

# Prospectus

## SEB European Equity Small Caps

Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities under the Luxembourg law of 17 December 2010 on Undertakings for Collective Investment

R.C.S. Luxembourg: K 48

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## **Important information**

It is not permitted to supply information or explanation that differs from the Prospectus or the Management Regulations.

SEB Investment Management AB is not liable if and to the extent that such divergent information or explanations are supplied.

Statements made in this Prospectus are based on the law and practice currently in force in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and are subject to changes in those laws or practice.

The Prospectus is only valid, when used in connection with the applicable KIID, the Management Regulations and the audited annual report of the Fund, the report date of which must not be older than 16 months. This report should be accompanied by the un-audited semi-annual report of the Fund, if the annual report date is older than eight months.

The distribution of the Prospectus and the offering of the Fund and its Unit classes may be restricted in certain jurisdictions. It is the responsibility of any persons in possession of this Prospectus and any persons wishing to subscribe to Units pursuant to this Prospectus to inform themselves of, and to observe all applicable laws and regulations of any relevant jurisdictions. Prospective investors should inform themselves as to the legal requirements and consequences of applying for, holding and disposing of Units and any applicable exchange control regulations and taxes in the countries of their respective citizenship, residence or domicile.

This Prospectus does not constitute an offer or solicitation to subscribe to the Units by anyone in any country in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful or unauthorized, or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation.

The distribution of this Prospectus in certain countries may require it to be translated into languages specified by the regulatory authorities of those countries. Should any inconsistency arise between the translated and the English version of this Prospectus, the English version shall always prevail.

## Glossary of terms

The following summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the more detailed information included elsewhere in this Prospectus.

<b>Base Currency</b>	the currency of denomination of the Fund being the euro (EUR)
<b>Branch</b>	SEB Investment Management AB, Luxembourg Branch
<b>Central Administration</b>	The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV Luxembourg Branch
<b>Class / Unit Class</b>	the Management Company may decide to issue separate classes of Units whose assets will be commonly invested but where a specific entry or exit charge structure, minimum investment amount, distribution policy or any other feature may be applied
<b>Collateral Policy</b>	The collateral policy for OTC derivatives & efficient portfolio management techniques for SEB Investment Management AB
<b>Commitment method</b>	The commitment method calculates all derivative exposure as if they were direct investments in the underlying positions after consideration of netting or hedging. The total exposure to markets deriving from Derivatives may not exceed 100% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund so that the global exposure of the Fund to the equity, bond and money markets may not exceed 200% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund.
<b>Consolidation Currency</b>	the consolidation currency of the Fund being the euro (EUR)
<b>CSSF</b>	the Luxembourg Financial Supervisory Authority " <i>Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier</i> "
<b>Depository</b>	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ), Luxembourg Branch
<b>Directive 2009/65/EC</b>	Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities, as amended from time to time
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>ESMA</b>	European Securities and Markets Authority, previously the Committee of European Securities Regulators
<b>FATCA</b>	US Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act
<b>FATF</b>	Financial Action Task Force
<b>Finansinspektionen</b>	the Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority
<b>Fund</b>	SEB European Equity Small Caps is organised under the Law as a common fund ( <i>FCP – fonds commun de placement</i> )
<b>Institutional Investor</b>	An undertaking or organisation, within the meaning of Article 174 of the Law such as credit institutions, professionals of the financial sector – including investment in their own name but on behalf of third parties who are also investors within the meaning of this definition or pursuant to a discretionary management agreement-insurance and reinsurance companies, pension funds, Luxembourg and foreign investment schemes and qualified holding companies, regional and local authorities.

<b>KIID</b>	key investor information document of a Unit Class
<b>Law</b>	the Luxembourg law of 17 December 2010 on undertakings for collective investment, as amended from time to time
<b>Management Company</b>	SEB Investment Management AB, acting directly or through the Branch, as the case may be
<b>Management Regulations</b>	the management regulations of the Fund, as amended from time to time
<b>Member State</b>	a member state/states of the EU. The states that are contracting parties to the Agreement creating the European Economic Area other than the Member States of the EU, within the limits set forth by this Agreement and related acts, are considered as equivalent to Member States of the EU
<b>NAV - Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	the value per Unit of any Class determined in accordance with the relevant provisions described in this Prospectus and the Management Regulations
<b>OECD</b>	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
<b>Prospectus</b>	the currently applicable prospectus of the Fund, as amended and updated from time to time
<b>RCS</b>	Luxembourg Trade and Companies' Register, <i>Registre de Commerce et des Sociétés</i>
<b>Reference Currency</b>	the currency of denomination of the relevant Class in the Fund
<b>SEB Group</b>	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) and all its subsidiaries
<b>SFDR</b>	Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector, as amended
<b>UCI</b>	Undertaking for Collective Investment
<b>UCITS</b>	Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities
<b>Unitholder</b>	the holder of Units in the Fund
<b>Units</b>	units of the Fund
<b>Valuation Day</b>	a day on which the NAV per Unit is calculated. Unless there is a suspension in the processing of Unit transactions, or unless the Valuation Day is stated otherwise, any bank business day in Luxembourg except 24 December and 31 December ("Bank Business Day") <sup>1</sup>
<b>Website of the Branch</b>	<a href="http://www.sebgroup.lu">www.sebgroup.lu</a>

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<sup>1</sup> For an up-to-date list of days when the NAV is not calculated : <https://sebgroup.lu/private/luxembourg-based-funds/luxembourg-funds-trading-calendar>. This list may be updated without notice.

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# **I. THE FUND**

## **1. General Information**

SEB European Equity Small Caps is an open-ended common fund ("FCP" – "*Fonds commun de placement*") registered under Part I of the Law. The Fund qualifies as an Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS).

The Fund was set up on 30 April 1999 for an undetermined duration.

The Fund is registered at the Luxembourg Register of Commerce under the number K 48.

The Management Regulations lastly modified with effect from 25 September 2017 have been published in the *Recueil Electronique des Sociétés et Associations (RESA)* on 19 October 2017.

The money in the Fund is invested by the Management Company, or where applicable, the appointed investment manager, acting in its own name on behalf of the joint account of the Unitholders in securities, money market instruments and other eligible assets (the "Eligible Assets"), based on the principle of risk-spreading.

Unitholders as joint owners have an interest in the assets of the Fund in proportion to the number of Units they hold. All Fund's Units have the same right. In accordance with the Law, a subscription of Units constitutes acceptance of all terms and provisions of the Prospectus and the Management Regulations.

## 2. Involved parties

### 2.1. Presentation of involved parties

<b>RCS number</b>	R.C.S. Luxembourg K 48
<b>Management Company</b>	SEB Investment Management AB Registered address: SE-106 40 Stockholm Visiting address: Stjärntorget 4 169 79 Solna Sweden
<b>Board of directors of the Management Company</b>	
<b>Chairperson</b>	Johan Wigh Partner Advokatfirman Törngren Magnell Västra Trädgårdsgatan 8 111 53 Stockholm Sweden
<b>Members</b>	Mikael Huldt Head of Alternative Investments AFA Försäkring Klara Södra Kyrkogata 18 111 52 Stockholm Sweden Viveka Hirdman-Ryrberg Head of Corporate Communication & Sustainability Investor AB Arsenalgatan 8c 111 47 Stockholm Sweden Kjell Norling CEO PP Pension Kammakargatan 22 111 40 Stockholm, Sweden Leif Åke Almhorn CEO Almhorn & Partner AB Runebergsgatan 1, 114 29 Stockholm, Sweden
<b>Branch</b>	SEB Investment Management AB, Luxembourg Branch 4, rue Peternelchen L-2370 Howald
<b>Central Administration (including the administrative, registrar and</b>	The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Luxembourg Branch 2-4, rue Eugène Ruppert L-2453 Luxembourg

**transfer agent function) and  
Paying Agent in Luxembourg**

<b>Investment Manager</b>	SEB Investment Management AB, Denmark, branch of SEB Investment Management AB Bernstoffsgade 50, DK-1577 Copenhagen V
<b>Global Distributor</b>	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) Kungsträdgårdsgatan 8 SE-106 40 Stockholm
<b>Representatives and paying agents outside Luxembourg</b>	The full list of representatives and paying agents outside Luxembourg can be obtained, free of any charge, at the address of the Management Company, at the address of the Branch, and on the Website of the Branch
<b>Depositary</b>	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ), Luxembourg Branch 4, rue Peternelchen, L-2370 Howald
<b>Approved Statutory Auditor of the Fund (hereafter the “Auditor”)</b>	Ernst & Young S.A. 35E avenue John F. Kennedy L-1855 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg



## **2.2. Description of involved parties**

### **2.2.1. The Management Company**

The Fund is managed on behalf of the Unitholders by the Management Company, SEB Investment Management AB. The Management Company was established on 19 May 1978 in the form of a Swedish limited liability company (AB). The Management Company is authorized by Finansinspektionen for the management of UCITS and for the discretionary management of financial instruments and investment portfolios under the Swedish UCITS Act (SFS 2004:46). The Management Company is also authorised as an alternative investment fund manager to manage alternative investment funds under the Swedish AIFM Act (SFS 2013:561). It has its registered office in Sweden at SE-106 40 Stockholm.

Its subscribed and paid-in capital is SEK 1,500,000.

The objective of the Management Company is the creation, administration, management and distribution of undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) and alternative investment funds (AIF) