-off of the invested Class. Conversion requests received after the relevant deadline will be processed on the next following Valuation Day.

Conversions of Shares between Sub-Funds with different Valuation Days or NAV Calculation Days are not allowed, unless such conversion occurs on a day which is a Valuation Day or NAV Calculation Day for both Sub-Funds.

A Conversion Fee in favour of the original Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class as set out under Section 3 of this Special Section may be levied to cover conversion costs.

## 7. CUT-OFF, VALUATION DAY, CALCULATION DAY AND PAYMENT DEADLINE

<b>Cut-off</b>	Subscription Cut-off: 4.00 p.m. CET, one (1) Business Day before the Valuation Day Redemption Cut-off: 4.00 p.m. CET, one (1) Business Day before the Valuation Day Conversion Cut-off (*): 4.00 p.m. CET, one (1) Business Day before the Valuation Day
<b>Valuation Day</b>	Each Business Day
<b>NAV Calculation Day</b>	The first Business Day following the relevant Valuation Day
<b>Payment Deadline</b>	Subscription: within two (2) Business Days from the relevant Valuation Day Redemption: within five (5) Business Days from the relevant Valuation Day

(\*) Conversions of Shares between Sub-Funds with different Valuation Days or NAV Calculation Days are not allowed, unless such conversion occurs on a day which is a Valuation Day or NAV Calculation Day for both Sub-Funds.

## 8. INVESTMENT MANAGER AND SUB-INVESTMENT MANAGER

The Investment Manager has appointed, with the consent of the Company and the Management Company, Berger, van Berchem & Cie S.A. as sub-investment manager of the Sub-Fund (the **Sub-Investment Manager**). The Sub-Investment Manager is a company having its registered office at 26 rue de la Corraterie, Geneva, Switzerland and is regulated and authorised as a fund manager by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA).

## 9. GLOBAL MANAGEMENT FEE AND PERFORMANCE FEE

### Global Management Fee

The aggregate amount of fees (to the exclusion of the Performance Fee and the Fixed Fee) payable out of the assets of the Sub-Fund to the Investment Manager (including in its capacity as Global Distributor), is disclosed in respect of each Class in Section 3 of this Special Section as the **Global Management Fee**. The Global Management Fee is based on the average value of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund over the relevant period and is payable monthly in arrears.

The Sub-Investment Manager is remunerated by the Investment Manager out of the Global Management Fee.

### Performance Fee

The Investment Manager will receive, in addition to the Global Management Fee, out of the assets of the Sub-Fund attributable to all Classes of Shares, except Classes D and Z Shares, a Performance Fee, accrued on each Valuation Day, paid annually based on the Net Asset Value (NAV), equivalent to 10% of the performance of the NAV per Share exceeding the High Water Mark (as defined hereafter).

The Performance Fee is calculated on the basis of the NAV after deduction of all Expenses, liabilities and the Global Management Fee (but not the Performance Fee) and is adjusted to take account of all subscriptions and redemptions.

The Performance Fee is equal to the outperformance of the NAV per Share multiplied by the number of Shares in circulation during the Calculation Period. No Performance Fee will be due if the NAV per Share before Performance Fee turns out to be below the High Water Mark for the Calculation Period in question.

The **High Water Mark** is defined as the greater of the following two figures:

- the highest NAV per Share on which a Performance Fee has been paid; or
- the initial NAV per Share.

The performance reference period of the Sub-Fund is equal to the whole life of the Sub-Fund.

The High Water Mark will be decreased by the dividends paid to Shareholders.

Provision will be made for this Performance Fee on each Valuation Day. If the NAV per Share decreases during the Calculation Period, the provisions made in respect of the Performance Fee will be reduced accordingly. If these provisions fall to zero, no Performance Fee will be payable.

If (i) Shares were redeemed or converted into other Shares of any Class of this Sub-Fund or any Class of another existing Sub-Fund of the Company or of another UCITS during the Calculation Period and a Performance fee is accrued for those Shares, or (ii) the assets of this Sub-Fund or of a Class of Shares

are transferred to or merged with those of another Sub-Fund, category or class of Shares of such other Sub-Fund within the Company or within another UCITS, and a Performance Fee is accrued for those Shares concerned by such merger, such Performance Fee will be crystallized respectively at the date of redemption or conversion or at the effective date of the merger and it will be considered as payable to the Investment Manager at the end of the Calculation Period.

However, no Performance Fee shall crystallise where this Sub-Fund or a Class of Shares of this Sub-Fund is merged with a newly established receiving UCITS or Sub-Fund with no performance history and with an investment policy not substantially different from that of this Sub-Fund. In that case, the performance reference period of this Sub-Fund shall continue applying in the receiving UCITS or Sub-Fund.

In case of subscription, the Performance Fee calculation is adjusted to avoid that this subscription impacts the amount of Performance Fee accruals. To perform this adjustment, the performance of the NAV per Share against the High Water Mark until the subscription date is not taken into account in the Performance Fee calculation. This adjustment amount is equal to the product of the number of subscribed Shares by the positive difference between the subscription price and the High Water Mark at the date of the subscription. This cumulated adjustment amount is used in the Performance Fee calculation until the end of the relevant period and is adjusted in case of subsequent redemptions during the period.

Performance Fees are payable within 20 Business Days following the end of the Calculation Period. The Investment Manager may, in its sole discretion, pay a portion of the Performance Fee to the Sub-Investment Manager.

The formula for the calculation of the Performance Fee is as follows:

F	= 0 If $(B / E - 1) \leq 0$
F	= $(B / E - 1) * E * C * A$ If $(B / E - 1) > 0$
The new High Water Mark	= if $F > 0$ ; D If $F = 0$ ; E
Number of Shares outstanding	= A
NAV per Share before performance	= B
Performance Fee rate 10%	= C
NAV per Share after performance	= D
High Water Mark	= E
Performance Fees	= F

**Examples:**

	NAV before Perf Fee	HWM per share	Yearly NAV per share performance	NAV per share performance / HWM	Perf Fee	NAV after Perf Fee
Year 1:	110	100	10.00%	10.00%	1	109
Year 2:	115	109	5.50%	5.50%	0.60	114.40
Year 3:	108	114.40	-5.59%	-5.59%	0.00	108
Year 4:	112	114.40	3.70%	-2.10%	0.00	112
Year 5:	118	114.40	5.36%	3.15%	0.36	117.64

With a performance fee rate equal to 10%.

**Year 1:**

The NAV per share performance is 10%.

The excess of performance over the HWM is 10% and generates a performance fee equal to 1.

**Year 2:**

The NAV per share performance is 5.50%.

The excess of performance over the HWM is 5.50% and generates a performance fee equal to 0.6.

**Year 3:**

The NAV per share performance is 5.59%.

The underperformance over the HWM is -5.59%.

No performance fee is calculated.

**Year 4:**

The NAV per share performance is 3.70%.

The underperformance over the HWM is -2.10%.

No performance fee is calculated.

**Year 5:**

The NAV per share performance is 5.36%.

The excess of performance over the HWM is 3.15% and generates a performance fee equal to 0.36.

**10. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Sub-Fund will use the commitment approach to monitor its global exposure.

**11. PROFILE OF THE TYPICAL INVESTOR**

The Sub-Fund is ideally suited to investors with a long-term investment horizon, whose investment objective is the achievement of growth in the value of their savings, and who are willing to accept an investment strategy involving a high level of volatility and risk in the management of their savings.

**12. SPECIFIC RISK FACTORS**

This equity Sub-Fund invests primarily in a portfolio of global equities and bonds.

As the Sub-Fund invests in equities and bonds, investors are exposed to stock market fluctuations and the financial performance of the companies held in the Sub-Fund's portfolio. Therefore, investors may

see the value of their investment fall as well as rise on a daily basis, and they may get back less than they originally invested.

Moreover, the Sub-Fund is highly diversified and therefore the Investment Manager believes that the Sub-Fund will be exposed to a broad range of Sustainability Risks, which will differ from issuer to issuer. Some markets and sectors will have greater exposure to Sustainability Risks than others, however it is not anticipated that any single Sustainability Risk will drive a material negative financial impact on the value of the Sub-Fund.

Also, investors should be aware that the Sub-Fund is investing in emerging markets, which may be subject to additional political and economic risks, while stocks can be negatively impacted by low liquidity, poor transparency and greater financial risks.

However, the volatility of the Sub-Fund is managed by its diversification across a large number of companies and industry groups and through the use of a variety of hedging instruments. The volatility of the Sub-Fund is therefore normally lower than that of typical funds in the emerging markets equity asset class.

This Sub-Fund is denominated in USD, but will have significant exposure to other currencies, including the currencies of emerging market countries.

Shareholders should be aware of the currency risk which may affect the portfolio of the Sub-Fund.

### **SPECIAL SECTION III: QUAERO CAPITAL FUNDS (LUX) – INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITIES**

This Special Section is valid only if accompanied by the Prospectus. This Special Section only relates to Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Infrastructure Securities (the **Sub-Fund**).

#### **1. INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY**

The Sub-Fund aims at achieving inflation protection, earning a dividend on its investments as well as uncorrelated returns for investors. This product is intended to be used in conjunction with other strategies in order (i) to globally reduce portfolio volatility, and thereby increase the risk adjusted rate of return, or (ii) to provide protection against inflation.

The Sub-Fund is actively managed. This means that the Investment Manager is free to select investments with the aim of achieving the Sub-Fund's objectives. The Sub-Fund uses S&P Global Infrastructure Euro Net Total Return Index for performance comparison only. This index is not aligned with the ESG characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund which are achieved through an active management.

The Company may change the Sub-Fund's performance comparison benchmark index without prior notice. Any such change will be communicated to Shareholders and updated in the Prospectus at the next available opportunity.

The Sub-Fund integrates environmental and social characteristics and is categorized as **a SFDR Article 8 Product**.

More information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund is available in the dedicated SFDR Annex.

The Sub-Fund mainly invests its assets in a portfolio comprised of listed equity securities, equity-related securities (such as depositary receipts (ADRs, GDRs)) and closed-end real estate investment trusts (REITs) that are involved in or have substantial exposure to global infrastructure assets which are globally diversified (toll roads, bridges, tunnels, ports, airports, rail, electricity transmission and distribution, wireless communication towers, broadcast satellites, cable networks, education facilities, healthcare projects, energy pipelines and storage, waste management, water and waste water). The Sub-Fund may also invest in Alternative Target Funds and in Traditional Target Funds that invest in the sectors indicated above, including in UCITS compliant exchange traded funds (ETFs).

However, the investment in other UCITS and UCI shall not exceed 10% of the NAV Sub-Fund's net assets.

Up to 10% of the Sub-Fund's net assets may also be invested in Investment Grade debt securities (highest credit rating of the issue, as defined by Moody's, Fitch or S&P, will apply).

On an ancillary basis, in order to achieve the above objective and to ensure the liquidity of the Sub-Fund, the Sub-Fund may hold Money Market Instruments, money market UCIs, and Deposits term deposits.

For treasury purposes, the Sub-Fund may hold Cash. The holding of Cash is limited to 20% of the net assets of the Sub-Fund's net assets in normal market conditions. The above mentioned 20% limit shall only be temporarily breached for a period of time strictly necessary when, because of exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, circumstances so require and where the Investment Manager deems this to be in the interest of the Shareholders.



For hedging and for investment purposes, within the limits set out under Section 5 of the General Section, the Sub-Fund may use all types of financial derivative instruments traded on a Regulated Market and/or OTC Derivatives provided they are contracted with First Class Institutions specialised in this type of transactions and subject to regulatory supervision. Investors should refer to Sections 7.4 to 7.13 of the General Section for special risk considerations applicable to financial derivative instruments and EPM Techniques.

**The Sub-Fund does not intend to use total return swaps, securities lending and borrowing transactions and/or repurchase, reverse repurchase agreements transactions.**

The Sub-Fund qualifies as an Equity Fund under GInvTA.

## 2. REFERENCE CURRENCY

The Reference Currency of the Sub-Fund and of all Classes within the Sub-Fund is the Euro.

However, the Net Asset Value of each Sub-Class will be calculated and subscriptions and redemptions in each Sub-Class will be made in the currency of the Sub-Class concerned.

## 3. CLASSES AND SUB-CLASSES AVAILABLE

For the time being the following Classes are available in the Sub-Fund, with the following characteristics:

Share Class	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Infrastructure Securities A <sup>1</sup> (acc) <sup>2</sup> and (dist) <sup>3</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Infrastructure Securities A1 (acc) <sup>2</sup> and (dist) <sup>3</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Infrastructure Securities B (acc) <sup>2</sup> and (dist) <sup>3</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Infrastructure Securities C (acc) <sup>2</sup> and (dist) <sup>3</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Infrastructure Securities C1 (acc) <sup>2</sup> and (dist) <sup>3</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Infrastructure Securities D (acc) <sup>2</sup> and (dist) <sup>3</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Infrastructure Securities D1 (acc) <sup>2</sup> and (dist) <sup>3</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Infrastructure Securities Z (acc) <sup>2</sup> and (dist) <sup>3</sup>
Sub-Classes available	EUR USD CHF GBP	EUR USD CHF GBP	EUR USD CHF GBP	EUR USD CHF GBP	EUR USD CHF GBP	EUR USD CHF GBP	EUR USD CHF GBP	EUR USD CHF GBP
Minimum Subscription and Holding Amount (EUR or equivalent)	10,000	1,000	1,000,000	5,000,000	10,000,000	Nil	500,000	Nil
Subscription Fee	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Global Management Fee	Max. 1.5% p.a. of the Net Asset Value	Max. 1.50% p.a. of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max 1.25% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max 1.00% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max 0.75% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max 2.00% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max 1.60% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Nil
Redemption Fee	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Conversion Fee	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

<b>Performance Fee</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
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- <sup>1</sup> The Soft Closure of the Class A Shares will take effect as of and when notified upon reasonable notice on the website <https://quaerocapital.com>.
- <sup>2</sup> (acc) refers to an accumulation Class, provided that each year, the Board may propose to the holders of accumulation Shares at the annual general meeting the payment of a dividend in compliance with Luxembourg law.
- <sup>3</sup> (dist) refers to a distribution Class and the Sub-Fund will distribute the net income or capital gains realised in respect of these Class(es) by way of dividends or distributions.

The Company will aim at hedging assets of the CHF Sub-Class, the EUR Sub-Class, the USD Sub-Class and the GBP Sub-Class denominated in a currency other than the CHF, EUR, the USD and the GBP respectively. Costs and expenses incurred in hedging transactions shall be paid for by the Sub-Class concerned. To this end, the Company, on behalf of the CHF Sub-Class, the EUR Sub-Class, the USD Sub-Class and the GBP Sub-Class will use financial derivative instruments and other techniques and instruments with the aim of protecting the CHF, EUR, the USD and the GBP Sub-Classes' assets against foreign exchange fluctuations. It is the intention of the Board to hedge systematically at least two-thirds of the assets in the CHF Sub-Class, the EUR Sub-Class, the USD Sub-Class and the GBP Sub-Class.

#### **4. ONGOING SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Subscriptions to the Sub-Fund's Shares must be made using the documents available from the registered offices of the Company, the Global Distributor or a sub-distributor.

Subscriptions for Shares are accepted on each Valuation Day. Eligible Investors must submit a complete written and signed subscription request to the UCI Administrator to be received by the UCI Administrator by the Subscription Cut-off as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section. Any subscription requests received after the subscription deadline on the relevant Valuation Day will be deferred to the next Valuation Day and will be dealt with on the basis of the Net Asset Value per Share calculated on the NAV Calculation Day immediately following such next Valuation Day.

Payments for subscriptions must be received, in CHF, in EUR, in GBP or in USD, depending on the Sub-Class concerned, by the Payment Deadline as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section.

A Subscription Fee as set out under Section 3 of this Special Section may be levied upon subscription for Shares of the Sub-Fund.

#### **5. REDEMPTION**

Shares in the Sub-Fund may be redeemed on each Valuation Day. Investors must submit a complete written and signed Redemption Request to be received by the UCI Administrator, the Global Distributor or a sub-distributor by the Redemption Cut-off as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section. Redemption requests received after the Redemption Cut-off will be processed on the next following Valuation Day.

Redemption proceeds will be paid by the Depositary (on behalf of the Company) in CHF, in EUR, in GBP or in USD, depending on the Sub-Class concerned, by the Payment Deadline as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section.

A Redemption Fee as set out under Section 3 of this Special Section may be levied upon redemptions of Shares of the Sub-Fund. Redemption proceeds may be converted into any freely convertible currency at a Shareholder's request and at his own expense.

## 6. CONVERSION

Shares in the Sub-Fund may be converted in respect of each Valuation Day.

Shareholders in the Sub-Fund may convert all or part of their Shares into Shares of another Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class in accordance with Section 11 of the General Section.

Conversion requests for Shares of another Sub-Fund must be received by the UCI Administrator before the Redemption Cut-off of the relevant divested Class. Conversion requests for Shares of other Classes available into the Sub-Fund must be received by the UCI Administrator before the Subscription Cut-off of the invested Class. Conversion requests received after the relevant deadline will be processed on the next following Valuation Day.

Conversions of Shares between Sub-Funds with different Valuation Days or NAV Calculation Days are not allowed, unless such conversion occurs on a day which is a Valuation Day or NAV Calculation Day for both Sub-Funds.

A Conversion Fee in favour of the original Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class as set out under Section 3 of this Special Section may be levied to cover conversion costs.

## 7. CUT-OFF, VALUATION DAY, CALCULATION DAY AND PAYMENT DEADLINE

<b>Cut-off</b>	Subscription Cut-off: 4 p.m. CET, one (1) Business Day before the relevant Valuation Day Redemption Cut-off: 4 p.m. CET, one (1) Business Days before the relevant Valuation Day Conversion Cut-off(*): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>before 4 p.m. CET, one (1) Business Days before the relevant Valuation Day for conversion requests for Shares of another Sub-Fund</li> <li>before 4 p.m. CET, one (1) Business Day before the relevant Valuation Day for conversion requests for Shares of other Classes available in the Sub-Fund</li> </ul>
<b>Valuation Day</b>	Each Business Day
<b>NAV Calculation Day</b>	The first Business Day following the relevant Valuation Day
<b>Payment Deadline</b>	Subscription: within two (2) Business Days after the relevant Valuation Day Redemption: within five (5) Business Days from the relevant Valuation Day

(\*) Conversions of Shares between Sub-Funds with different Valuation Days or NAV Calculation Days are not allowed, unless such conversion occurs on a day which is a Valuation Day or NAV Calculation Day for both Sub-Funds.

## 8. GLOBAL MANAGEMENT FEE

The aggregate amount of fees (to the exclusion of the Fixed Fee) payable out of the assets of the Sub-Fund to the Investment Manager (including in its capacity as Global Distributor) is disclosed in respect of each Class in Section 3 of this Special Section as the **Global Management Fee**. The Global

Management Fee is based on the average value of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund over the relevant period and is payable monthly in arrears.

## **9. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Sub-Fund will use the commitment approach to monitor its global exposure.

## **10. PROFILE OF THE TYPICAL INVESTOR**

This Sub-Fund is aimed at investors who wish to benefit from the performance of shares on the different target financial markets. The Sub-Fund may, therefore, be suitable for investors with at least a five year investment horizon. Investors are advised to invest only a part of their assets in the Sub-Fund. Investors should in particular refer to the risk factors set out in Section 7 of the General Section.

Shareholders should note that the value of their investment could fall as well as rise and they should accept that there is no guarantee that they will recover their initial investment.

## **11. SPECIFIC RISK FACTORS**

This Sub-Fund is exposed to the risks described in Section 7 of the General Section. The Sub-Fund is also exposed to the following specific risk factors:

### **Commodity related risk**

Investing in commodity-linked derivative instruments may subject a portfolio to greater volatility than investments in traditional securities. The value of commodity-linked derivative instruments may be affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity index volatility, changes in interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, livestock disease, embargoes, tariffs and international economic, political and regulatory developments.

### **Real estate industry risk**

Although no portfolio may invest directly in real estate, it may invest in securities issued by companies active in the real estate sector. Therefore, an investment in the Sub-Fund is subject to certain risks associated with the direct ownership of real estate and with the real estate industry in general. These risks include, among others: possible declines in the value of real estate; risks related to general and local economic conditions; possible lack of availability of mortgage funds; overbuilding; extended vacancies of properties; increases in competition, property taxes and operating expenses; changes in zoning laws; costs resulting from the clean-up of, and liability to third parties for damages resulting from, environmental problems; casualty or condemnation losses; uninsured damages from floods, earthquakes or other natural disasters; limitations on and variation in rents and changes in interest rates. As the frequency of extreme weather events increases, the Sub-Fund exposure to these events increases too.

To the extent that assets underlying such investments are concentrated geographically, by property type or in certain other respects, a portfolio may be subject to certain of the foregoing risks to a greater extent. Investments by the Sub-Fund in securities of companies providing mortgage servicing will be subject to the risks associated with refinancing and their impact on servicing rights. Finally, being an important contributor of global carbon emissions and being energy intensive, the industry face great regulatory and public pressure calling for improvement in energy and water management in order to reduce emissions. Effort to cope with this pressure may impose higher financial input which could impede the total performance of the Sub-Fund. On the contrary, failure to cope with this pressure may lead to reputational damage which could also impede the Sub-Fund return.

**Industry/Sector risk**

The Sub-Fund may invest in particular industries or sectors. Market or economic factors affecting one of those industries or sectors or group of related industries could have a major effect on the value of the Sub-Fund's investments.

**Currency risk**

Shareholders should be aware of the currency risk which may affect the portfolio of the Sub-Fund. This Sub-Fund is denominated in EUR, but will have exposure to other currencies. The Company, the Management Company and the Investment Manager do not intend to systematically hedge investments denominated in another currency against the EUR. As a consequence, the investor bears the risk of a loss consequent to a strategy exposure in a market whose trading currency differs from the reference currency of the invested Sub-Class.

Therefore, investors may see the value of their investment fall as well as rise on a daily basis, and they may get back less than they originally invested.

**Infrastructure industry risk**

The Sub-Fund is exposed to a range of Sustainability Risks due to its investments in the infrastructure sector. Sustainability Risks in this sector will vary by many factors such as infrastructure type, geography, level of duty of care and due diligence implemented and monitored by the employer as well as national standards. For example, health and safety regulations will provide necessary guidelines on the handling of large and dangerous equipment, exposure to hazardous substances such as lead, asbestos etc. for example in construction work. In the event of lack of proper control systems, several events (death, physical injury, diseases etc.) can pose liability and reputational risks to the company which can affect the company's cash flows and ability to continue to operate. In these events, the value of the returns of the Sub-Fund can be impacted.

## **SPECIAL SECTION IV: QUAERO CAPITAL FUNDS (LUX) – ACCESSIBLE CLEAN ENERGY**

This Special Section is valid only if accompanied by the Prospectus. This Special Section only relates to Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Accessible Clean Energy (the **Sub-Fund**).

### **1. INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY**

The investment objective of the Sub-Fund is to contribute to decarbonisation and the transition by investing in companies that enable the clean energy transition and taking an active role along the clean energy value chain while outperforming global equity markets (mid-large capitalizations). The Sub-Fund is categorized as **a SFDR Article 9 Product**. There can be no assurance that the Sub-Fund will achieve its objectives.

The Sub-Fund is actively managed. This means that the Sub-Investment Manager is free to select investments with the aim of achieving the Sub-Fund's objectives. The Sub-Fund uses the MSCI World Net Total Return Index denominated in the relevant Reference Currency for calculation of the Performance Fee (combined with a High Water Mark, as defined and further described below).

The Company may change the Sub-Fund's performance comparison benchmark index without prior notice. Any such change will be communicated to Shareholders and updated in the Prospectus at the next available opportunity.

The Sub-Fund's assets will consist mainly of equities and equity related securities (such as depositary receipts (ADRs, GDRs) and closed-end real estate investment trusts (REITs) listed on Regulated Markets) of companies whose primary business lies along the clean energy value chain including (i) clean energy technology development and production including solar, wind, bioenergy, hydraulic, geothermal energy; (ii) renewable energy transmission and distribution; (iii) smart grid management; (iv) energy storage technologies including hydrogen and batteries; (v) carbon capture and renewable energy services; (vi) raw materials used in the clean energy value chain; (vii) and energy efficiency including energy efficient products, systems and processes.

More information about the sustainable investment objective of the Sub-Fund is available in the dedicated SFDR Annex.

Up to 10% of the Sub-Fund's net assets may also be invested in Investment Grade debt securities (highest credit rating of the issue, as defined by Moody's, Fitch or S&P, will apply).

On an ancillary basis, the Sub-Fund can

- (i) invest in shares or units of UCITS and other UCIs (including ETFs); and
- (ii) for treasury purposes (in normal market conditions), invest in Money Market Instruments, money market UCIs, and in Deposits.

In addition, for treasury purposes and for the time necessary to proceed to (re)investments, the Sub-Fund can hold Cash. The holding of Cash is limited to 20% of the net assets of the Sub-Fund's net assets in normal market conditions. The above mentioned 20% limit shall only be temporarily breached for a period of time strictly necessary when, because of exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, circumstances so require and where the Investment Manager deems this to be in the interest of the Shareholders.

However, the Sub-Fund cannot invest more than 10% of its net assets in shares or units of UCITS and other UCIs.

It is not the intention of the Sub-Investment Manager to invest more than 20% of its net assets in emerging markets. However, in case of opportunities or changes in the clean energy market sector, the Sub-Fund may invest up to 50% of its net assets in emerging markets.

For hedging and for investment purposes, within the limits set out under Section 5 of the General Section, the Sub-Fund may use all types of financial derivative instruments traded on a Regulated Market and/or OTC Derivatives provided they are contracted with First Class Institutions specialised in this type of transactions and subject to regulatory supervision. Investors should refer to Sections 7.4 to 7.13 of the General Section for special risk considerations applicable to financial derivative instruments and EPM Techniques.

**The Sub-Fund does not intend to use total return swap, securities lending and borrowing transactions and/ or repurchase, reverse repurchase agreements transactions.**

Nevertheless, in normal market conditions, the Sub-Investment Manager intends to use only currency derivatives (such as forward foreign exchange contracts).

If the Sub-Investment Manager considers this to be in the best interest of the Shareholders, the Sub-Fund may also hold, on a temporary basis and for defensive purposes, up to 100% of its net assets in cash and cash equivalents, such as cash deposits, money market UCIs (within the related above-mentioned 10% limit) and Money Market Instruments.

The Sub-Fund qualifies as an Equity Fund under GInvTA.

The Sub-Fund contributes to the following environmental objectives set out in the Article 9 of the Taxonomy Regulation: (a) climate change mitigation; (b) climate change adaptation. It is therefore required under the Taxonomy Regulation to disclose information about the environmental objectives to which it contributes and the environmentally sustainable investments made.

More information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund is available in the dedicated SFDR Annex.

## **2. REFERENCE CURRENCY**

The Reference Currency of the Sub-Fund and of all Classes within the Sub-Fund is the USD.

However, the Net Asset Value of each Sub-Class will be calculated and subscriptions and redemptions in each Sub-Class will be made in the currency of the Sub-Class concerned.

## **3. CLASSES AND SUB-CLASSES AVAILABLE**

For the time being the following Classes are available in the Sub-Fund, with the following characteristics:

Share Class	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Accessible Clean Energy A (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Accessible Clean Energy A1 (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Accessible Clean Energy B (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Accessible Clean Energy C (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Accessible Clean Energy D (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Accessible Clean Energy D1 (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Accessible Clean Energy D2 (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Accessible Clean Energy Z (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Accessible Clean Energy X <sup>3</sup> (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>
Sub-Classes available	EUR EUR (non hedged) CHF GBP SEK USD	EUR EUR (non hedged) CHF GBP SEK USD	EUR EUR (non hedged) CHF GBP SEK USD	EUR EUR (non hedged) CHF GBP SEK USD	EUR EUR (non hedged) CHF GBP SEK USD	EUR EUR (non hedged) CHF GBP SEK USD	EUR EUR (non hedged) CHF GBP SEK USD	EUR EUR (non hedged) CHF GBP SEK USD	EUR EUR (non hedged) CHF GBP SEK USD
Minimum Subscription and Holding Amount (USD or equivalent)	10,000	1,000	1,000,000	5,000,000	Nil	500,000	1,000	Nil	20,000,000
Subscription Fee	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Global Management Fee	Max. 1.5% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 1.5% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 1.25% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 1% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 2.00% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 1,60% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 2,40% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Nil	Max. 0.75% of the Net Asset Value per Share
Redemption Fee	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Conversion Fee	Max. 1% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 1% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 1% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 1% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 1% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 1% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 1% of the Net Asset Value per Share	Nil	Max. 1% of the Net Asset Value per Share
Performance Fee	12% over the return of the Benchmark Index subject to a High Water Mark (See Section 9 below)	12% over the return of the Benchmark Index subject to a High Water Mark (See Section 9 below)	12% over the return of the Benchmark Index subject to a High Water Mark (See Section 9 below)	12% over the return of the Benchmark Index subject to a High Water Mark (See Section 9 below)	12% over the return of the Benchmark Index subject to a High Water Mark (See Section 9 below)	12% over the return of the Benchmark Index subject to a High Water Mark (See Section 9 below)	12% over the return of the Benchmark Index subject to a High Water Mark (See Section 9 below)	Nil	Nil

<sup>1</sup> (acc) refers to an accumulation Class, provided that each year, the Board may propose to the holders of accumulation Shares at the annual general meeting the payment of a dividend in compliance with Luxembourg law.



<sup>2</sup> (dist) refers to a distribution Class and the Sub-Fund will distribute the net income or capital gains realised in respect of these Class(es) by way of dividends or distributions.

The Company will aim at hedging assets of the CHF Sub-Class, the EUR Sub-Class, the GBP Sub-Class, the SEK Sub-Class and the USD Sub-Class denominated in a currency other than the CHF, EUR, GBP, SEK and the USD respectively. Costs and expenses incurred in hedging transactions shall be paid for by the Sub-Class concerned. To this end, the Company, on behalf of the CHF Sub-Class, the EUR Sub-Class, the GBP Sub-Class, the SEK Sub-Class and the USD Sub-Class will use financial derivative instruments and other techniques and instruments to protect the CHF, EUR, GBP, SEK and the USD Sub-Classes' assets against foreign exchange fluctuations. The Board intends to hedge systematically at least two-thirds of the assets in the CHF Sub-Class, the EUR Sub-Class, the GBP Sub-Class, the SEK Sub-Class and the USD Sub-Class.

#### **4. ONGOING SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Subscriptions to the Sub-Fund's Shares must be made using the documents available from the registered offices of the Company, the Global Distributor or a sub-distributor.

Subscriptions for Shares, in amounts and number of Shares, are accepted on each Valuation Day. Eligible Investors must submit a complete written and signed subscription request to the UCI Administrator to be received by the UCI Administrator by the Subscription Cut-off as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section. Any subscription requests received after the subscription deadline on the relevant Valuation Day will be deferred to the next Valuation Day and will be dealt with on the basis of the Net Asset Value per Share calculated on the NAV Calculation Day immediately following such next Valuation Day.

Payments for subscriptions must be received, in EUR, CHF, GBP, SEK or in USD, depending on the Sub-Class concerned, by the Payment Deadline as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section.

A Subscription Fee as set out under Section 3 of this Special Section may be levied upon subscription for Shares of the Sub-Fund.

#### **5. REDEMPTION**

Shares in the Sub-Fund may be redeemed on each Valuation Day. Investors must submit a complete written and signed Redemption Request to be received by the UCI Administrator, the Global Distributor or a sub-distributor by the Redemption Cut-off as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section. Redemption requests received after the Redemption Cut-off will be processed on the next following Valuation Day.

Redemption proceeds will be paid by the Depositary (on behalf of the Company) in EUR, CHF, GBP, SEK or in USD, depending on the Sub-Class concerned, by the Payment Deadline as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section.

A Redemption Fee as set out under Section 3 of this Special Section may be levied upon redemptions of Shares of the Sub-Fund. Redemption proceeds may be converted into any freely convertible currency at a Shareholder's request and at his own expense.

#### **6. CONVERSION**

Shares in the Sub-Fund may be converted in respect of each Valuation Day.

Shareholders in the Sub-Fund may convert all or part of their Shares into Shares of another Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class in accordance with Section 11 of the General Section.

Conversion requests for Shares of another Sub-Fund must be received by the UCI Administrator before the Redemption Cut-off of the relevant divested Class. Conversion requests for Shares of other Classes available into the Sub-Fund must be received by the UCI Administrator before the Subscription Cut-off of the invested Class. Conversion requests received after the relevant deadline will be processed on the next following Valuation Day.

Conversions of Shares between Sub-Funds with different Valuation Days or NAV Calculation Days are not allowed, unless such conversion occurs on a day which is a Valuation Day or NAV Calculation Day for both Sub-Funds.

A Conversion Fee in favour of the original Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class as set out under Section 3 of this Special Section may be levied to cover conversion costs.

## 7. CUT-OFF, VALUATION DAY, CALCULATION DAY AND PAYMENT DEADLINE

Cut-off	<p>Subscription Cut-off: 4 p.m. CET, one (1) Business Day before the relevant Valuation Day</p> <p>Redemption Cut-off: 4 p.m. CET, one (1) Business Days before the relevant Valuation Day</p> <p>Conversion Cut-off(*):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• before 4 p.m. CET, one (1) Business Days before the relevant Valuation Day for conversion requests for Shares of another Sub-Fund</li> <li>• before 4 p.m. CET, one (1) Business Day before the relevant Valuation Day for conversion requests for Shares of other Classes available in the Sub-Fund</li> </ul>
Valuation Day	Each Business Day
NAV Calculation Day	The first Business Day following the relevant Valuation Day
Payment Deadline	<p>Subscription: within two (2) Business Days after the relevant Valuation Day</p> <p>Redemption: within five (5) Business Days after the relevant Valuation Day</p>

(\*) Conversions of Shares between Sub-Funds with different Valuation Days or NAV Calculation Days are not allowed, unless such conversion occurs on a day which is a Valuation Day or NAV Calculation Day for both Sub-Funds.

## 8. INVESTMENT MANAGER AND SUB-INVESTMENT MANAGER

The Investment Manager has appointed, with the consent of the Company and the Management Company, Quaero Capital (France) S.A.S. as sub-investment manager of the Sub-Fund (the **Sub-Investment Manager**). The Sub-Investment Manager is a company having its registered office at 4-8 Rue Daru, 75008 Paris, France and regulated and authorised under number GB-14000016 by the *Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF)*.

## 9. GLOBAL MANAGEMENT FEE AND PERFORMANCE FEE

### Global Management Fee

The aggregate amount of fees (to the exclusion of the Fixed Fee and the Performance Fee) payable out of the assets of the Sub-Fund to the Investment Manager (including in its capacity as Global Distributor) is disclosed in respect of each Class in Section 3 of this Special Section as the **Global Management Fee**. The Global Management Fee is based on the average value of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund over the relevant period and is payable monthly in arrears.

## Performance Fee

In addition to the Global Management Fee, the Investment Manager will receive out of the assets of the Sub-Fund attributable to all Classes of Shares, a Performance Fee, accrued on each Valuation Day, paid annually based on the Net Asset Value (NAV), equivalent to such percentage as set out in respect of the relevant Class in Section 3 of this Special Section (the “**Performance Fee Rate**”) of the performance of the NAV per Share measured against the High Water Mark over the return of the Benchmark Index (denominated in the relevant Reference Currency) calculated since the last Performance Fee payment.

<b>Benchmark Index</b>	MSCI World Net Total Return Index
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The Sub-Fund is using the above mentioned Benchmark Index within the meaning of the Benchmarks Regulation. As a result, the Management Company with the cooperation of the Fund has adopted written plans setting out actions, which it will take in the event that the above benchmark materially changes or ceases to be provided (the "Contingency Plans"), as required by article 28(2) of the Benchmarks Regulation. Investors may access the Contingency Plan free of charge upon request at the registered office of the Management Company.

The Benchmark Index is being provided by MSCI Limited, in its capacity as administrator, as defined in the Benchmarks Regulation. As non-located in the EU, this administrator benefits from a transitional period until 31 December 2023 to apply for recognition or endorsement under the Benchmarks Regulation.

The Performance Fee is calculated on the basis of the NAV after deduction of all Expenses, liabilities and the Global Management Fee (but not the Performance Fee) and is adjusted to take account of all subscriptions and redemptions.

The Performance Fee is equal to the outperformance of the NAV per Share multiplied by the number of Shares in circulation during the Calculation Period. No Performance Fee will be due if the NAV per Share before Performance Fee turns out to be below the High Water Mark for the Calculation Period in question.

The **High Water Mark** is defined as the greater of the following two figures:

- the last NAV per Share on which a Performance Fee has been paid; or
- the initial NAV per Share.

The performance reference period of the Sub-Fund is equal to the whole life of the Sub-Fund.

The High Water Mark will be decreased by the dividends paid to Shareholders.

If the performance of the NAV per Share is negative against the High Water Mark at the end of the Calculation Period, no Performance Fee will be paid.

If the performance of the NAV per Share against the High Water Mark is positive, but the performance of the Benchmark Index is negative, the calculated Performance Fee will be based on the minimum between (i) the absolute performance of the NAV per Share against the High Water Mark and (ii) the Performance Fee Rate applied to the outperformance over the Benchmark Index, as further described in the formula below.

Provision will be made for this Performance Fee on each Valuation Day. If the NAV per Share decreases during the Calculation Period, the provisions made in respect of the Performance Fee will be reduced accordingly. If these provisions fall to zero, no Performance Fee will be payable.

If (i) Shares were redeemed or converted into other Shares of any Class of this Sub-Fund or any Class of another existing Sub-Fund of the Company or of another UCITS during the Calculation Period and a Performance Fee is accrued for those Shares, or (ii) the assets of this Sub-Fund or of a Class of Shares are transferred to or merged with those of another Sub-Fund, category or class of Shares of such other Sub-Fund within the Company or within another UCITS, and a Performance Fee is accrued for those Shares concerned by such merger, such Performance Fee will be crystallized respectively at the date of redemption or conversion or at the effective date of the merger and it will be considered as payable to the Investment Manager at the end of the Calculation Period.

However, no Performance Fee shall crystallise where this Sub-Fund or a Class of Shares of this Sub-Fund is merged with a newly established receiving UCITS or Sub-Fund with no performance history and with an investment policy not substantially different from that of this Sub-Fund. In that case, the performance reference period of this Sub-Fund shall continue applying in the receiving UCITS or Sub-Fund.

In case of subscription, the Performance Fee calculation is adjusted to avoid that this subscription impacts the amount of Performance Fee accruals. To perform this adjustment, the outperformance of the NAV per Share against the return of the Benchmark Index until the subscription date is not taken into account in the Performance Fee calculation. This adjustment amount is equal to the product of the number of subscribed Shares by the positive difference between the subscription price and the High Water Mark adjusted by the return of the Benchmark Index at the date of the subscription. This cumulated adjustment amount is used in the Performance Fee calculation until the end of the relevant period and is adjusted in case of subsequent redemptions during the period.

Performance Fees are payable within 20 Business Days following the end of the relevant Calculation Period. The Investment Manager may, in its sole discretion, pay or direct the payment of, a portion of the Performance Fee to the Sub-Investment Manager.

The formula for the calculation of the Performance Fee is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 F &= 0 \\
 &\quad \text{If } [(B / E - 1) - (G / H - 1)] \leq 0 \\
 &\quad \text{Or if } B \leq E \\
 \\
 F &= [(B / E - 1) - (G / H - 1)] * E * C * A \\
 &\quad \text{If } [(B / E - 1) - (G / H - 1)] > 0 \\
 &\quad \text{And if } B > E \\
 &\quad \text{And if } G > H \\
 \\
 F &= \text{MIN} [(B / E - 1) ; ((B / E - 1) - (G / H - 1)) * C] * E * A \\
 &\quad \text{If } [(B / E - 1) - (G / H - 1)] > 0 \\
 &\quad \text{And if } B > E \\
 &\quad \text{And if } G < H \\
 \\
 \text{The new High Water Mark} &= \text{If } F=0 \Rightarrow E \\
 &\quad \text{If } F>0 \Rightarrow D
 \end{aligned}$$

Number of Shares outstanding	=	A
NAV per Share before performance	=	B
Performance Fee Rate	=	C
NAV per Share after performance	=	D
High Water Mark	=	E
Performance Fee	=	F
Benchmark value at the Valuation Day	=	G
Benchmark value at the last Performance Fees payment date	=	H

The past performance against the Benchmark Index is disclosed in the relevant PRIIPs KID.

**Examples:**

	NAV before Perf Fee	HWM per share	NAV per share performance	Yearly benchmark performance	Cumulated benchmark performance <sup>(1)</sup>	Perf Fee	Max Perf Fee (NAV - HWM)	NAV after Perf Fee
Year 1:	112.00	100.00	12.00%	2.00%	2.00%	1.20	12.00	110.80
Year 2:	121.00	110.80	9.21%	-1.00%	-1.00%	1.36	10.20	119.64
Year 3:	117.00	119.64	-2.21%	-1.00%	-1.00%	0.00	0.00	117.00
Year 4:	120.00	119.64	0.30%	4.00%	3.00%	0.00	0.00	120.00
Year 5:	119.70	119.64	0.05%	-4.00%	-1.00%	0.15	0.06	119.64

*(1) Benchmark performance since the last Valuation Day at the end of a calculation period, on which a performance fee has been calculated.*

**Year 1:**

The NAV per share performance against the HWM (12%) is superior to the return of the Benchmark Index (2%).

The excess of performance against the HWM over the Benchmark Index is 10% and generates a performance fee equal to 1.20.

The HWM is set at 110.80 after the payment of the Performance Fee.

**Year 2:**

The NAV per share performance against the HWM (9,21%) is superior to the return of the Benchmark Index (-1%).

The return of the Benchmark Index is negative, therefore the Performance Fee shall be equal to the minimum between:

-Absolute performance against the HWM, i.e. 10.20 (9.21% of 110.80)

-12% of the outperformance over the return of the Benchmark Index, i.e.  $1.36 [(9.21\% - (-1\%)) * 12\%]$  of 110.80)

The excess of performance generates a performance fee equal to 1.36.

The HWM is set at 119.64 after the payment of the Performance Fee.

Year 3:

The NAV per share performance against the HWM (-2.21%) is negative.

No performance fee is paid.

Year 4:

The NAV per share performance against the HWM (0,30%) is inferior to the return of the Benchmark Index since the last performance fees payment (3%) which is positive.

No performance fee is paid.

The HWM is not changed.

Year 5:

The NAV per share performance against the HWM (0,05%) is superior to the return of the Benchmark Index since the last performance fees payment (-1%).

The return of the Benchmark Index is negative, therefore the Performance Fee shall be equal to the minimum between:

-Absolute performance against the HWM, i.e. 0.06 (0.05% of 119.64)

-12% of the outperformance over the return of the Benchmark Index, i.e.  $0.15 [(0.05\% - (-1\%)) * 12\%]$  of 119.64)

The excess of performance generates a performance fee equal to 0.06.

## **10. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Sub-Fund will use the commitment approach to monitor its global exposure.

## **11. PROFILE OF THE TYPICAL INVESTOR**

This Sub-Fund is suitable for investors seeking long-term growth through capital appreciation while following a diversified and socially responsible investment strategy and who want to participate in the growth of companies within the clean energy sector around the world. It is also suitable for investors wishing to diversify their investment portfolios, who are comfortable with and understand the risks of investing in the stock market, who have an investment horizon of at least three to five years, and who seek liquid investment opportunities in the clean energy sector.

## **12. SPECIFIC RISK FACTORS**

This Sub-Fund is exposed to the risks described in Section 7 of the General Section.

This Sub-Fund is highly diversified and therefore the Investment Manager believes that the Sub-Fund will be exposed to a broad range of Sustainability Risks, which will differ from issuer to issuer. Some markets and sectors will have greater exposure to Sustainability Risks than others. For instance, this Sub-Fund is exposed to specific risks linked to its exposure in the clean energy industry, which is often material intensive and is dependent on metals such as lithium and cobalt that are often harvested or produced in few countries which might be politically unstable. Sourcing of such materials, workforce welfare, increasing regulation and public awareness, among others, are elements that could disrupt the supply chain and which may cause market fluctuation in the value of the Sub-Fund's assets.

## **SPECIAL SECTION V: QUAERO CAPITAL FUNDS (LUX) – CULLEN US VALUE**

This Special Section is valid only if accompanied by the Prospectus. This Special Section only relates to Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Cullen US Value (the **Sub-Fund**).

### **1. INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY**

The Sub-Fund's investment objective is to seek long-term capital appreciation through responsible investment in equities of U.S. companies mainly, which have favourable environmental, social and governance (**ESG**) characteristics. The Sub-Fund is categorized as a **SFDR Article 8 Product**.

More information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund is available in the dedicated SFDR Annex.

The Sub-Fund is actively managed. This means that the Investment Manager is free to select investments with the aim of achieving the Sub-Fund's objectives. The Sub-Fund uses Russell 1000 Value Index Net Total Return USD for performance comparison only. This index is not aligned with the ESG characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund which are achieved through an active management.

The Company may change the Sub-Fund's performance comparison benchmark index without prior notice. Any such change will be communicated to Shareholders and updated in the Prospectus at the next available opportunity.

The Sub-Fund will mainly invest in equities and equity-related securities (such as depositary receipts (ADRs, GDRs) and closed-end real estate investment trusts (REITs) listed on Regulated Markets) of companies across all market capitalizations (i) with what the Sub-Investment Manager believes is a relatively low price/earnings ratio (ii) that meet a minimum rating on MSCI's proprietary ESG ranking system (or other equivalent ranking system) and (iii) which are domiciled, headquartered or exercise their main activity in the United States of America (U.S.).

For about one third of its net assets, the Sub-Fund can:

- (i) invest in equities and equity-related securities other than those above-mentioned, and in UCITS and other UCIs (including ETFs); and
- (ii) for treasury purposes (in normal market conditions), invest in Money Market Instruments, money market UCIs, and in Deposits.

In addition, for treasury purposes and for the time necessary to proceed to (re)investments, the Sub-Fund can hold Cash. The holding of Cash is limited to 20% of the net assets of the Sub-Fund's net assets in normal market conditions. The above mentioned 20% limit shall only be temporarily breached for a period of time strictly necessary when, because of exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, circumstances so require and where the Investment Manager deems this to be in the interest of the Shareholders.

However, the Sub-Fund will not invest more than 10% of its net assets in UCITS and other UCIs.

Up to 10% of the Sub-Fund's net assets may also be invested in Investment Grade debt securities (highest credit rating of the issue, as defined by Moody's, Fitch or S&P, will apply).

Except the geographical focus on the U.S. (although the Sub-Fund may, for the avoidance of doubt, invest up to 30% of its net assets in non-U.S. (as described herein) equities including up to 10% of its net assets in the equities of emerging market issuers), the choice of investments will not be limited by economic sector or the currency in which investments will be denominated.

If the Sub-Investment Manager considers it to be in the best interests of the Shareholders, the Sub-Fund may also hold up to 100% of its net assets in Deposits, money market UCIs (within the above-mentioned 10% limit) and money market instruments on a temporary basis and for defensive purposes.

For hedging and for investment purposes, within the limits set out under Section 5 of the General Section, the Sub-Fund may use all types of financial derivative instruments traded on a Regulated Market and/or OTC Derivatives provided they are contracted with First Class Institutions specialised in this type of transactions and subject to regulatory supervision. Investors should refer to Sections 7.4 to 7.13 of the General Section for special risk considerations applicable to financial derivative instruments and EPM Techniques.

**The Sub-Fund does not intend to use total return swaps, securities lending and borrowing transactions and/ or repurchase, reverse repurchase agreements transactions.**

The Sub-Fund qualifies as an equity fund under GinVTA.

While this Sub-Fund promotes environmental characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of the SFDR, it does not currently commit to investing in any “sustainable investment” within the meaning of the SFDR or the Taxonomy Regulation. Accordingly, it should be noted that this Sub-Fund does not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation and its portfolio alignment with such Taxonomy Regulation is not calculated. Therefore, the “do not significant harm” principle does not apply to any of the investments of this Sub-Fund.

## 2. REFERENCE CURRENCY

The Reference Currency of the Sub-Fund and of all Classes within the Sub-Fund is the USD.

However, the Net Asset Value of each Sub-Class will be calculated and subscriptions and redemptions in each Sub-Class will be made in the currency of the Sub-Class concerned.

## 3. CLASSES AND SUB-CLASSES AVAILABLE

For the time being eight Classes are available in the Sub-Fund, with the following characteristics:

Share Class	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Cullen US Value A1 (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Cullen US Value B (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Cullen US Value C (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Cullen US Value D (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Cullen US Value D1 (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Cullen US Value X (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>
<b>Sub-Classes available</b>	EUR CHF GBP USD	EUR CHF GBP USD	EUR CHF GBP USD	EUR CHF GBP USD	EUR CHF GBP USD	EUR CHF GBP USD
<b>Initial Subscription Price</b>	100	100	100	100	100	100



<b>Minimum Subscription and Holding Amount</b>	10,000	1,000,000	5,000,000	-	1,000	-
<b>Subscription Fee</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>Global Management Fee</b>	Max 1.00% p.a. of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 0.9 % p.a. of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 0.75 % p.a. of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 2 % p.a. of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 1.5 % p.a. of the Net Asset Value per Share	Max. 0.5 % p.a. of the Net Asset Value per Share
<b>Redemption</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

<sup>1</sup> (acc) refers to an accumulation Class, provided that each year, the Board may propose to the holders of accumulation Shares at the annual general meeting the payment of a dividend in compliance with Luxembourg law.

<sup>2</sup> (dist) refers to a distribution Class and the Sub-Fund will distribute the net income or capital gains realised in respect of these Class(es) by way of dividends or distributions.

<sup>3</sup> Class X will be soft closed to new investors from the date on which the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund is greater than USD100 million, unless otherwise determined by the Board. The Soft Closure will be notified to investors on <https://quaerocapital.com>.

The Company will aim at hedging assets of the CHF Sub-Class, the EUR Sub-Class, the GBP Sub-Class, and the USD Sub-Class denominated in a currency other than the CHF, EUR, GBP and the USD respectively. Costs and expenses incurred in hedging transactions shall be paid for by the Sub-Class concerned. To this end, the Company, on behalf of the CHF Sub-Class, the EUR Sub-Class, the GBP Sub-Class and the USD Sub-Class will use financial derivative instruments and other techniques and instruments with the aim of protecting the CHF, EUR, GBP and the USD Sub-Classes' assets against foreign exchange fluctuations. It is the intention of the Board to hedge systematically at least two-thirds of the assets in the CHF Sub-Class, the EUR Sub-Class, the GBP Sub-Class and the USD Sub-Class.

#### 4. ONGOING SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions to the Sub-Fund's Shares must be made using the documents available from the registered offices of the Company, the Global Distributor or a sub-distributor.

Subscriptions for Shares are accepted on each Valuation Day. Eligible Investors must submit a complete written and signed subscription request to the UCI Administrator to be received by the UCI Administrator by the Subscription Cut-off as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section. Any subscription requests received after the subscription deadline on the relevant Valuation Day will be deferred to the next Valuation Day and will be dealt with on the basis of the Net Asset Value per Share calculated on the NAV Calculation Day immediately following such next Valuation Day.

Payments for subscriptions must be received, in CHF, EUR, GBP or USD, depending on the Sub-Class concerned, by the Payment Deadline as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section.

## 5. REDEMPTION

Shares in the Sub-Fund may be redeemed on each Valuation Day. Investors must submit a complete written and signed Redemption Request to be received by the UCI Administrator, the Global Distributor or a sub-distributor by the Redemption Cut-off as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section. Redemption requests received after the Redemption Cut-off will be processed on the next following Valuation Day.

Redemption proceeds will be paid by the Depositary (on behalf of the Company) in EUR, CHF, GBP or in USD, depending on the Sub-Class concerned, by the Payment Deadline as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section.

## 6. CONVERSION

Shares in the Sub-Fund may be converted in respect of each Valuation Day.

Shareholders in the Sub-Fund may convert all or part of their Shares into Shares of another Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class in accordance with Section 11 of the General Section.

Conversion requests for Shares of another Sub-Fund must be received by the UCI Administrator before the Redemption Cut-off of the relevant divested Class. Conversion requests for Shares of other Classes available into the Sub-Fund must be received by the UCI Administrator before the Subscription Cut-off of the invested Class. Conversion requests received after the relevant deadline will be processed on the next following Valuation Day.

Conversions of Shares between Sub-Funds with different Valuation Days or NAV Calculation Days are not allowed, unless such conversion occurs on a day which is a Valuation Day or NAV Calculation Day for both Sub-Funds.

## 7. CUT-OFF, VALUATION DAY, CALCULATION DAY AND PAYMENT DEADLINE

For the purposes of this Special Section (and this Sub-Fund), “Business Day” means a day on which both (for the whole day) banks in Luxembourg and the New York Stock Exchange are open for business.

Cut-off	Subscription Cut-off: 12 p.m. CET, on the relevant Valuation Day Redemption Cut-off: 12 p.m. CET, on the relevant Valuation Day Conversion Cut-off (*) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• before 12 p.m. CET, on the relevant Valuation Day for conversion requests for Shares of another Sub-Fund</li><li>• before 12 p.m. CET, on the relevant Valuation Day for conversion requests for Shares of other Classes available in the Sub-Fund</li></ul>
Valuation Day	Each Business Day
NAV Calculation Day	The first Business Day following the relevant Valuation Day
Payment Deadline	Subscription: within two (2) Business Days after the relevant Valuation Day Redemption: within five (5) Business Days after the relevant Valuation Day

(\*) Conversions of Shares between Sub-Funds with different Valuation Days or NAV Calculation Days are not allowed, unless such conversion occurs on a day which is a Valuation Day or NAV Calculation Day for both Sub-Funds.

## **8. INVESTMENT MANAGER AND SUB-INVESTMENT MANAGER**

The Investment Manager has appointed, with the consent of the Company and the Management Company, Cullen Capital Management LLC, as sub-investment manager of the Sub-Fund (the **Sub-Investment Manager**). The Sub-Investment Manager is a company having its registered office at 645 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1201, New York, NY10022, United States and is regulated and authorised as an investment adviser by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

## **9. GLOBAL MANAGEMENT FEE**

### **Global Management Fee**

The aggregate amount of fees (to the exclusion of the Fixed Fee) payable out of the assets of the Sub-Fund to the Investment Manager (including in its capacity as Global Distributor) is disclosed in respect of each Class in Section 3 of this Special Section as the Global Management Fee. The Global Management Fee is based on the average value of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund over the relevant period and is payable monthly in arrears.

The Sub-Investment Manager is remunerated by the Investment Manager out of the Global Management Fee.

## **10. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Sub-Fund will use the commitment approach to monitor its global exposure.

## **11. PROFILE OF THE TYPICAL INVESTOR**

The Sub-Fund is aimed at investors seeking a long-term appreciation of capital through participation in U.S. (as described herein) equities of companies with a commitment to positive ESG business practices. Investors should also have a long-term investment horizon of at least three to five years.

## **12. SPECIFIC RISK FACTORS**

This Sub-Fund is highly diversified and therefore the Investment Manager believes that the Sub-Fund will be exposed to a broad range of Sustainability Risks, which will differ from issuer to issuer. Some markets and sectors will have greater exposure to Sustainability Risks than others, however it is not anticipated that any single Sustainability Risk will drive a material negative financial impact on the value of the Sub-Fund.

In addition, this Sub-Fund is exposed to the risks described in Section 7 of the General Section and to the following specific risk factors:

### **Market risk**

This Sub-Fund invests primarily in a portfolio of equities. As the Sub-Fund invests in equities, investors are exposed to stock market fluctuations and the financial performance of the companies held in the Sub-Fund's portfolio. Therefore, investors may see the value of their investment fall as well as rise on a daily basis, and they may get back less than they originally invested.

**ESG investment risk**

ESG investment risk is the risk that because investments are selected for reasons including non-financial, the Sub-Fund may underperform the broader value equity market or other funds that do not utilize ESG criteria when selecting investments and / or could cause the Sub-Fund to sell for ESG related concerns equities that both are performing and subsequently perform well. ESG investing is to a degree subjective and there is no guarantee that all investments made by the Sub-Fund will reflect the beliefs or values of any particular investor.

## **SPECIAL SECTION VI: QUAERO CAPITAL FUNDS (LUX) – GLOBAL CONVERTIBLE BONDS**

This Special Section is valid only if accompanied by the Prospectus. This Special Section only relates to Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Global Convertible Bonds (the Sub-Fund).

### **1. INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY**

The investment objective of the Sub-Fund is to achieve a long-term capital gain. The Sub-Fund will invest globally and without reference to any benchmark and without any geographical or sector allocation constraints.

The Sub-Fund is categorized as a **SFDR Article 8 Product**. To select eligible securities, the Sub-Investment Manager performs both a financial and non-financial analysis, using ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) criteria.

More information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund is available in the dedicated SFDR Annex.

The Sub-Fund is actively managed. This means that the Investment Manager is free to select investments with the aim of achieving the Sub-Fund's objectives. The Sub-Fund uses FTSE Global Focus Investment Grade Convertible Bond Index Hedged Total Return EUR for performance comparison only. This index is not aligned with the ESG characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund which are achieved through an active management.

The Company may change the Sub-Fund's performance comparison benchmark index without prior notice. Any such change will be communicated to Shareholders and updated in the Prospectus at the next available opportunity.

The Sub-Fund will mainly invest in convertible debt securities (Vanilla Convertible or Exchangeable Bonds and including Money Market Instruments) having an Investment Grade credit rating (assigned by at least one of the leading and recognized credit rating agencies, or in the absence of rating by these agencies with a credit quality considered as equivalent by the Investment Manager).

In addition, the Sub-Fund can invest:

- (i) in equities and equity-related securities (such as depositary receipts (ADRs, GDRs)), and in UCITS or other UCIs;
- (ii) in Money Market Instruments other than those above-mentioned, in money market UCIs and Deposits, for treasury purposes;
- (iii) and closed-end real estate investment trusts (REITs) listed on Regulated Markets.

For treasury purposes and for the time necessary to proceed to (re)investments, the Sub-Fund can hold Cash. The holding of Cash is limited to 20% of the net assets of the Sub-Fund's net assets in normal market conditions. The above mentioned 20% limit shall only be temporarily breached for a period of time strictly necessary when, because of exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, circumstances so require and where the Investment Manager deems this to be in the interest of the Shareholders. However, the Sub-Fund will not invest more than 10% of its net assets in UCITS and other UCIs.

Regarding debt securities investments, it is understood that:

- The Sub-Fund will not invest more than 45% of its net assets in non-Investment Grade bonds;

- The Sub-Fund will not invest in each of the following type of assets: Distressed and Defaulted debt securities (at the time of purchase); ABS/MBS; contingent convertibles bonds;
- The expected average credit rating of the Sub-Fund's portfolio will be BBB- (S&P notation) or an equivalent credit rating from other recognized credit rating agencies or from the Investment Manager, or higher.

Should a debt security not be rated by the major credit rating agencies, (i) the rating of similar issues of the same issuer can be used as representative rating, or (ii) a rating will be assigned by the Investment Manager. Indeed, the absence of credit rating assignation is one specificity of the global convertible bond market.

Investors should be aware that a sub-fund investing in convertible debt securities has a risk exposure to equity up to 100 % of its assets, either through the holding of equities or through the holding of convertible debt securities or through, obtained as the result of the conversion of a Vanilla Convertible or Exchangeable Bond or any corporate action on such asset. However, the maximum proportion of ordinary shares held by the Sub-Fund is set at 10% of its net assets. If the proportion of ordinary shares exceeds 10% as a result of a conversion or a corporate action then the excess of shares above 10% should be sold in a timely manner in line with the underlying market conditions.

The choice of investments will neither be limited by geographic area (including emerging markets), economic sector, nor in terms of currencies in which investment will be denominated. Depending on financial market conditions, a particular focus can be placed in a single country (or some countries) and/or in a single economic sector and/or in a single currency.

For hedging and for investment purposes, within the limits set out under Section 5 of the General Section, the Sub-Fund may use all types of financial derivative instruments traded on a Regulated Market and/or OTC Derivatives provided they are contracted with First Class Institutions specialised in this type of transactions and subject to regulatory supervision. Investors should refer to Sections 7.4 to 7.13 of the General Section for special risk considerations applicable to financial derivative instruments and EPM Techniques.

As instruments held in the portfolio may be denominated in different currencies, the Sub-Fund may in principle, use currency hedging techniques and financial derivative instruments (e.g., forward foreign exchange contracts, currency futures) to mitigate the currency risk of underlying investments not denominated in EUR.

If the Investment Manager considers this to be in the best interest of the Shareholders, on a temporary basis and for defensive purposes, the Sub-Fund may also hold up to 100% of its net assets in cash and cash equivalents, such as cash deposits, money market UCIs and Money Market Instruments.

**The Sub-Fund does not intend to use total return swaps, securities lending and borrowing transactions and/ or repurchase, reverse repurchase agreements transactions.**

While this Sub-Fund promotes environmental characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of the SFDR, it does not currently commit to investing in any “sustainable investment” within the meaning of the SFDR or the Taxonomy Regulation. Accordingly, it should be noted that this Sub-Fund does not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation and its portfolio alignment with such Taxonomy Regulation is not calculated. Therefore, the “do not significant harm” principle does not apply to any of the investments of this Sub-Fund.

## 2. REFERENCE CURRENCY

The Reference Currency of the Sub-Fund and of all Classes within the Sub-Fund is the Euro.

However, the Net Asset Value of each Sub-Class will be calculated and subscriptions and redemptions in each Sub-Class will be made in the currency of the Sub-Class concerned.

## 3. CLASSES AND SUB-CLASSES AVAILABLE

For the time being the following Classes are available in the Sub-Fund, with the following characteristics:

Share Class	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Global Convertible Bonds A1 (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Global Convertible Bonds B (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Global Convertible Bonds B1 (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Global Convertible Bonds C (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Global Convertible Bonds D (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Global Convertible Bonds D1 (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Global Convertible Bonds Z (acc) <sup>1</sup> and (dist) <sup>2</sup>
Sub-Classes available	EUR USD CHF GBP	EUR USD CHF GBP	EUR USD CHF GBP	EUR USD CHF GBP	EUR USD CHF GBP	EUR USD CHF GBP	EUR USD CHF GBP
Minimum Subscription and Holding Amount (EUR or equivalent)	10,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	15,000,000	1,000	Nil	Nil
Subscription Fee	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Global Management Fee	Max 0.75% p.a. of the Net Asset Value	Max 0.75% p.a. of the Net Asset Value	Max. 0.90% p.a. of the Net Asset Value	Max. 0.50% p.a. of the Net Asset Value	Max. 1.75% p.a. of the Net Asset Value	Max. 2.20% p.a. of the Net Asset Value	Nil
Redemption Fee	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Conversion Fee	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Performance Fee	10% subject to a high water mark (see Section 9 below).	10% subject to a high water mark (see Section 9 below).	Nil	10% subject to a high water mark (see Section 9 below).	10% subject to a high water mark (see Section 9 below).	10% subject to a high water mark (see Section 9 below).	Nil

<sup>1</sup> (acc) refers to an accumulation Class, provided that each year, the Board may propose to the holders of accumulation Shares at the annual general meeting the payment of a dividend in compliance with Luxembourg law.

<sup>2</sup> (dist) refers to a distribution Class and the Sub-Fund will distribute the net income or capital gains realised in respect of these Class(es) by way of dividends or distributions.

The Company will aim at hedging assets of the CHF Sub-Class, the EUR Sub-Class, the USD Sub-Class and the GBP Sub-Class denominated in a currency other than the CHF, EUR, USD and the GBP respectively. Costs and expenses incurred in hedging transactions shall be paid for by the Sub-Class concerned. To this end, the Company, on behalf of the CHF Sub-Class, the EUR Sub-Class, the USD

Sub-Class and the GBP Sub-Class will use financial derivative instruments and other techniques and instruments with the aim of protecting the CHF, EUR, USD and the GBP Sub-Classes' assets against foreign exchange fluctuations. It is the intention of the Board to hedge systematically at least two-thirds of the assets in the CHF, EUR, USD and the GBP Sub-Classes.

#### **4. ONGOING SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Subscriptions to the Sub-Fund's Shares must be made using the documents available from the registered offices of the Company, the Global Distributor or a sub-distributor.

Subscriptions for Shares are accepted on each Valuation Day. Eligible Investors must submit a complete written and signed subscription request to the UCI Administrator to be received by the UCI Administrator by the Subscription Cut-off as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section. Any subscription requests received after the subscription deadline on the relevant Valuation Day will be deferred to the next Valuation Day and will be dealt with on the basis of the Net Asset Value per Share calculated on the NAV Calculation Day immediately following such next Valuation Day.

Payments for subscriptions must be received, in CHF, in EUR, in GBP or in USD, depending on the Sub-Class concerned, by the Payment Deadline as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section.

A Subscription Fee as set out under Section 3 of this Special Section may be levied upon subscription for Shares of the Sub-Fund.

#### **5. REDEMPTION**

Shares in the Sub-Fund may be redeemed on each Valuation Day. Investors must submit a complete written and signed Redemption Request to be received by the UCI Administrator, the Global Distributor or a sub-distributor by the Redemption Cut-off as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section. Redemption requests received after the Redemption Cut-off will be processed on the next following Valuation Day.

Redemption proceeds will be paid by the Depositary (on behalf of the Company) in CHF, in EUR, in GBP or in USD, depending on the Sub-Class concerned, by the Payment Deadline as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section.

A Redemption Fee as set out under Section 3 of this Special Section may be levied upon redemptions of Shares of the Sub-Fund. Redemption proceeds may be converted into any freely convertible currency at a Shareholder's request and at his own expense.

#### **6. CONVERSION**

Shares in the Sub-Fund may be converted in respect of each Valuation Day.

Shareholders in the Sub-Fund may convert all or part of their Shares into Shares of another Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class in accordance with Section 11 of the General Section.

Conversion requests for Shares of another Sub-Fund must be received by the UCI Administrator before the Redemption Cut-off of the relevant divested Class. Conversion requests for Shares of other Classes available into the Sub-Fund must be received by the UCI Administrator before the Subscription Cut-off of the invested Class. Conversion requests received after the relevant deadline will be processed on the next following Valuation Day.



Conversions of Shares between Sub-Funds with different Valuation Days or NAV Calculation Days are not allowed, unless such conversion occurs on a day which is a Valuation Day or NAV Calculation Day for both Sub-Funds.

A Conversion Fee in favour of the original Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class as set out under Section 3 of this Special Section may be levied to cover conversion costs.

## 7. CUT-OFF, VALUATION DAY, CALCULATION DAY AND PAYMENT DEADLINE

<b>Cut-off</b>	Subscription Cut-off: 4 p.m. CET, one (1) Business Day before the relevant Valuation Day Redemption Cut-off: 4 p.m. CET, one (1) Business Day before the relevant Valuation Day Conversion Cut-off(*): 4 p.m. CET, one (1) Business Day before the relevant Valuation Day
<b>Valuation Day</b>	Each Business Day
<b>NAV Calculation Day</b>	The first Business Day following the relevant Valuation Day
<b>Payment Deadline</b>	Subscription: within two (2) Business Days from the relevant Valuation Day Redemption: within five (5) Business Days from the relevant Valuation Day

(\*) Conversions of Shares between Sub-Funds with different Valuation Days or NAV Calculation Days are not allowed, unless such conversion occurs on a day which is a Valuation Day or NAV Calculation Day for both Sub-Funds.

## 8. INVESTMENT MANAGER AND SUB-INVESTMENT MANAGER

The Investment Manager has appointed, with the consent of the Company and the Management Company, Quaero Capital LLP, as sub-investment manager of the Sub-Fund (the **Sub-Investment Manager**). Quaero Capital LLP is a company established and existing under the laws of England and Wales, whose registered office is at 2-4 King Street, London, England, SW1Y 6QL, registered under number OC314014 and regulated and authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority of the United Kingdom.

The Sub-Investment Manager is remunerated by the Investment Manager out of the Global Management Fee.

The Sub-Investment Manager is, *inter alia*, responsible with the Investment Manager of the credit rating assignment.

## 9. GLOBAL MANAGEMENT FEE AND PERFORMANCE FEE

### Global Management Fee

The aggregate amount of fees (to the exclusion of the Fixed Fee and the Performance Fee) payable out of the assets of the Sub-Fund to the Investment Manager (including in its capacity as Global Distributor) is disclosed in respect of each Class in 3 of this Special Section as the **Global Management Fee**. The Global Management Fee is based on the average value of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund over the relevant period and is payable monthly in arrears.

The Sub-Investment Manager is remunerated by the Investment Manager out of the Global Management Fee.

## Performance Fee

In addition to the Global Management Fee, the Investment Manager will receive out of the assets of the Sub-Fund attributable to certain Classes of Shares as disclosed in Section 3 of this Special Section a Performance Fee, accrued on each Valuation Day, paid annually based on the Net Asset Value (NAV), equivalent to 10% of the performance of the NAV per Share exceeding the High Water Mark (as defined hereafter).

The Performance Fee is calculated on the basis of the NAV after deduction of all Expenses, liabilities and the Global Management Fee (but not the Performance Fee) and is adjusted to take account of all subscriptions and redemptions.

The Performance Fee is equal to the outperformance of the NAV per Share multiplied by the number of Shares in circulation during the Calculation Period. No Performance Fee will be due if the NAV per Share before Performance Fee turns out to be below the High Water Mark for the Calculation Period in question.

The **High Water Mark** is defined as the greater of the following two figures:

- the highest NAV per Share on which a Performance Fee has been paid; or
- the initial NAV per Share.

The performance reference period of the Sub-Fund is equal to the whole life of the Sub-Fund.

The High Water Mark will be decreased by the dividends paid to Shareholders.

Provision will be made for this Performance Fee on each Valuation Day. If the NAV per Share decreases during the Calculation Period, the provisions made in respect of the Performance Fee will be reduced accordingly. If these provisions fall to zero, no Performance Fee will be payable.

If (i) Shares were redeemed or converted into other Shares of any Class of this Sub-Fund or any Class of another existing Sub-Fund of the Company or of another UCITS during the Calculation Period and a Performance Fee is accrued for those Shares, or (ii) the assets of this Sub-Fund or of a Class of Shares are transferred to or merged with those of another Sub-Fund, category or class of Shares of such other Sub-Fund within the Company or within another UCITS, and a Performance Fee is accrued for those Shares concerned by such merger, such Performance Fee will be crystallized respectively at the date of redemption or conversion or at the effective date of the merger and it will be considered as payable to the Investment Manager at the end of the Calculation Period.

However, no Performance Fee shall crystallise where this Sub-Fund or a Class of Shares of this Sub-Fund is merged with a newly established receiving UCITS or Sub-Fund with no performance history and with an investment policy not substantially different from that of this Sub-Fund. In that case, the performance reference period of this Sub-Fund shall continue applying in the receiving UCITS or Sub-Fund.

In case of subscription, the Performance Fee calculation is adjusted to avoid that this subscription impacts the amount of Performance Fee accruals. To perform this adjustment, the performance of the NAV per Share against the High Water Mark until the subscription date is not taken into account in the Performance Fee calculation. This adjustment amount is equal to the product of the number of subscribed Shares by the positive difference between the subscription price and the High Water Mark at the date of the subscription. This cumulated adjustment amount is used in the Performance Fee calculation until the end of the relevant period and is adjusted in case of subsequent redemptions during the period.

Performance Fees are payable within 20 Business Days following the end of the Calculation Period. The Investment Manager may, in its sole discretion, pay or instruct the payment of, a portion of the Performance Fee to the Sub-Investment Manager.

The formula for the calculation of the Performance Fee is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 F &= 0 && \text{If } (B / E - 1) \leq 0 \\
 F &= (B / E - 1) * E * C * A && \text{If } (B / E - 1) > 0 \\
 \text{The new High Water Mark} &= \begin{cases} \text{if } F > 0; D \\ \text{If } F = 0; E \end{cases} \\
 \text{Number of Shares outstanding} &= A \\
 \text{NAV per Share before performance} &= B \\
 \text{Max Performance Fee rate (15\%)} &= C \\
 \text{NAV per Share after performance} &= D \\
 \text{High Water Mark} &= E \\
 \text{Performance Fees} &= F
 \end{aligned}$$

### **Examples:**

	NAV before Perf Fee	HWM per share	Yearly NAV per share performance	NAV per share performance / HWM	Perf Fee	NAV after Perf Fee
Year 1:	110	100	10.00%	10.00%	1.0	109.0
Year 2:	115	109	5.50%	5.50%	0.60	114.4
Year 3:	108	114.40	-5.59%	-5.35%	0.00	108
Year 4:	112	114.40	3.70%	-2.10%	0.00	112
Year 5:	118	114.40	5.36%	3.15%	0.36	117.64

With a performance fee rate equal to 10%.

#### Year 1:

The NAV per share performance is 10%.

The excess of performance over the HWM is 10% and generates a performance fee equal to 1.

#### Year 2:

The NAV per share performance is 5.50%.

The excess of performance over the HWM is 5.50% and generates a performance fee equal to 0.60.

Year 3:

The NAV per share performance is -5.59%.

The underperformance over the HWM is -5.59%.

No performance fee is calculated.

Year 4:

The NAV per share performance is 3.70%.

The underperformance over the HWM is -2.10%.

No performance fee is calculated.

Year 5:

The NAV per share performance is 5.36%.

The excess of performance over the HWM is 3.15% and generates a performance fee equal to 0.36.

## **10. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Sub-Fund will use the commitment approach to monitor its global exposure.

## **11. PROFILE OF THE TYPICAL INVESTOR**

This Sub-Fund is aimed at investors who wish to achieve capital growth. The Sub-Fund may, therefore, be suitable for investors with at least a three year investment horizon. Investors are advised to invest only a part of their assets in the Sub-Fund.

Shareholders should note that the value of their investment could fall as well as rise and they should accept that there is no guarantee that they will recover their initial investment.

## **12. SPECIFIC RISK FACTORS**

This Sub-Fund is exposed to the risks described in Section 7 of the General Section. The Sub-Fund is also exposed to the following specific risk factors:

### **12.1 Credit risk – corporate debt obligations**

By investing in debt obligations issued by companies and other entities, the Sub-Fund will be subject to the risk that a particular issuer may not fulfil its payment or other obligations in respect of such debt obligations. Additionally, an issuer may experience an adverse change in its financial condition which may in turn result in a decrease in the credit rating assigned by an IRSO to such issuer and its debt obligations, possibly below Investment Grade. Such adverse change in financial condition or decrease in credit rating(s) may result in increased volatility in the price of an issuer's debt obligations and negatively affect liquidity, making any such debt obligation more difficult to sell.

The Sub-Fund is exposed to a broad range of Sustainability Risks. A wide range of Sustainability Risks can affect bond borrowers' cash flows and affect their ability to meet their debt obligations. For corporate bond issuers, environmental risks include but are not limited to the ability of companies to mitigate and adapt to climate change, the potential for higher carbon prices, exposure to increasing water scarcity and potential for higher water prices, waste management challenges, and impact on global and local ecosystems. Social risks include, but are not limited to product safety, supply chain management and labour standards, health and safety and human rights, employee welfare, data and privacy concerns and increasing technological regulation. Governance risks are also relevant and can include board composition and effectiveness, management incentives, management quality and alignment of management with shareholders.

## **12.2 Currency risk**

Shareholders should be aware of the currency risk which may affect the portfolio of the Sub-Fund. This Sub-Fund is denominated in EUR, but will have exposure to other currencies. The Company, the Management Company and the Investment Manager do not intend to systematically hedge investments denominated in another currency against the EUR. As a consequence, the investor bears the risk of a loss consequent to a strategy exposure in a market whose trading currency differs from the reference currency of the invested Sub-Class.

## **12.3 Non-Investment Grade risk**

Some of the non-investment grade securities held in the Sub-Fund may involve increased credit and market risk; such securities are subject to the risk of an issuer's inability to meet principal and interest payments on its obligations (credit risk) and may also be subject to price volatility due to such factors as interest rate sensitivity, market perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer and general market liquidity. Besides, public awareness on several matters (i.e. climate change) or specific ESG related incident might reduce the demand for a specific bond. This could result in various effects such as a reduction in liquidity or a higher default risk resulting from higher refinancing cost for the company, among others and the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund may be adversely affected. In selecting securities, the Sub-Fund will consider among other things, the price of the securities, and the issuer's financial history, condition, management and prospects. The Sub-Fund will endeavour to mitigate the risks associated with non-investment grade securities, by diversifying their holdings by issuer, industry and credit quality.

## **SPECIAL SECTION VII: QUAERO CAPITAL FUNDS (LUX) – BOND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY**

This Special Section is valid only if accompanied by the Prospectus. This Special Section only relates to **Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Bond Investment Opportunity** (the Sub-Fund).

### **1. INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY**

The investment objective of the Sub-Fund is to achieve a medium-term capital gain. The Sub-Fund will invest mainly in OECD countries and without reference to any benchmark and without any geographical or sector allocation constraints.

The Sub-Fund is actively managed. This means that the Investment Manager is free to select investments with the aim of achieving the Sub-Fund's objectives. The Sub-Fund uses €STR+ 2.50% (the "Benchmark Index") for performance comparison and for the calculation of the Performance Fee.

The Sub-Fund is categorized as **a SFDR Article 8 Product**. To select eligible securities, the Sub-Investment Manager performs both a financial and non-financial analysis, using ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) criteria.

More information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund is available in the dedicated SFDR Annex.

#### **Financial Analysis**

The Sub-Fund will mainly invest in debt securities (corporate and sovereign), including Money Market Instruments), having an Investment Grade credit rating (assigned by at least one of the leading and recognized credit rating agencies, or in the absence of rating by these agencies with a credit quality considered as equivalent by the Investment Manager).

Regarding debt securities investments, it is understood that:

- The Sub-Fund will not invest more than 40% of its net assets in non-investment grade bonds;
- The Sub-Fund will not invest more than 10% of its net assets in each of the following type of assets: ABS/MBS; Distressed and Defaulted debt securities (at the time of purchase). The Sub-Fund may keep such downgraded debt securities and sell them on a discretionary basis, according to the conditions on the relevant market and its related forecasts.

The expected average credit rating of the Sub-Fund's portfolio will be BBB- or higher (S&P notation) or an equivalent credit rating from other recognized credit rating agencies or from the Investment Manager;

Should a debt security not be rated by the major credit rating agencies, (i) the rating of similar issues of the same issuer can be used as representative rating, or (ii) a rating will be assigned by the Investment Manager. In any case, the Sub-Fund can be exposed by more than 10% of its net assets to non-rated issuers.

In addition, the Sub-Fund may

- invest in equities and equity related securities, UCITS and other UCIs; and
- for treasury purposes and in normal market conditions, invest in Money Market Instruments, money market UCIs and have term deposits; and
- can hold Cash, for the time necessary to proceed to re-investments, up to 20% of the net assets of the Sub-Fund's net assets in normal market conditions. The above mentioned 20% limit shall only be temporarily breached for a period of time strictly necessary when, because of exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, circumstances so require and where the Investment Manager deems this to be in the interest of the Shareholders. However, the Sub-Fund will not invest more

than 10% of its net assets in UCITS and other UCIs nor more than 10% of its assets in equities and equity related securities.

Except the geographical focus on OECD countries, the choice of investments will neither be limited by geographic area (including emerging markets) economic sector, nor in terms of currencies in which investment will be denominated. Depending on financial market conditions, a particular focus can be placed in a single country (or some countries) and/or in a single economic sector and/or in a single currency.

For hedging and for investment purposes, within the limits set out under Section 5 of the General Section, the Sub-Fund may use all types of financial derivative instruments, including on CDS indices traded on a Regulated Market and/or OTC Derivatives provided they are contracted with First Class Institutions specialised in this type of transactions and subject to regulatory supervision. Investors should refer to Sections 7.4 to 7.13 of the General Section for special risk considerations applicable to financial derivative instruments and EPM Techniques.

As instruments held in the portfolio may be denominated in different currencies, the Sub-Fund may in principle, use currency hedging techniques and financial derivative instruments (e.g., forward foreign exchange contracts, currency futures) to mitigate the currency risk of underlying investments not denominated in EUR.

The Sub-Fund does not intend to use total return swaps, securities lending and borrowing transactions and/ or repurchase, reverse repurchase agreements transactions.

If the Investment Manager considers this to be in the best interest of the Shareholders, on a temporary basis and for defensive purposes, the Sub-Fund may also hold up to 100% of its net assets in cash, Deposits, money market UCIs and Money Market Instruments.

## 2. REFERENCE CURRENCY

The Reference Currency of the Sub-Fund and of all Classes within the Sub-Fund is the Euro.

However, the Net Asset Value of each Sub-Class will be calculated and subscriptions and redemptions in each Sub-Class will be made in the currency of the Sub-Class concerned.

## 3. CLASSES AND SUB-CLASSES AVAILABLE

For the time being the following Classes are available in the Sub-Fund, with the following characteristics:

Share Class	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) Bond Investment Opportunity Class B (acc) and (Dist)	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) Bond Investment Opportunity Class C (acc) and (Dist)	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) Bond Investment Opportunity Class D (acc) and (Dist)	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) Bond Investment Opportunity Class D1 (acc) and (Dist)	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) Bond Investment Opportunity Class X (acc) and (Dist)	Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) Bond Investment Opportunity Class Z (acc) and (Dist)
Sub-Classes available	EUR USD CHF GBP	EUR USD CHF GBP	EUR USD CHF GBP	EUR USD CHF GBP	EUR USD CHF GBP	EUR USD CHF GBP

<b>Minimum Subscription and Holding Amount (EUR or equivalent)</b>	1 000 000	1 000 000	Nil	500 000	10 000 000	0
<b>Subscription Fee</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>Global Management Fee</b>	Max 0.75% p.a. of the Net Asset Value	Max 0.50% p.a. of the Net Asset Value	Max 0.95% p.a. of the Net Asset Value	Max 0.75% p.a. of the Net Asset Value	Max 0.35% p.a. of the Net Asset Value	
<b>Redemption Fee</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>Conversion Fee</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>Performance Fee</b>	Nil	15% over the return of the benchmark subject to Highwater Mark	15% over the return of the benchmark subject to Highwater Mark	15% over the return of the benchmark subject to Highwater Mark	15% over the return of the benchmark subject to Highwater Mark	Nil

<sup>1</sup> (acc) refers to an accumulation Class, provided that each year, the Board may propose to the holders of accumulation Shares at the annual general meeting the payment of a dividend in compliance with Luxembourg law.

<sup>2</sup> (dist) refers to a distribution Class and the Sub-Fund will distribute the net income or capital gains realised in respect of these Class(es) by way of dividends or distributions.

The Company will aim at hedging assets of the CHF Sub-Class, the USD Sub-Class and the GBP Sub-Class denominated in a currency other than the CHF, USD and the GBP respectively. Costs and expenses incurred in hedging transactions shall be paid for by the Sub-Class concerned. To this end, the Company, on behalf of the CHF Sub-Class, the USD Sub-Class and the GBP Sub-Class will use financial derivative instruments and other techniques and instruments with the aim of protecting the CHF, USD and the GBP Sub-Classes' assets against foreign exchange fluctuations. It is the intention of the Board to hedge systematically at least two-thirds of the assets in the CHF, USD and the GBP Sub-Classes.

#### 4. ONGOING SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions to the Sub-Fund's Shares must be made using the documents available from the registered offices of the Company, the Global Distributor or a sub-distributor.

Subscriptions for Shares are accepted on each Valuation Day. Eligible Investors must submit a complete written and signed subscription request to the UCI Administrator to be received by the UCI Administrator by the Subscription Cut-off as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section. Any subscription requests received after the subscription deadline on the relevant Valuation Day will be deferred to the next Valuation Day and will be dealt with on the basis of the Net Asset Value per Share calculated on the NAV Calculation Day immediately following such next Valuation Day.

Payments for subscriptions must be received, in CHF, in EUR, in GBP or in USD, depending on the Sub-Class concerned, by the Payment Deadline as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section.

A Subscription Fee as set out under Section 3 of this Special Section may be levied upon subscription for Shares of the Sub-Fund.



## 5. REDEMPTION

Shares in the Sub-Fund may be redeemed on each Valuation Day. Investors must submit a complete written and signed Redemption Request to be received by the UCI Administrator, the Global Distributor or a sub-distributor by the Redemption Cut-off as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section. Redemption requests received after the Redemption Cut-off will be processed on the next following Valuation Day.

Redemption proceeds will be paid by the Depositary (on behalf of the Company) in CHF, in EUR, in GBP or in USD, depending on the Sub-Class concerned, by the Payment Deadline as set out under Section 7 of this Special Section.

A Redemption Fee as set out under Section 3 of this Special Section may be levied upon redemptions of Shares of the Sub-Fund. Redemption proceeds may be converted into any freely convertible currency at a Shareholder's request and at his own expense.

## 6. CONVERSION

Shares in the Sub-Fund may be converted in respect of each Valuation Day.

Shareholders in the Sub-Fund may convert all or part of their Shares into Shares of another Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class in accordance with Section 11 of the General Section.

Conversion requests for Shares of another Sub-Fund must be received by the UCI Administrator before the Redemption Cut-off of the relevant divested Class. Conversion requests for Shares of other Classes available into the Sub-Fund must be received by the UCI Administrator before the Subscription Cut-off of the invested Class. Conversion requests received after the relevant deadline will be processed on the next following Valuation Day.

Conversions of Shares between Sub-Funds with different Valuation Days or NAV Calculation Days are not allowed, unless such conversion occurs on a day which is a Valuation Day or NAV Calculation Day for both Sub-Funds.

A Conversion Fee in favour of the original Sub-Fund, Class or Sub-Class as set out under Section 3 of this Special Section may be levied to cover conversion costs.

## 7. CUT-OFF, VALUATION DAY, CALCULATION DAY AND PAYMENT DEADLINE

<b>Cut-off</b>	Subscription Cut-off: 4 p.m. CET, one (1) Business Day before the relevant Valuation Day Redemption Cut-off: 4 p.m. CET, one (1) Business Day before the relevant Valuation Day Conversion Cut-off(*): 4 p.m. CET, one (1) Business Day before the relevant Valuation Day
<b>Valuation Day</b>	Each Business Day
<b>NAV Calculation Day</b>	The first Business Day following the relevant Valuation Day
<b>Payment Deadline</b>	Subscription: within two (2) Business Days from the relevant Valuation Day Redemption: within five (5) Business Days from the relevant Valuation Day

(\*) Conversions of Shares between Sub-Funds with different Valuation Days or NAV Calculation Days are not allowed, unless such conversion occurs on a day which is a Valuation Day or NAV Calculation Day for both Sub-Funds.

## 8. INVESTMENT MANAGER AND SUB-INVESTMENT MANAGER

The Investment Manager has appointed, with the consent of the Company and the Management Company, Quaero Capital (France) S.A.S. as sub-investment manager of the Sub-Fund (the Sub-Investment Manager). The Sub-Investment Manager is a company having its registered office at 4-8 Rue Daru, 75008 Paris, France and regulated and authorised under number GB-14000016 by the Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF).

## 9. GLOBAL MANAGEMENT FEE AND PERFORMANCE FEE

### 9.1 Global Management Fee

The aggregate amount of fees (to the exclusion of the Fixed Fee and the Performance Fee) payable out of the assets of the Sub-Fund to the Investment Manager (including in its capacity as Global Distributor) is disclosed in respect of each Class in 3 of this Special Section as the **Global Management Fee**. The Global Management Fee is based on the average value of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund over the relevant period and is payable monthly in arrears.

The Sub-Investment Manager is remunerated by the Investment Manager out of the Global Management Fee.

### 9.2 Performance Fee

In addition to the Global Management Fee, the Investment Manager will receive out of the assets of the Sub-Fund attributable to all Classes of Shares, except Class Z Shares, a Performance Fee, accrued on each Valuation Day, paid annually based on the Net Asset Value (NAV), equivalent to such percentage as set out in respect of the relevant Class in Section 3 of this Special Section (the "Performance Fee Rate") of the performance of the NAV per Share measured against the High Water Mark over the return of the Benchmark Index (denominated in the relevant Reference Currency) calculated since the last Performance Fee payment.

<b>Benchmark Index</b>	€STR+ 2.50%
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The Sub-Fund is using the above mentioned benchmark within the meaning of the Benchmarks Regulation. As a result, the Management Company with the cooperation of the Fund has adopted written plans setting out actions, which it will take in the event that the above benchmark materially changes or ceases to be provided (the "Contingency Plans"), as required by article 28(2) of the Benchmarks Regulation. Investors may access the Contingency Plan free of charge upon request at the registered office of the Management Company. The Benchmark Index is being provided by the European Central Bank, in its capacity as administrator, as defined in the Benchmarks Regulation.

The Performance Fee is calculated on the basis of the NAV after deduction of all Expenses, liabilities and the Global Management Fee (but not the Performance Fee) and is adjusted to take account of all subscriptions and redemptions.

The Performance Fee is equal to the outperformance of the NAV per Share multiplied by the number of Shares in circulation during the Calculation Period. No Performance Fee will be due if the NAV per

Share before Performance Fee turns out to be below the High Water Mark for the Calculation Period in question.

The **High Water Mark** is defined as the greater of the following two figures:

- the last NAV per Share on which a Performance Fee has been paid; or
- the initial NAV per Share.

The performance reference period of the Sub-Fund is equal to the whole life of the Sub-Fund.

The High Water Mark will be decreased by the dividends paid to Shareholders.

If the performance of the NAV per Share is negative against the High Water Mark at the end of the Calculation Period, no Performance Fee will be paid.

If the performance of the NAV per Share against the High Water Mark is positive, but the performance of the Benchmark Index is negative, the calculated Performance Fee will be based on the minimum between (i) the absolute performance of the NAV per Share against the High Water Mark and (ii) the Performance Fee Rate applied to the outperformance over the Benchmark Index, as further described in the formula below.

Provision will be made for this Performance Fee on each Valuation Day. If the NAV per Share decreases during the Calculation Period, the provisions made in respect of the Performance Fee will be reduced accordingly. If these provisions fall to zero, no Performance Fee will be payable.

If (i) Shares were redeemed or converted into other Shares of any Class of this Sub-Fund or any Class of another existing Sub-Fund of the Company or of another UCITS during the Calculation Period and a Performance Fee is accrued for those Shares, or (ii) the assets of this Sub-Fund or of a Class of Shares are transferred to or merged with those of another Sub-Fund, category or class of Shares of such other Sub-Fund within the Company or within another UCITS, and a Performance Fee is accrued for those Shares concerned by such merger, such Performance Fee will be crystallized respectively at the date of redemption or conversion or at the effective date of the merger and it will be considered as payable to the Investment Manager at the end of the Calculation Period.

However, no Performance Fee shall crystallise where this Sub-Fund or a Class of Shares of this Sub-Fund is merged with a newly established receiving UCITS or Sub-Fund with no performance history and with an investment policy not substantially different from that of this Sub-Fund. In that case, the performance reference period of this Sub-Fund shall continue applying in the receiving UCITS or Sub-Fund.

In case of subscription, the Performance Fee calculation is adjusted to avoid that this subscription impacts the amount of Performance Fee accruals. To perform this adjustment, the outperformance of the NAV per Share against the return of the Benchmark Index until the subscription date is not taken into account in the Performance Fee calculation. This adjustment amount is equal to the product of the number of subscribed Shares by the positive difference between the subscription price and the High Water Mark adjusted by the return of the Benchmark Index at the date of the subscription. This cumulated adjustment amount is used in the Performance Fee calculation until the end of the relevant period and is adjusted in case of subsequent redemptions during the period.

Performance Fees are payable within 20 Business Days following the end of the relevant Calculation Period. The Investment Manager may, in its sole discretion, pay or direct the payment of, a portion of the Performance Fee to the Sub-Investment Manager.

The formula for the calculation of the Performance Fee is as follows:

F	=	0 If $[(B / E - 1) - (G / H - 1)] \leq 0$ Or if $B \leq E$
F	=	$[(B / E - 1) - (G / H - 1)] * E * C * A$ If $[(B / E - 1) - (G / H - 1)] > 0$ And if $B > E$ And if $G > H$
F	=	$\text{MIN} [(B / E - 1) ; ((B / E - 1) - (G / H - 1)) * C] * E * A$ If $[(B / E - 1) - (G / H - 1)] > 0$ And if $B > E$ And if $G < H$
The new High Water Mark	=	If $F=0 \Rightarrow E$  If $F>0 \Rightarrow D$
Number of Shares outstanding	=	A
NAV per Share before performance	=	B
Performance Fee Rate	=	C
NAV per Share after performance	=	D
High Water Mark	=	E
Performance Fee	=	F
Benchmark value at the Valuation Day	=	G
Benchmark value at the last Performance Fees payment date	=	H

The past performance against the Benchmark Index is disclosed in the relevant PRIIPs KID.

**Examples:**

	NAV before Perf Fee	HWM per share	NAV per share performance	Yearly benchmark performance	Cumulated benchmark performance <sup>(1)</sup>	Perf Fee	Max Perf Fee (NAV - HWM)	NAV after Perf Fee
Year 1:	112.00	100.00	12.00%	2.00%	2.00%	1.50	12.00	110.50
Year 2:	121.00	110.50	9.50%	-1.00%	-1.00%	1.74	10.50	119.26

Year 3:	117.00	119.26	-1.89%	-1.00%	-1.00%	0.00	0.00	117.00
Year 4:	120.00	119.26	0.62%	4.00%	3.00%	0.00	0.00	120.00
Year 5:	119.45	119.26	0.16%	-4.00%	-1.00%	0.21	0.19	119.26

*(1) Benchmark performance since the last Valuation Day at the end of a calculation period, on which a performance fee has been calculated.*

With a performance fee rate equal to +15%.

#### Year 1:

The NAV per share performance against the HWM (12%) is superior to the return of the Benchmark Index (2%).

The excess of performance against the HWM over the Benchmark Index is 10% and generates a performance fee equal to 1.50.

The HWM is set at 110.50 after the payment of the Performance Fee.

#### Year 2:

The NAV per share performance against the HWM (9,50%) is superior to the return of the Benchmark Index (-1%). The return of the Benchmark Index is negative, therefore the Performance Fee shall be equal to the minimum between:

- Absolute performance against the HWM, i.e. 10.50 (9.50% of 110.50)
- 15% of the outperformance over the return of the Benchmark Index, i.e. 1.74  $[(9.50\% - (-1\%)) * 15\%]$  of 110.50)

The excess of performance generates a performance fee equal to 1.74.

The HWM is set at 119.26 after the payment of the Performance Fee.

#### Year 3:

The NAV per share performance against the HWM (-1.89%) is negative. No performance fee is paid.

#### Year 4:

The NAV per share performance against the HWM (0,62%) is inferior to the return of the Benchmark Index since the last performance fees payment (3%) which is positive.

No performance fee is paid.

The HWM is not changed.

#### Year 5:

The NAV per share performance against the HWM (0,16%) is superior to the return of the Benchmark Index since the last performance fees payment (-1%). The return of the Benchmark Index is negative, therefore the Performance Fee shall be equal to the minimum between:

- Absolute performance against the HWM, i.e. 0.19 (0.16% of 119.26)
- 15% of the outperformance over the return of the Benchmark Index, i.e. 0.21  $[(0.16\% - (-1\%)) * 15\%]$  of 119.26)

The excess of performance generates a performance fee equal to 0.19.

## **10. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Sub-Fund will use the commitment approach to monitor its global exposure.

## **11. PROFILE OF THE TYPICAL INVESTOR**

The Sub-Fund is aimed at investors who wish to achieve capital growth. The Sub-Fund may, therefore, be suitable for investors with at least a three year investment horizon. Investors are advised to invest only a part of their assets in the Sub-Fund.

Shareholders should note that the value of their investment could fall as well as rise and they should accept that there is no guarantee that they will recover their initial investment.

## **12. SPECIFIC RISK FACTORS**

This Sub-Fund is exposed to the risks described in Section 7 of the General Section. The Sub-Fund is also exposed to the following specific risk factors:

### **12.1 Credit risk – corporate debt obligations**

By investing in debt obligations issued by companies and other entities, the Sub-Fund will be subject to the risk that a particular issuer may not fulfil its payment or other obligations in respect of such debt obligations. Additionally, an issuer may experience an adverse change in its financial condition which may in turn result in a decrease in the credit rating assigned by an IRSO to such issuer and its debt obligations, possibly below Investment Grade. Such adverse change in financial condition or decrease in credit rating(s) may result in increased volatility in the price of an issuer's debt obligations and negatively affect liquidity, making any such debt obligation more difficult to sell.

The Sub-Fund is exposed to a broad range of Sustainability Risks. A wide range of Sustainability Risks can affect bond borrowers' cash flows and affect their ability to meet their debt obligations. For corporate bond issuers, environmental risks include but are not limited to the ability of companies to mitigate and adapt to climate change, the potential for higher carbon prices, exposure to increasing water scarcity and potential for higher water prices, waste management challenges, and impact on global and local ecosystems. Social risks include, but are not limited to product safety, supply chain management and labour standards, health and safety and human rights, employee welfare, data and privacy concerns and increasing technological regulation. Governance risks are also relevant and can include board composition and effectiveness, management incentives, management quality and alignment of management with shareholders.

### **12.2 Currency risk**

Shareholders should be aware of the currency risk which may affect the portfolio of the Sub-Fund. This Sub-Fund is denominated in EUR, but will have exposure to other currencies. The Company, the Management Company and the Investment Manager do not intend to systematically hedge investments denominated in another currency against the EUR. As a consequence, the investor bears the risk of a loss consequent to a strategy exposure in a market whose trading currency differs from the reference currency of the invested Sub-Class.

### **12.3 Non-Investment Grade risk**

Some of the non-investment grade securities held in the Sub-Fund may involve increased credit and market risk; such securities are subject to the risk of an issuer's inability to meet principal and interest payments on its obligations (credit risk) and may also be subject to price volatility due to such factors as interest rate sensitivity, market perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer and general market liquidity. Besides, public awareness on several matters (i.e. climate change) or specific ESG related incident might reduce the demand for a specific bond. This could result in various effects such as a reduction in liquidity or a higher default risk resulting from higher refinancing cost for the company, among others and the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund may be adversely affected. In selecting

securities, the Sub-Fund will consider among other things, the price of the securities, and the issuer's financial history, condition, management and prospects. The Sub-Fund will endeavour to mitigate the risks associated with non-investment grade securities, by diversifying their holdings by issuer, industry and credit quality.

#### **12.4 Investment in distressed debt securities**

The Sub-Fund may invest in distressed debt securities. Investment in such distressed debt securities (which qualify as Transferable Securities) involves purchases of obligations of companies that are experiencing significant financial or business distress, including companies involved in bankruptcy or other reorganisation and liquidation proceedings. Acquired investments may include senior or subordinated debt securities, promissory notes and other evidences of indebtedness, as well as payables to trade creditors. Although such purchases may result in significant investor returns, they involve a substantial degree of risk and may not show any return for a considerable period of time. In fact, many of these investments ordinarily remain unpaid unless and until the company reorganises and/or emerges from bankruptcy proceedings, and as a result may have to be held for an extended period of time. The level of analytical sophistication, both financial and legal, necessary for successful investment in companies experiencing significant business and financial distress is unusually high. There is no assurance that the Investment Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager will correctly evaluate the nature and magnitude of the various factors that could affect the prospects for a successful reorganisation or similar action. In any reorganisation or liquidation proceeding relating to a company in which the Sub-Fund invests, an investor may lose its entire investment or may be required to accept cash or securities with a value less than the original investment. Under such circumstances, the returns generated from the investment may not compensate a Sub-Fund adequately for the risks assumed.

#### **12.5 Emerging markets**

The Sub-Fund is investing in emerging markets, which may be subject to additional political and economic risks, while stocks can be negatively impacted by low liquidity, poor transparency and greater financial risks. Investments in securities of issuers of emerging countries are more speculative and subject to greater risk than those in securities of issuers of developed countries. Emerging markets may be volatile and illiquid and the investments of a Sub-Fund in such markets may be subject to significant delays in settlement. The risk of significant fluctuations in the net asset value and of the suspension of redemptions in the Sub-Fund may be higher than for Sub-Funds investing in major world markets. In addition, there may be a higher than usual risk of political, economic, social and religious instability and adverse changes in government regulations and laws in less developed or emerging markets. The assets of the Sub-Fund, as well as the income derived therefrom, may also be affected unfavourably by fluctuations in currency rates and exchange control and tax regulations and consequently the net asset value of the Sub-Fund's Shares may be subject to significant volatility. Some of these emerging markets may not be subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices comparable to those of more developed countries and the securities markets of such markets may be subject to unexpected closure. In addition, there may be less government supervision, legal regulation and less well defined tax laws and procedures than in countries with more developed securities markets. Additionally, companies in many emerging markets are usually less transparent and deliver less robust disclosures resulting in a more challenging task for Investment Manager and external providers to identify and assess the materiality of eventual Sustainability Risks. Lag on labour and human rights practices, child labour, corruption are examples of Sustainability Risks in emerging markets that could damage a company's reputation and earnings prospects, and increase the risk of regulatory scrutiny and restrictions. Such event could significantly impact the return of the Sub-Fund.

This Sub-Fund is denominated in Euro, but will have significant exposure to other currencies, including the currencies of emerging market countries. Shareholders should be aware of the currency

risk which may affect the portfolio of the Sub-Fund. The Company, the Management Company, the Investment Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager do not intend to systematically hedge investments denominated in another currency against the Euro.



## **PART C: SFDR ANNEXES**

**Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852**

**Product name:**  
**Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Argonaut (the “Sub-Fund”)**

**Legal entity identifier:**  
**549300WF6E2RM1DSS471**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☐ ☐ **Yes**
☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective**: \_\_\_\_%

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective**: \_\_\_\_%

☐ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of \_\_\_\_% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ with a social objective

☒ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make sustainable investments**

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.



**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

The Sub-Fund pursues a best-in-progress approach through engagement with company management, encouraging improvement in disclosure and action on environmental, social and governance issues. The Sub-Fund also excludes companies that systematically cross ethical lines or that have a negative impact on the environment as further described below. The Sub-Fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and social characteristics that it promotes.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained

- ***What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The sustainability indicators used to measure the attainment of the E/S characteristics promoted are:

- Percentage of investments in companies with over 10% of revenues from coal mining and/or coal thermal power generation (as defined in Quaero Capital exclusion policy).
- Percentage of investments in tobacco producers as defined in Quaero Capital exclusion policy.
- Percentage of investments in companies involved in the production or development of controversial weapons that do not comply with the international treaties as specified in Quaero Capital exclusion policy.
- Percentage of investments in companies that have been involved in severe and systemic violations of the UN Global Compact principles.
- Percentage of issuers the Investment manager engaged with, on environmental, social and governance issues.

- ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

N/A

- ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

N/A

**Principal adverse impact** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decision on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

- *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

N/A

- *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?*

N/A

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a 'do not significant harm' principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The 'do not significant harm' principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



### Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

**X**

Yes, we consider and where possible mitigate principal adverse impacts ("PAI") of our investments on society and the environment through a combination of exclusion of issuers through the Quaero Capital exclusion policy and active ownership activities. Subject to data availability, Quaero Capital will report on a best effort the mandatory indicators listed in Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

The Sub-Fund prioritises the following principle adverse impacts:

- **PAI indicator 4:** Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector

Companies with over 10% of revenues from coal mining and/or coal thermal power generation are excluded from the Sub-Fund's portfolio (as defined in the Quaero Capital exclusion policy).

- **PAI indicator 10:** Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

Companies deemed to have severely and systemically breached the UNGC principles are excluded from the Sub-Fund's portfolio.

- **PAI indicator 14:** Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)

Companies that are involved in the production or development of controversial weapons are excluded from the Sub-Fund's portfolio.

Information on how principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors were considered will be made available in the periodic reporting of the Sub-Fund.



No



### What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The Sub-Fund invests primarily in a portfolio of micro and small capitalisation European companies. These investments rarely have third party ESG ratings which means they could be, and often are, ignored by the sustainable investment community. ESG analysis is completed internally alongside financial analysis by our ESG specialists.

The ESG analysis is considered by the investment team and integrated into the portfolio construction, it is also used to formulate an engagement plan. The Sub-Fund commits to engage on environmental, social and governance issues with 50% of investments either through direct engagement or through collaboration with other investors. The objective of each engagement is based on the ESG analysis, often focused on general ESG disclosure or specifically on carbon reduction targets. ESG engagements cover issues such as ESG disclosure and strategy, carbon emission reporting and reduction targets, supply chain management and governance structures. The objective will differ between each engagement, but the intention is to encourage companies to improve their approach to ESG issues.

The Sub-Fund applies certain exclusions in order to not allocate capital to companies that severely and systemically cross ethical lines as well as companies that have a significantly negative impact on global warming. Thus, we exclude companies:

- That are involved in the production or development of controversial weapons that do not comply with the international treaties as specified in Quaero Capital exclusion policy.
- That make more than 10% of revenues from coal mining and/ or coal thermal power generation (as defined in Quaero Capital exclusion policy).
- Whose conduct is determined to be in systemic and severe breach (the former refers to breaches that are the result of the way the company is operated as opposed to a single event, and the latter to breaches that have a very serious and significant impact on stakeholders) of UN Global Compact principles.
- That produce tobacco according to Quaero Capital exclusion policy.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The binding element of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the E/S characteristics promoted are:

- The exclusion of companies falling under the exclusion list described above.
- Engagement with at least 50% of investments either through direct engagement or through collaboration with other investors.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

N/A

● ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

Strong governance structures are considered of high importance. The structure should align the executives' and long-term shareholders' interests, incentivising good corporate behaviour and investment in long-term growth and opportunities, not focused on short-term financial performance at the expense often of environmental and social considerations.

Good governance practice diverges by geography, and the Sub-Fund considers country governance codes. While the Sub-Fund investment manager seeks to have high confidence in the executive team of a company, the board must act in its role of overseeing and correcting the executive when needed. Executive compensation is an important factor for the Sub-Fund; this must be aligned with long-term shareholders' interests. It should reward strong strategic judgement and execution and not short-term financial results.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employees' relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The Sub-Fund is expected to invest at least 50% of its net assets in issuers that qualify as aligned with E/S characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). The Sub-Fund is allowed to invest up to 50% of its net assets in cash, cash equivalents, and/or hedging instruments or investments that comply with the exclusion policy but not the other binding element on engagement (#2 Other).

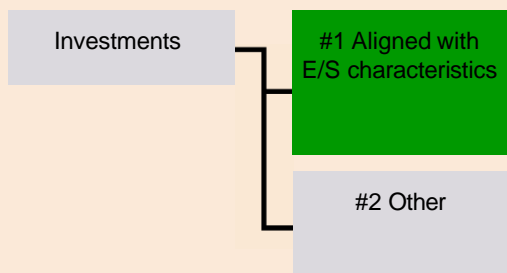
**Taxonomy-aligned activities** are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

- **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

N/A



## To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Sub-Fund promotes environmental characteristics. As it does not aim to make sustainable investments, its commitment to make “sustainable investments” within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy is set at 0%.

- **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

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Yes

☐

In fossil gas

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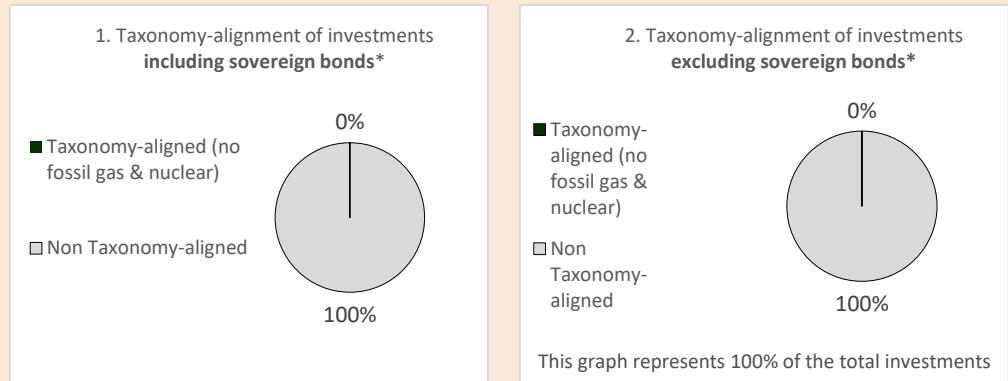
In nuclear energy

☒

No, 0%

<sup>1</sup>Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change (“climate change mitigation”) and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

The Sub-Fund does not intend to invest in environmentally sustainable investments (including transitional and enabling activities), as defined by the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, its minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities is set at 0%.

are environmentally sustainable investments that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Sub-Fund promotes environmental characteristics but does not aim to make sustainable investments as defined either under SFDR or under the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0%.



**What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?**

N/A



**What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

The Sub-Fund may hold up to 50% in:

- 1) cash and cash equivalents held as ancillary liquidity;
- 2) hedging instruments, and;
- 3) Investments that comply with the exclusion policy but not the other binding element on engagement.

No minimum social and environmental safeguards are applied to investments mentioned under point 1) and 2).



Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

N/A

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote

- *How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?*

N/A

- *How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?*

N/A

- *How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?*

N/A

- *Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?*

N/A



Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the website:

<https://assetservices.group.pictet/asset-services/esg-disclosures?isin=LU1890151431>



**Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852**

**Product name:**  
**Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Infrastructure Securities (the “Sub-Fund”)**

**Legal entity identifier:**  
**222100OKRMRD7I8NQN78**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**



**Yes**



**No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective**: \_\_\_\_%

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective**: \_\_\_\_%

☐ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of \_\_\_\_% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ with a social objective

☒ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make sustainable investments**

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.



**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

The Sub-Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics (E/S), by excluding companies that systematically cross ethical lines or that have a negative impact on the environment or society as further described below.

The Sub-Fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and social characteristics that it promotes.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained

- ***What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The Sub-Fund will monitor and report on the following sustainability indicators:

- Portfolio ESG score according to MSCI relative to the universe (the universe is created internally to reflect the sub-fund's strategy focused on global infrastructure).
- Percentage of investments scored BBB or above based on MSCI's proprietary ESG ranking system.
- Percentage of investments scored Fair or above based on the ESG team proprietary methodology further described in the investment strategy section.
- The carbon intensity (tCO<sub>2</sub>e/USDm, i.e. tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions / 1 million USD revenue) sales of the Sub-Fund's portfolio.
- The carbon intensity (tCO<sub>2</sub>e/USDm, i.e. tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions / 1 million USD revenue) sales of the investment universe.
- Female directors percentage.
- The percentage of board independence of the Sub-Fund's portfolio.
- The percentage of board independence of the investment universe. Percentage of investments that are UN Global Compact signatories.
- Percentage of investments in authoritarian regimes.
- Percentage of investments in tobacco producers as defined in Quaero Capital exclusion policy.
- Percentage of investments in companies involved in the production or development of controversial weapons that do not comply with the international treaties as specified in Quaero Capital exclusion policy.
- Percentage of investments in companies that have been involved in severe and systemic violations of the UN Global Compact principles.
- Percentage of investments in companies on which an ESG analysis has been performed.
- The percentage by which the investment universe has been reduced based on the exclusions.

- ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

N/A

**Principal adverse impact** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decision on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

- ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

N/A

– *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

N/A

– *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?*

N/A

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a 'do not significant harm' principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The 'do not significant harm' principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?**

**X**

Yes, we consider and where possible mitigate principal adverse impacts ("PAI") of our investments on society and the environment through a combination of exclusion of issuers through the Quaero Capital exclusion policy, active ownership activities and portfolio management. Subject to data availability, Quaero Capital will report on a best effort the mandatory indicators listed in Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

The Sub-Fund prioritises the following principle adverse impacts:

- **PAI indicator 2:** Carbon footprint

PAI 2 is monitored and assessed together since the investment strategy of the Sub-Fund aims at investing in companies that have a positive impact on the global carbon footprint. The carbon footprint is reported in PAI at product-level section.

- **PAI indicator 4:** Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector

Companies with over 10% of revenues from coal mining and/or coal thermal power generation are excluded from the Sub-Fund's portfolio (as defined in Quaero Capital exclusion policy).

- **PAI indicator 10:** Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

Companies deemed to have severely and systemically breached the UNGC principles are excluded from the Sub-Fund's portfolio.

- **PAI indicator 13:** Board gender diversity

the Sub-Fund commits to manage and report monthly these indicators for the portfolio

- **PAI indicator 14:** Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)

Companies that are involved in the production or development of controversial weapons are excluded from the Sub-Fund's portfolio.

Information on how principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors were considered will be made available in the periodic reporting of the Sub-Fund.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The Sub-Fund is a thematic fund which invests in quoted equities in the infrastructure sector. The aim is to support those companies which demonstrate a high level of environmental and social responsibility and stewardship. The long-term nature of the infrastructure investments means that particular attention is put to the climate strategy of the organisation; we want to see companies that are decarbonising their operations. Additionally, the fund managers believe that companies that exhibit elevated standards of governance are generally the better managed firms and therefore have superior prospects for financial outperformance.

To ensure that investments are aligned with the E/S characteristics above described, certain exclusions are applied so as to not allocate capital to companies that are in systemic and severe breach of ethical lines as well as companies that have a significantly negative impact on global warming.

Thus, we exclude companies:

- That are involved in the production or development of controversial weapons that do not comply with the international treaties as specified in Quaero Capital exclusion policy.
- That make more than 10% of revenues from coal mining and/ or coal thermal power generation (as defined in Quaero Capital exclusion policy).
- Which are located in authoritarian regimes.
- That produce tobacco according to Quaero Capital exclusion policy.
- Whose conduct is determined to be in systemic and severe breach (the former refers to breaches that are the result of the way the company is operated as opposed to a single event, and the latter to breaches that have a very serious and significant impact on stakeholders) of UN Global Compact principles.

These exclusions are applied at the initial stages of the investment process, as the list of excluded companies is reviewed by the ESG team as each new investment idea is discussed. In addition, it is applied in both pre- and post-trade checks, ensuring no investments are made that breach the exclusion policy.

The Sub-Fund actively integrates ESG analysis based on data provided by MSCI, and in the absence of an ESG rating from MSCI, the ESG team will rate the investment according to a proprietary methodology that rates companies on a scale of 5 ratings (from Very poor to Excellent). The Sub-Fund aims to maintain at all times an overall ESG rating at least 10% greater than that of the universe, using the MSCI ESG rating system.

Finally, the Sub-Fund commits to maintain a carbon intensity lower than the universe and a board independence percentage above that of the universe. The data is collected using a third-party provider.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the E/S characteristics promoted are:

- The portfolio ESG rating as rated by MSCI must be at least 10% greater than that of the universe.
- The carbon intensity of the portfolio must be lower than that of the universe.
- The board independence percentage of the portfolio is above that of the universe.
- ESG analysis is completed either by MSCI or internally on 90% of the Sub-Fund's investments in companies.

- **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

N/A

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employees' relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

- **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

Strong governance structures are considered of high importance. The structure should align the executives' and long-term shareholders' interests, incentivising good corporate behaviour and investment in long-term growth and opportunities, not focused on short-term financial performance at the expense often of environmental and social considerations.

Good governance practice diverges by geography, and the Sub-Fund considers country governance codes. While the Sub-Fund manager seeks to have high confidence in the executive team of a company, the board must act in its role of overseeing and correcting the executive when needed. Executive compensation is an important factor for the Sub-Fund, this must be aligned with long-term shareholders' interests. It should reward strong strategic judgement and execution and not short-term financial results.



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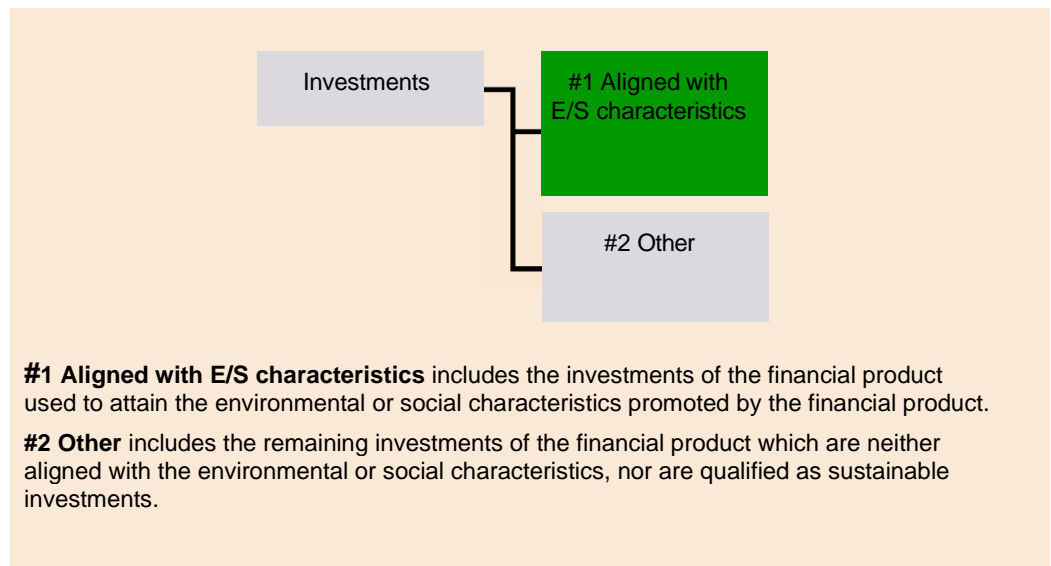
#### **What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

The Sub-Fund is expected to invest at least 80% of its net assets in issuers that qualify as aligned with E/S characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics).

The Sub-Fund is allowed to invest up to 20% of its net assets in cash, cash equivalents or hedging instruments (#2 Other).

**Taxonomy-aligned activities** are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



- **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

N/A



## To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

The Sub-Fund promotes environmental characteristics. As it does not aim to make sustainable investments, its commitment to make “sustainable investments” within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy is set at 0%.

### Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?

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Yes

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In fossil gas

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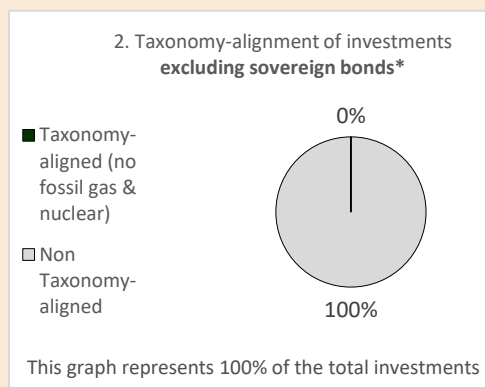
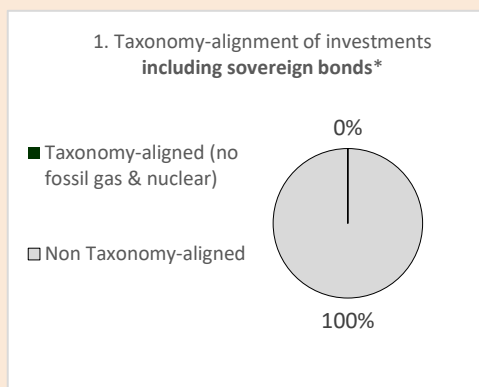
In nuclear energy

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No, 0%

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change (“climate change mitigation”) and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

**The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.**



\* For the purpose of these graphs, ‘sovereign bonds’ consist of all sovereign exposures.

### What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The Sub-Fund does not intend to invest in environmentally sustainable investments (including transitional and enabling activities), as defined by the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, its minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities is set at 0%.

 are environmentally sustainable investments that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Sub-Fund promotes environmental characteristics but does not aim to make sustainable investments as defined either under SFDR or under the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0%.



**What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?**

N/A



**What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

The Sub-Fund may hold up to 20% of cash and cash equivalents held as ancillary liquidity and hedging instruments (#2Other). No minimum social and environmental safeguards are applied to these investments.



**Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?**

N/A

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

N/A

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

N/A

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

N/A

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

N/A

**Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the website:

<https://assetservices.group.pictet/asset-services/esg-disclosures?isin=LU1136190664>



**Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 9, paragraphs 1 to 4a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 5, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852**

**Product name:**  
**Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Accessible  
 Clean Energy  
 (the “Sub-Fund”)**

**Legal entity identifier:**  
**222100RMTDFAE27XXO79**

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

## Sustainable investment objective

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☒ **Yes**

☐ ☐ ☐ **No**

☒ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: 80%**

☒ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_\_\_%**

☐ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of \_\_\_\_% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make sustainable investments**



### What is the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

The Sub-Fund pursues a sustainable objective of contributing to decarbonisation and the transition by investing in companies that enable the clean energy transition and taking an active role along the clean energy value chain.

The objective of contributing to decarbonisation and the transition is pursued through the investment in companies that are either directly contributing to climate change mitigation, through companies whose products and services play a key role in supply chains to enable end-product and services to mitigate climate change, or through companies who are investing significantly in products and services which will have a material impact on climate change mitigation in the future.

In addition, the Sub-Fund excludes companies that cross ethical lines or that have a negative impact on the environment or society, as further described below.

The Sub-Fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining its sustainable investment objective. It does not follow the methodology set out in the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818 but instead focuses on potential avoided emissions of the product.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained

● ***What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?***

The sustainability indicators used to measure the attainment of sustainable investment objective are as follows:

- Implied Temperature Score at portfolio level vs that of the MSCI World index,
- Total emission savings intensity per million euros of revenue (tCO<sub>2</sub>e/M) – which equals the sum of potential avoided emissions and reduced emissions,
- The scope 1 and 2 carbon emission intensity (mt of CO<sub>2</sub> per \$m, i.e. tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions / 1 million USD revenue),
- Percentage of investments in shares of companies earning over 50% revenue from activities that contribute to the clean energy value chain. The weighted average green revenue of the Sub-Fund's portfolio,
- Percentage of investee companies that have a positive revenue exposure to the identified green activities,
- Potential avoided emissions (mt of CO<sub>2</sub>),
- Percentage of investments that have a share of unconventional fossil hydrocarbons production >30% and/or have short-term expansion plans in unconventional fossil fuel hydrocarbons > 0%,
- Percentage of investments in companies with over 10% of revenues from coal mining and/or coal thermal power generation (as defined in Quaero Capital exclusion policy),
- Percentage of investments in tobacco producers as defined in Quaero Capital exclusion policy,
- Percentage of investments in companies involved in the production or development of controversial weapons that do not comply with the international treaties as specified in Quaero Capital exclusion policy,
- Percentage of investments in companies that have been involved in severe and systemic violations of the UN Global Compact principles,
- Percentage of investments that have an MSCI ESG Rating of CCC or a rating of "Very poor" according to the proprietary rating methodology.
- Percentage of investments in companies on which an ESG analysis has been performed.

● ***How do sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Sub-Fund ensures to understand the full profile of the company from an ESG perspective before investing, in order to only invest in companies that actively consider sustainability throughout the organisation, and that do no significant harm to any environmental or social objective.

– *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

The indicators for adverse impacts are considered at investment level individually and at the portfolio level. We do not set thresholds for every PAI at company level due to differences between industries and geographies, and also due to issues in data quality and availability.

**Principal adverse impact** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decision on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Where the data is available, it is considered actively in our ESG analysis and incorporated in the investment decision making process.

When data is not available, the Sub-Fund analyses information which is available on the company, such as sustainable commitments, governance and oversight of the commitments, and existence and ambition of sustainability policies. These are considered relative to the adverse impacts.

The application of our exclusion list will prevent us from investing in companies that cause significant harm to environmental and social objectives.

- *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?*

The Sub-Fund invests in accordance with UN Global Compact principles which align tightly to the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the Declaration of the International Labour Organisation on Fundamental principles and Rights at Work and the International Bill of Human Rights. The UN Global Compact principles cover the most important issues of protection of human rights, labour standards and the environment as well as the elimination of corruption. This is incorporated through the Sub-Fund's exclusion policy of excluding companies that are in severe and systemic breach of UN Global Compact principles, and the incorporation of ESG analysis which considers each of these issues actively.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a 'do not significant harm' principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The 'do not significant harm' principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



#### **Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?**

- X** Yes, we consider and where possible mitigate principal adverse impacts ("PAI") of our investments on society and the environment through a combination of exclusion of issuers through the Quaero Capital exclusion policy, active ownership activities and portfolio construction. Subject to data availability, Quaero Capital will report on a best effort the mandatory indicators listed in Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

The Sub-Fund prioritises the following principle adverse impacts:

- **PAI indicator 1:** GHG emissions & PAI indicator 2: Carbon footprint

PAI 1 and 2 are monitored and assessed together since the investment strategy of the Sub-Fund aims at investing in companies that have a positive impact on the global carbon footprint. The carbon footprint is reported in PAI at product-level section.

- **PAI indicator 3:** GHG intensity of investee companies

The indicator is monitored and used as a sustainability indicator.

- **PAI indicator 4:** Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector

Companies with over 10% of revenues from coal mining and/or coal thermal power generation are excluded and cannot qualify as a sustainable investment (as defined in Quaero Capital exclusion policy). Companies that have a share of unconventional fossil hydrocarbons production >30% and/or have short-term expansion plans in unconventional fossil fuel hydrocarbons > 0% are excluded from the Sub-Fund's portfolio.

- **PAI indicator 5:** Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production

The investment strategy of the Sub-Fund aims at investing in energy providers who have, or are investing in renewable energy. The indicator is monitored and reported on in PAI at product-level section.

- **PAI indicator 6:** Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector

The investment strategy of the Sub-Fund aims at selecting issuers that are in high-impact sectors and notably contribute to the production of clean energy with an objective of decarbonization.

- **PAI indicator 10:** Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

Companies deemed to have severely and systemically breached the UNGC principles are excluded from the Sub-Fund's portfolio.

- **PAI indicator 14:** Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)

Companies that are involved in the production or development of controversial weapons are excluded from the Sub-Fund's portfolio.

The following PAI indicators are considered through the MSCI ESG Rating or MSCI controversies assessment (i.e., scores). Depending on the industry of the issuer, the following indicators may be included in the MSCI ESG Ratings as part of the industry "Key Issues" according to MSCI Methodology.

- **PAI indicator 7:** Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas
- **PAI indicator 8:** Emissions to water
- **PAI indicator 9:** Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio
- **PAI indicator 11:** Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
- **PAI indicator 12:** Unadjusted gender pay gap
- **PAI indicator 13:** Board gender diversity

Information on how principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors were considered will be made available in the periodic reporting of the Sub-Fund.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The Sub-Fund pursues a sustainable objective of contributing to decarbonisation and the transition by investing in companies that enable the clean energy transition and taking an active role along the clean energy value chain. This is achieved through investing in companies whose primary business is in the clean energy value chain including (i) clean energy technology development and production including solar, wind, bioenergy, hydraulic, geothermal energy; (ii) renewable energy transmission and distribution; (iii) smart grid management; (iv) energy storage technologies including hydrogen and batteries; (v) carbon capture and renewable energy services; (vi) raw materials used in the clean energy value chain; (vii) and energy efficiency including energy efficient products, systems and processes.

The Sub-Fund only invests in companies that have a positive revenue exposure to the above identified green activities. This is an initial indication of the involvement of the company in the green energy value chain, allowing the Sub-Fund to contribute to the transition. The Sub-Fund then ensures that it is on a clear and measurable path to environmental transition by monitoring (i) the Implied Temperature Score of the portfolio and (ii) the total emission saving intensity of the Sub-Fund per million euros of revenue (tCO<sub>2</sub>e/M) – which equals the sum of potential avoided emissions and reduced emissions.

To elaborate further, the Sub-Fund's approach to selecting investments with a meaningful contribution towards climate change mitigation and the transition follows the following steps:

- Identify key themes
  - What are the most compelling technology trends that will contribute to cutting the cost of clean energy and accelerate the trend to de-carbonisation?
  - Is the technology identified disruptive?
  - What is its level of maturity?
  - Can it be scaled and adopted globally?
- Select the right technologies
  - Policy assessment – what are the government and regulatory risks?
  - Technology assessment – scientific consultation, evaluation of what has changed
  - Economic assessment – what is the ability for this technology to compete with the incumbent technology and how do the economics compare
- Select companies that will have a meaningful impact
  - Does the management have a clear & sustainable vision in line with the energy transition?
  - Is green revenue growing?
  - Does its products / services result in an emission reduction for clients?
  - Do they have a strategy to transition their own operations in line with a zero carbon future?
- Ensure that the Sub-Fund remains on a clear and measurable path to transition
  - Does this investment contribute to ensuring that the Sub-Fund is on a clear and measurable path to environmental transition?

This qualitative assessment concludes whether this company can have a meaningful impact on climate change mitigation and emission reduction. Different datapoints are considered including whether the company has a Science-Based Target, and how the Transition Pathway Initiative assesses the projected emission reductions.

Each position is reviewed on an annual basis to update the percentage of revenue in green activities. Before any new investment is made, the same calculation is made and the threshold set will be monitored.

To ensure the achievement of the sustainable investment objective above defined, we are also committed to a principles-based approach to responsible investment matters, and therefore apply

certain exclusions to not allocate capital to companies that consistently and systemically cross ethical lines as well as companies that have a significantly negative impact on global warming.

Thus, we exclude companies:

- That are involved in the production or development of controversial weapons that do not comply with the international treaties as specified in Quaero Capital exclusion policy.
- That make more than 10% of revenues from coal mining and/ or coal thermal power generation (as defined in Quaero Capital exclusion policy)
- that have a share of unconventional fossil hydrocarbons production >30% and/or have short-term expansion plans in unconventional fossil fuel hydrocarbons > 0%.
- That produce or cultivate tobacco according to Quaero Capital exclusion policy.
- Whose conduct is determined to be in systemic and severe breach (the latter refers to breaches that are the result of the way the company is operated as opposed to a single event, and the former to breaches that have a very serious and significant impact on stakeholders) of UN Global Compact principles.

For the avoidance of the doubt, the above list of exclusions covers the exclusions referred to in Article 12 (1) (a) to (c) of CDR (EU) 2020/1818 (the “CTB Exclusions”).

In addition, the Sub-Fund actively integrates ESG analysis based on data provided by MSCI, and in the absence of an ESG rating from MSCI, the ESG team will rate the investment according to a proprietary methodology that rates companies on a scale of 5 ratings (from Very poor to Excellent). The Sub-Fund will exclude companies rated CCC according to the MSCI ESG rating methodology, or Very poor (according to the proprietary methodology). In any case, at least 90% of the Sub-Fund’s investments in companies will be analyzed on the basis of either the MSCI rating or the proprietary methodology.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?***

The binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective are as follows:

- The Sub-Fund only invests in companies that have a positive revenue exposure to the above identified green activities.
- The Sub-Fund commits at least 50% of invested assets in shares issued by companies that earn over 50% revenue from activities that contribute to the clean energy value chain.
- The Sub-Fund will exclude issuers falling under the exclusion list above described.
- ESG analysis is completed either by MSCI or internally on 90% of the Sub-Fund’s investments in companies.

The application of the binding elements, as described above, leads to the exclusion of at least 20% of the investments considered prior to the application of the investment strategy (i.e. global listed equity markets).

● ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

Strong governance structures are considered of high importance. The structure should align the executives’ and long-term shareholders’ interests, incentivising good corporate behaviour and investment in long-term growth and opportunities, not focused on short-term financial performance at the expense often of environmental and social considerations.

Good governance practice diverges by geography, and the Sub-Fund considers country governance codes. While the fund managers seek to have high confidence in the executive team of a company, the board must act in its role of overseeing and correcting the executive when needed. Executive compensation is an important factor for the Sub-Fund, this must be

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employees’ relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

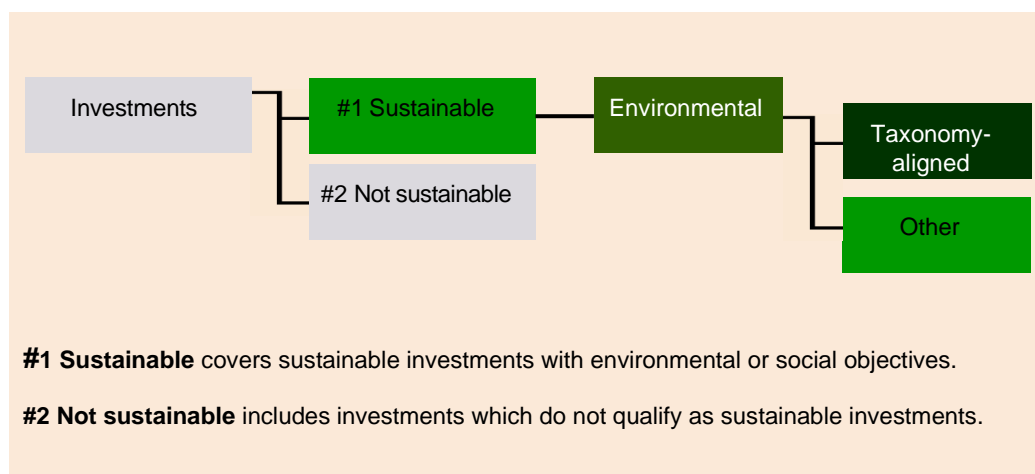
aligned with long-term shareholders' interests. It should reward strong strategic judgement and execution and not short-term financial results.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

### What is the asset allocation and the minimum share of sustainable investment?

The Sub-Fund is expected to invest at least 80% of its net assets in sustainable investments (#1 Sustainable). The Sub-Fund is allowed to invest up to 20% of its net assets in cash, cash equivalents and hedging instruments (#2 Not sustainable).



**Taxonomy-aligned activities** are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

### How does the use of derivatives attain the sustainable investment objective?

N/A



### To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Sub-Fund commits to a minimum of 5% of investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. The Sub-Fund seeks to invest in companies that are enabling their clients to significantly reduce carbon emissions, which may not always be reflected in a taxonomy alignment calculation. This percentage will not be subject to an assurance provided by one or more auditors or a review by one or more third parties. When information about the degree to which the investments are in environmentally sustainable economic activities is not readily available from public disclosures by investee companies, the Sub-Fund will rely on data from third-party vendors.

### Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

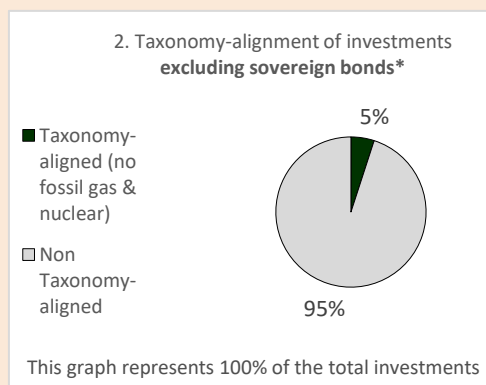
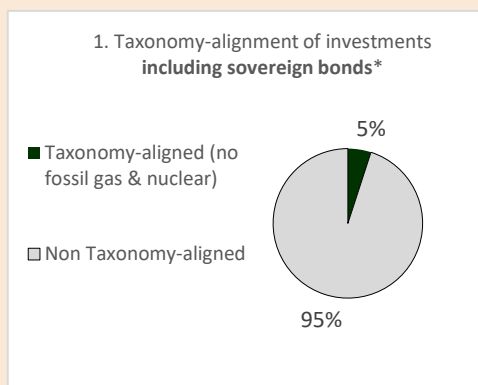
**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy
- ☒ No, 0%

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

### What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The Sub-Fund will invest a minimum of 0% of investments in transitional and enabling activities.

 are environmentally sustainable investments that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy

### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Sub-Fund commits to a minimum 80% of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with SFDR. These investments could be aligned with the EU Taxonomy but the Investment Manager is not currently in a position to specify the full proportion of the Sub-Fund's underlying investments which take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. However, the position will be kept under review as the underlying rules are finalised and the availability of reliable data increases over time.

### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective?

N/A





**What investments are included under “#2 Not sustainable”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

The Sub-Fund may hold up to 20% of cash and cash equivalents held as ancillary liquidity as well as hedging instruments (#2 Not sustainable). Financial instruments providing an exposure to at least one company are subject to the CTB Exclusions. For other investments, no minimum social and environmental safeguards are applied.



**Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to meet the sustainable investment objective?**

N/A

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote

- ***How does the reference benchmark take into account sustainability factors in a way that is continuously aligned with the sustainable investment objective?***

N/A

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

N/A

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

N/A

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

N/A

**Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the website:

<https://assetservices.group.pictet/asset-services/esg-disclosures?isin=LU1633832339>

**Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852**

**Product name:**  
**Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Cullen US Value**  
**(the “Sub-Fund”)**

**Legal entity identifier:**  
**222100HP4PWKUORJOP25**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**



**Yes**



**X No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective**: \_\_\_\_%

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective**: \_\_\_\_%

☐ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of \_\_\_\_% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ with a social objective

**X** It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make sustainable investments**

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.



**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

The Sub-Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics (E/S), by excluding companies that systematically cross ethical lines or that have a negative impact on the environment as further described below.

The Sub-Fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and social characteristics that it promotes.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained

- ***What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The Sub-Fund will monitor and report on the following sustainability indicators:

- Percentage of investments scored BBB or above based on MSCI's proprietary ESG ranking system.
- Percentage of investments scored Fair or above based on the ESG team proprietary methodology further described in the investment strategy section.
- Percentage of investments with a score below BBB according to MSCI or rated worse than Fair according to the proprietary methodology.
- Percentage of issuers the Investment Manager engaged with.
- Percentage of investments in companies with over 10% revenues from coal mining or coal thermal power generation (as defined in Quaero Capital exclusion policy).
- Percentage of investments in companies deriving more than 20% of revenues from oil sands.
- Percentage of investments in companies involved in the production or development of controversial weapons that do not comply with the international treaties as specified in Quaero Capital exclusion policy.
- Percentage of investments in companies that have been involved in severe and systemic violations of the UN Global Compact principles.
- Percentage of investments in tobacco producers as defined in Quaero Capital exclusion policy.
- Percentage of investments in companies that are involved in the manufacture of gambling equipment, operating gambling establishments or supporting services supplied to gambling operations.
- Percentage of investments involved in the production or development of firearms and munitions.
- Percentage of investments in companies on which an ESG analysis has been performed. The percentage by which the investment universe has been reduced based on the exclusions.

- ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

N/A

- ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

N/A

**Principal adverse impact** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decision on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

- *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

N/A

- *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?*

N/A

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a 'do not significant harm' principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The 'do not significant harm' principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



### Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- ☒ Yes, we consider and where possible mitigate principal adverse impacts ("PAI") of our investments on society and the environment through a combination of exclusion of issuers through the Quaero Capital exclusion policy, active ownership activities and portfolio management. Subject to data availability, Quaero Capital will report on a best effort the mandatory indicators listed in Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

The Sub-Fund prioritises the following principle adverse impacts:

- **PAI indicator 4:** Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector

Companies with over 10% of revenues from coal mining and/or coal thermal power generation are excluded (as defined in Quaero Capital exclusion policy) from the Sub-Fund's portfolio.

- **PAI indicator 10:** Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

Companies deemed to have severely and systemically breached the UNGC principles are excluded from the Sub-Fund's portfolio.

- **PAI indicator 14:** Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)

Companies that are involved in the production or development of controversial weapons are excluded from the Sub-Fund's portfolio.

Information on how principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors were considered will be made available in the periodic reporting of the Sub-Fund.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The Sub-Fund is focused on investing in companies that are best-in-class in their management of environmental, social and governance issues, and the Sub-Fund believes will outperform in the long term. The Sub-Fund's pursuit of high-quality companies is supported by its focus on those companies with strong governance structures, and high consideration of the long-term impacts of environmental and social issues the sustainable success of the company.

The Sub-Fund invests only in companies that will attain financial success in a sustainable way. To ensure that investments are aligned with the E/S characteristics above described, certain exclusions are applied in order to not allocate capital to companies that severely and systematically cross ethical lines as well as companies that have a significantly negative impact on global warming. Thus, we exclude companies:

- That are involved in the production or development of controversial weapons that do not comply with the international treaties as specified in Quaero Capital exclusion policy.
- That make more than 10% of revenues from coal mining, coal thermal power generation (as defined in Quaero Capital exclusion policy).
- That are involved in the production or development of firearms and munitions.
- That produce tobacco and tobacco products according to Quaero Capital exclusion policy.
- That make more than 20% of revenues derived from oil sands.
- Whose conduct is determined to be in systemic and severe breach (the former refers to breaches that are the result of the way the company is operated as opposed to a single event, and the latter to breaches that have a very serious and significant impact on stakeholders) of UN Global Compact principles.

In addition, investments must be rated BBB or above, as scored by MSCI, or Fair or above according to the proprietary methodology. In the absence of an ESG rating from MSCI, the ESG team rates the investment according to a proprietary methodology that ranks companies on a scale of 5 rankings (from Very poor to Excellent). The rankings are based on an evaluation of the strength of each company's approach to material environmental, social and governance issues, as well as the positioning of the company to benefit from sustainability-related opportunities. The Sub-Fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in companies that are rated below BBB, or Fair, due to the view that the companies are incorrectly evaluated and/or are expected to see an improvement in ESG rating. In any case, at least 90% of the Sub-Fund's investments in companies will be analyzed on the basis of either the MSCI rating or the proprietary methodology.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the E/S characteristics promoted are:

- The exclusion of companies falling under the exclusion list above described.
- Investments must be rated BBB or above, as scored by MSCI, or Fair or above according to the proprietary methodology, except for a maximum of 10% of the Sub-Fund's net assets which can be invested in companies that are rated below BBB or Fair. ESG analysis is completed either by MSCI or internally on 90% of the Sub-Fund's investments in companies.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

The Sub-Fund commits to reduce the investable universe by at least 20% based on the ESG exclusions. The investment universe is comprised of the companies included in the Russell 1000 Value index.

Should the exclusion policies in place no longer reduce the universe by at least 20%, the Sub-Fund will strengthen the exclusions in order to meet this binding element.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employees' relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

● ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

Strong governance structures are considered of high importance. The structure should align the executives' and long-term shareholders' interests, incentivising good corporate behaviour and investment in long-term growth and opportunities, not focused on short-term financial performance at the expense often of environmental and social considerations.

Good governance practice diverges by geography, and the Sub-Fund considers country governance codes. While the fund managers seek to have high confidence in the executive team of a company, the board must act in its role of overseeing and correcting the executive when needed. Executive compensation is an important factor for the Sub-Fund this must be aligned with long-term shareholders' interests. It should reward strong strategic judgement and execution and not short-term financial results.



**What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

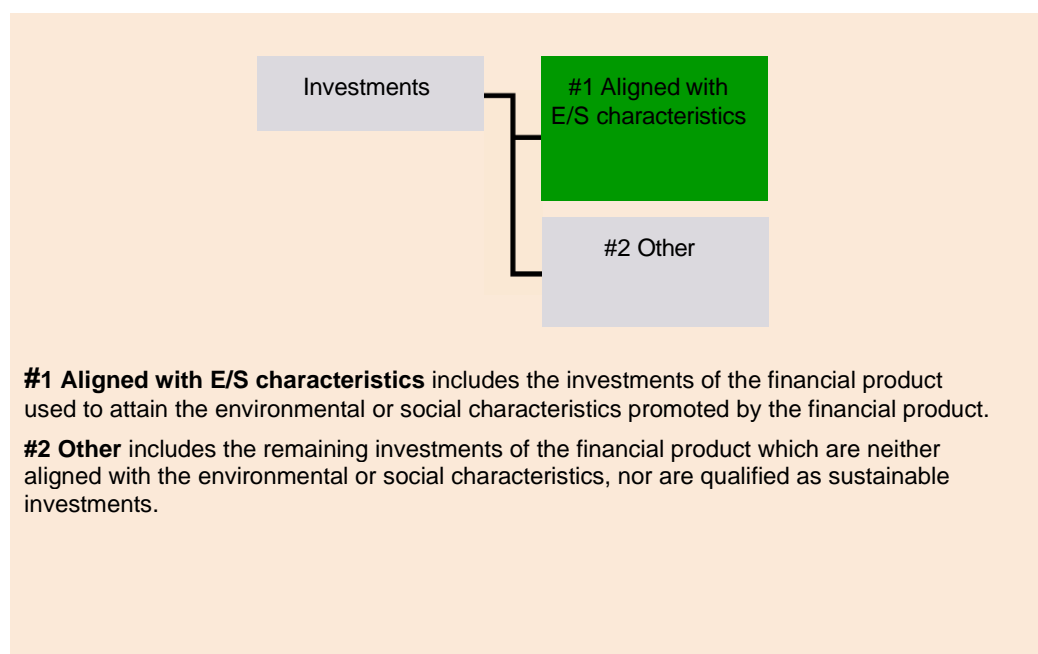
**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The Sub-Fund is expected to invest at least 80% of its net assets in issuers that qualify as aligned with E/S characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics).

The Sub-Fund is allowed to invest up to 20% of its net assets in cash, cash equivalents or, hedging instruments (#2 Other).

**Taxonomy-aligned activities** are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



● ***How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

N/A



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Sub-Fund promotes environmental characteristics. As it does not aim to make sustainable investments, its commitment to make “sustainable investments” within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy is set at 0%.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

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Yes

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In fossil gas

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In nuclear energy

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No, 0%

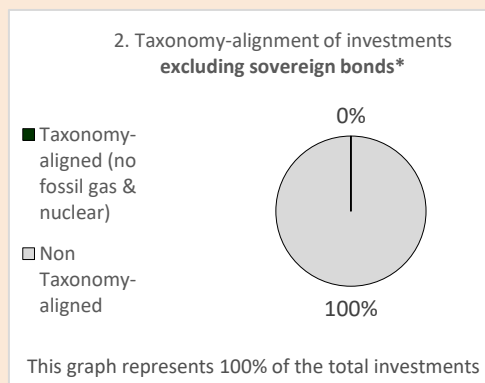
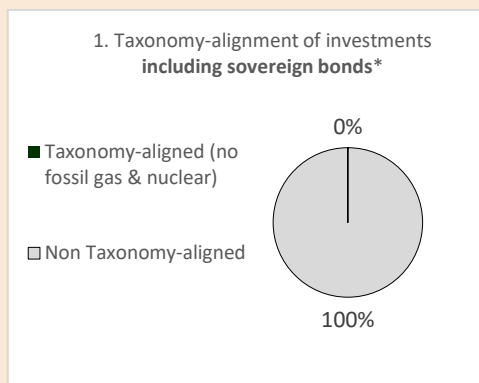
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

<sup>1</sup>Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change (“climate change mitigation”) and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

**The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.**



\* For the purpose of these graphs, ‘sovereign bonds’ consist of all sovereign exposures.

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

The Sub-Fund does not intend to invest in environmentally sustainable investments (including transitional and enabling activities), as defined by the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, its minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities is set at 0%.

 are environmentally sustainable investments that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Sub-Fund promotes environmental characteristics but does not aim to make sustainable investments as defined either under SFDR or under the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0%.



**What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?**

N/A



**What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

The Sub-Fund may hold up to 20% of cash and cash equivalents held as ancillary liquidity or, hedging instruments (#2 Other). No minimum social and environmental safeguards are applied to these investments.



**Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?**

N/A

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

N/A

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

N/A

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

N/A

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

N/A

**Where can I find more product specific information online?**

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Product name:  
Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Global  
Convertible Bonds (the “Sub-Fund”)

Legal entity identifier:  
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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

☒ ☐ Yes ☒ ☐ No

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective**: \_\_\_\_%

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective**: \_\_\_\_%

☐ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of \_\_\_\_% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ with a social objective

☒ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make sustainable investments**

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.



**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

The Sub-Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics (E/S), by excluding companies that systematically cross ethical lines or that have a negative impact on the environment as further described below.

The Sub-Fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and social characteristics that it promotes.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained

- ***What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The sustainability indicators used to measure the attainment of the E/S characteristics promoted are:

- Percentage of investments scored BBB or above based on MSCI's proprietary ESG ranking system.
- Percentage of investments scored Fair or above based on the ESG team proprietary methodology further described in the investment strategy section.
- Percentage of investments in companies with over 10% of revenues from coal mining and/or coal thermal power generation (as defined in Quaero Capital exclusion policy).
- Percentage of investments in companies involved in the production or development of controversial weapons that do not comply with the international treaties as specified in Quaero Capital exclusion policy.
- Percentage of investments in companies that have been involved in severe and systemic violations of the UN Global Compact principles.
- Portfolio ESG score according to MSCI relative to the universe (the universe is comprised of companies included in the SPDR FTSE Global Convertible Bond UCITS ETF).
- Percentage of investments in tobacco producers as defined in Quaero Capital exclusion policy.
- Percentage of investments in companies on which an ESG analysis has been performed.

- ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

N/A

- ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

N/A

**Principal adverse impact** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decision on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

- *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

N/A

- *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?*

N/A

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a 'do not significant harm' principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The 'do not significant harm' principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?**

☒ **X** Yes, we consider and where possible mitigate principal adverse impacts ("PAI") of our investments on society and the environment through a combination of exclusion of issuers through the Quaero Capital exclusion policy and active ownership activities. Subject to data availability, Quaero Capital will report on a best effort the mandatory indicators listed in Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

- **PAI indicator 4:** Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector

Companies with over 10% of revenues from coal mining and/or coal thermal power generation are excluded (as defined in Quaero Capital exclusion policy) from the Sub-Fund's portfolio.

- **PAI indicator 10:** Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

Companies deemed to have severely and systemically breached the UNGC principles are excluded from the Sub-Fund's portfolio.

- **PAI indicator 14:** Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)

Companies that are involved in the production or development of controversial weapons are excluded from the Sub-Fund's portfolio.

Information on how principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors were considered will be made available in the periodic reporting of the Sub-Fund.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The Sub-Fund incorporates third-party company ESG ratings into the valuation of convertible bonds, directly and systematically affecting the Sub-Fund score, which dictates the weight of each bond in the portfolio. As a result, the portfolio is expected to tilt towards companies with stronger ESG profiles.

The Sub-Fund actively integrates ESG analysis based on data provided by MSCI, and in the absence of an ESG rating from MSCI, the ESG team will rate the investment according to a proprietary methodology that rates companies on a scale of 5 ratings (from Very poor to Excellent).

The Sub-Fund aims at maintaining at all times an overall ESG rating greater than the SPDR FTSE Global Convertible Bond UCITS ETF, using the MSCI ESG rating system.

Then, to ensure that investments are aligned with the E/S characteristics above described, certain exclusions are applied so as to not allocate capital to companies that consistently or systematically cross ethical lines as well as companies that have a significantly negative impact on the environment. Thus, we exclude companies:

- That are involved in the production or development of controversial weapons that do not comply with the international treaties as specified in Quaero Capital exclusion policy;
- That make more than 10% of revenues from coal mining and/ or coal thermal power generation (as defined in Quaero Capital exclusion policy)
- Whose conduct is determined to be in systemic and severe breach (the former latter refers to breaches that are the result of the way the company is operated as opposed to a single event, and the latter former to breaches that have a very serious and significant impact on stakeholders) of UN Global Compact principles.
- That produce tobacco according to Quaero Capital exclusion policy.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the E/S characteristics promoted are:

- The exclusion of companies falling under the exclusion list above described.
- The portfolio ESG rating as rated by MSCI must exceed that of the universe.
- ESG analysis is completed either by MSCI or internally on 90% of the Sub-Fund's investments in companies

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

N/A

● ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

Strong governance structures are considered of high importance. The structure should align the executives' and long-term shareholders' interests, incentivising good corporate behaviour and investment in long-term growth and opportunities, not focused on short-term financial performance at the expense often of environmental and social considerations.

Good governance practice diverges by geography, and the Sub-Fund considers country governance codes. While the fund managers seek to have high confidence in the executive team of a company, the board must act in its role of overseeing and correcting the executive when needed. Executive compensation is an important factor for the Sub-Fund this must be

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employees' relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

aligned with long-term shareholders' interests. It should reward strong strategic judgement and execution and not short-term financial results.

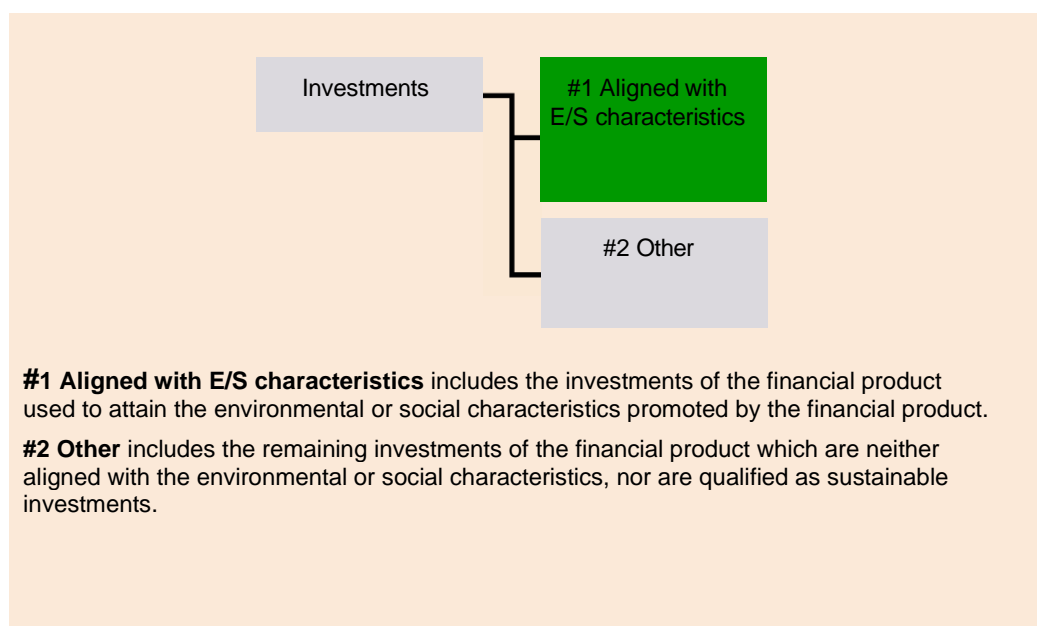


## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The Sub-Fund is expected to invest at least 80% of its net assets in issuers that qualify as aligned with E/S characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics).

The Sub-Fund is allowed to invest up to 20% of its net assets in cash, cash equivalents, and/or hedging instruments (#2 Other).



**Taxonomy-aligned activities** are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

- **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

N/A



- **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Sub-Fund promotes environmental characteristics. As it does not aim to make sustainable investments, its commitment to make "sustainable investments" within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy is set at 0%.

- **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy
- ☒ No, 0%

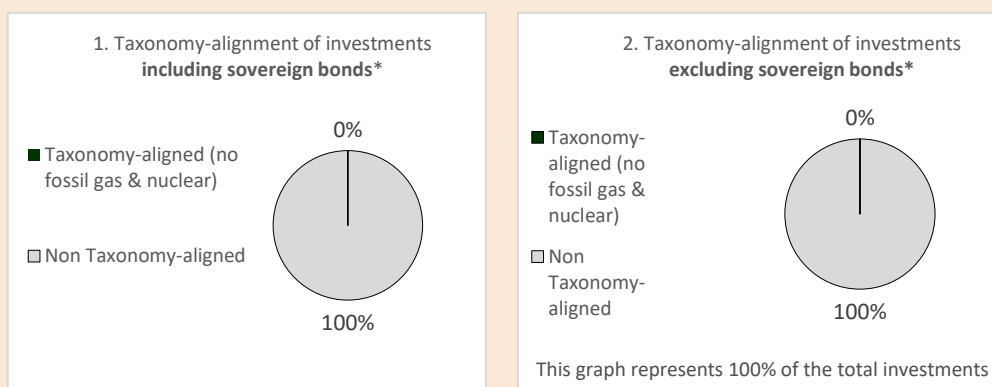
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

### ● What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The Sub-Fund does not intend to invest in environmentally sustainable investments (including transitional and enabling activities), as defined by the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, its minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities is set at 0%.

 are environmentally sustainable investments that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy

### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Sub-Fund promotes environmental characteristics but does not aim to make sustainable investments as defined either under SFDR or under the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0%.

### What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

N/A



**What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

The Sub-Fund may hold up to 20% of cash and cash equivalents held as ancillary liquidity and hedging instruments (#2 Other). No minimum social and environmental safeguards are applied to these investments.



**Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?**

N/A

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

N/A

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

N/A

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

N/A

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

N/A



**Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the website:

<https://assetservices.group.pictet/asset-services/esg-disclosures?isin=LU2114351864>

**Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852**

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

☒ ☒ ☐ Yes

☒ ☐ ☒ No

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective**: \_\_\_\_%

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective**: \_\_\_\_%

☐ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of \_\_\_\_% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ with a social objective

☒ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make sustainable investments**

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.



### What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Sub-Fund promotes a broad range of environmental and social characteristics (E/S) through the integration of an ESG assessment and consideration of other externalities such as environmental footprint, gender diversity, commitment to international norms and a balanced consideration of all stakeholders.

This is made by including investments in companies / issuers with a good ESG profile and by excluding companies that cross ethical lines or that have a negative impact on the environment or society, as further described below.



The Sub-Fund also commits to invest at least 30% of its net assets in Green Bonds i.e. “any type of bond instrument where the proceeds will be exclusively applied to eligible environmental and social projects or a combination of both” and/or Sustainability-linked bonds i.e. “any type of bond instrument for which the financial and/or structural characteristics can vary depending on whether the issuer achieves predefined Sustainability / ESG objectives” (as defined by ICMA (International Capital Market Association)).

The Sub-Fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and social characteristics that it promotes.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained

● ***What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The Sub-Fund will monitor and report on the following sustainability indicators:

- Percentage of investments with a rating equal to or above BBB using MSCI ratings,
  - Percentage of investments scored Fair or above based on the ESG team proprietary methodology further described in the investment strategy section,
  - Percentage of investments with a score below BBB according to MSCI or rated worse than Fair according to the proprietary methodology,
  - The carbon intensity (tCO<sub>2</sub>e/USDm, i.e. tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions / 1 million USD revenue) sales of the Sub-Fund's portfolio,
  - The carbon intensity (tCO<sub>2</sub>e/USDm, i.e. tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions / 1 million USD revenue) sales of the investment universe,
  - Female director percentage,
  - The percentage of UN Global Compact signatories in the Sub-Fund's portfolio,
  - The percentage of UN Global Compact signatories in the investment universe,
  - CEO/ Employee pay ratio,
  - % of investments in green bonds,
  - % of investments in social bonds,
  - % of investments in sustainable bonds,
  - % of investments in sustainability-linked bonds,
  - Percentage of investments in companies with over 10% of revenues from coal mining and/or coal thermal power generation (as defined in Quaero Capital exclusion policy),
  - Percentage of investments that have a share of unconventional fossil hydrocarbons production >30% and/or have short-term expansion plans in unconventional fossil fuel hydrocarbons > 0%,
  - Percentage of investments in companies involved in the production or development of controversial weapons that do not comply with the international treaties as specified in Quaero Capital exclusion policy,
  - Percentage of investments in companies that have been involved in severe and systemic violations of the UN Global Compact principles,
  - Percentage of investments in tobacco producers as defined in Quaero Capital exclusion policy,
  - Percentage of investment which are located in authoritarian regimes and non-cooperative territories at risk of money laundering and terrorism financing and tax evasion,
  - Percentage of investments in companies which are active in the following sectors (as defined by Bloomberg): casinos and gaming, cruises, alcoholic beverages, tobacco, cannabis, integrated oils, exploration and production, midstream - oil and gas, refining and marketing, drilling and drilling support, oilfield services and equipment, minerals and gemstone extraction,
  - Percentage of net assets on which an ESG analysis has been performed,
- The percentage by which the investment universe has been reduced based on the exclusions.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

N/A

- **How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?**

N/A

**Principal adverse impact** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decision on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

- *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

N/A

- *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?*

N/A

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a ‘do not significant harm’ principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The ‘do not significant harm’ principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?**

- X** Yes, we consider and where possible mitigate principal adverse impacts (“PAI”) of our investments on society and the environment through a combination of exclusion of issuers through the Quaero Capital exclusion policy and active ownership activities. Subject to data availability, Quaero Capital will report on a best effort the mandatory indicators listed in Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

The Sub-Fund prioritises the following principle adverse impacts:

- **PAI indicator 2:** Carbon footprint

PAI 2 is monitored and assessed together since the investment strategy of the Sub-Fund aims at investing in companies that have a positive impact on the global carbon footprint. The carbon footprint is reported in PAI at product-level section.

- **PAI indicator 4:** Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector

Companies with over 10% of revenues from coal mining and/or coal thermal power generation are excluded (as defined in Quaero Capital exclusion policy) from the Sub-Fund’s portfolio.

- **PAI indicator 5:** Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production

The Sub-Fund does this through an active investment strategy, investing in renewable energy providers who have, or are investing in renewable energy.

- **PAI indicator 10:** Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

Companies deemed to have severely and systemically breached the UNGC principles are excluded from the Sub-Fund's portfolio.

- **PAI indicator 13:** Board gender diversity

the Sub-Fund commits to manage and report monthly this indicator for the portfolio.

- **PAI indicator 14:** Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)

Companies that are involved in the production or development of controversial weapons are excluded from the Sub-Fund's portfolio.

Information on how principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors were considered will be made available in the ESG periodic reporting of the Sub-Fund.

☐ No



### What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The Sub-Fund's objective is to seek a performance of its assets through a selection of securities ("value management") on the international fixed income markets, favouring, without any predefined sector or geographical allocation, the search for discounted assets on the fixed income markets, while applying an ESG filter (environmental, social and governance) to this selection. In particular, the Sub-Fund will systematically combine ESG considerations with the financial performance objective, in order to intentionally generate a measurable extra-financial, environmental or societal benefit. The Sub-Fund combines an opportunistic, non-benchmarked approach, across a broad spectrum of the bond asset class with a responsible investor approach to stock selection.

To ensure that investments comply with the E/S characteristics described above, certain exclusions are applied in order not to allocate capital to companies that are in systemic and serious violation of ethical guidelines as well as to companies that have a significant negative impact on global warming.

In addition, the Sub-Fund will invest in "Green bonds. Green Bonds take on four types:

- **Green bonds:** the proceeds of these bonds are used to finance or re-finance (partially or fully) new or existing projects which will have a positive environmental impact, such as projects involved in climate change mitigation, natural resource conservation, pollution prevention. These investments are contributing to the United Nations (UN) SDG# 13 "Climate action".
- **Social bonds:** the proceeds of these bonds are used to finance or re-finance (partially or fully) new or existing projects which will have a positive social impact. Social projects can be those which aim to mitigate a specific social issue (e.g. affordable basic infrastructure, access to health and education services) for (but not exclusively) a target population. These investments are contributing to one or several social goals of the UN SDGs, e.g. UN SDG #5 "Gender equality", UN SDG #10 "Reduced inequalities".
- **Sustainable bonds:** the proceeds of these bonds are used to finance a combination of above-mentioned both green and social projects which will have a positive environmental and social impact.

- Sustainability-linked bonds: The financial and/or structural characteristics of these bonds will vary depending on whether the issuer achieves the predefined sustainability objectives, covering green and/ or social objectives.

The Sub-Fund will exclude investments in issuers / companies:

- That are involved in the production or development of controversial weapons that do not comply with the international treaties as specified in Quaero Capital exclusion policy;
- That derive more than 10% of revenues from coal mining and/ or coal thermal power generation (as defined in Quaero Capital exclusion policy)
- That have a share of unconventional fossil hydrocarbons production >30% and/or have short-term expansion plans in unconventional fossil fuel hydrocarbons > 0%
- That produce tobacco according to Quaero Capital exclusion policy;
- That have been involved in severe and systemic violations of the United Nations (UN) Global Compact principles;
- Which are located in authoritarian regimes and non-cooperative territories at risk of money laundering and terrorism financing and tax evasion;
- That are active in the following sectors as defined by Bloomberg: casinos and gaming, cruises, alcoholic beverages, tobacco, cannabis, integrated oils, exploration and production, midstream - oil and gas, refining and marketing, drilling and drilling support, oilfield services and equipment, minerals and gemstone extraction.

In addition, investments must be rated BBB or above, as scored by MSCI, or Fair or above according to the proprietary methodology. In the absence of an ESG rating from MSCI, the ESG team rates the investment according to a proprietary methodology that ranks companies on a scale of 5 rankings (from Very poor to Excellent). The rankings are based on an evaluation of the strength of each company's approach to material environmental, social and governance issues, as well as the positioning of the company to benefit from sustainability-related opportunities. The Sub-Fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in companies that are rated below BBB, or Fair, due to the view that the companies are incorrectly evaluated and/or are likely to see a future ESG rating upgrade. In any case, at least 90% of the Sub-Fund's investments in companies will be analyzed on the basis of either the MSCI rating or the proprietary methodology.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the E/S characteristics promoted are:

- the exclusion of issuers falling under the exclusion list described above.
- Investments must be rated BBB or above, as scored by MSCI, or Fair or above according to the proprietary methodology, except for a maximum of 10% of the Sub-Fund's net assets which can be invested in companies that are rated below BBB or Fair.
- The carbon intensity of the portfolio must be lower, and the UN Global Compact signatory percentage must be higher, than that of the universe (which is made of all active bonds, including corporate, sovereign, preferred and green bonds globally, as identified via Bloomberg).
- The commitment to invest at least 30% of the Sub-Fund's net assets in Green bonds.
- ESG analysis is completed either by MSCI or internally on 90% of the Sub-Fund's investments in companies.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

The Sub-Fund is committed to reduce the investment universe by at least 20% based on ESG exclusions.

If the existing exclusion policies no longer allow the universe to be reduced by at least 20%, the Sub-Fund will increase the exclusions in order to meet this binding element.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employees' relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

Strong governance structures are considered very important. The structure should align the interests of management and shareholders over the long term, encouraging issuers to behave well and invest in long-term growth and opportunities, without focusing on short-term financial performance, often at the expense of environmental and social considerations.

Good governance practices differ across geographical areas and the management company takes into account the governance codes of the countries. The management company relies in particular on criteria such as executive vs employee remuneration, human capital management, the independence and diversity of the board of directors, tax compliance, business ethics and/ or the absence of controversy relating to human rights at work.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

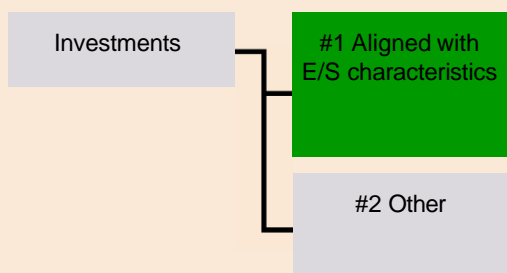
**What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

The Sub-Fund is expected to invest at least 80% of its net assets in issuers that qualify as aligned with E/S characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics).

The Sub-Fund is allowed to invest up to 20% of its net assets cash, cash equivalents, and/or financial derivative instruments (#2 Other).

**Taxonomy-aligned activities** are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

N/A

**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Sub-Fund promotes environmental characteristics but does not aim to make investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

- **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes

☐ In fossil gas

☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No, 0%

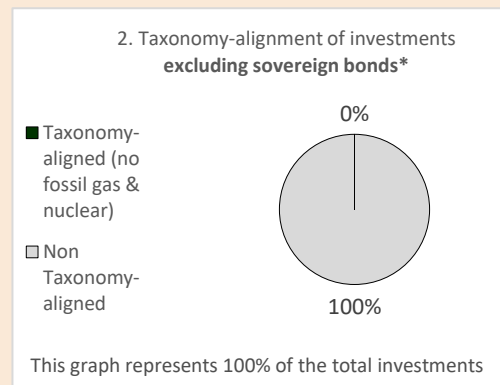
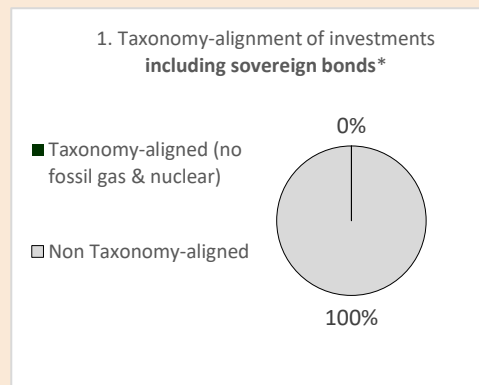
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To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

**The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.**



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

\*\* As the Sub-Fund does not commit to making sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy, the proportion of sovereign bonds in the Sub-Fund's portfolio will not impact the proportion of sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy included in the graph

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

The Sub-Fund does not intend to invest in environmentally sustainable investments (including transitional and enabling activities), as defined by the EU Taxonomy.

 are environmentally sustainable investments that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy

- **What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Sub-Fund promotes environmental characteristics but does not aim to make sustainable investments as defined either under SFDR or under the EU Taxonomy.



**What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?**

N/A



**What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

The “#2 Other” portion of the assets includes cash (at sight) and cash equivalents (term deposits, money market instruments, money market investment funds) used for treasury purposes, and financial derivative instruments (e.g., forward foreign exchange contracts, currency futures).

No minimum social and environmental safeguards are applied to these investments.



**Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?**

N/A

***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

N/A

***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

N/A

***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

N/A

***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

N/A

**Where can I find more product specific information online?**

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**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote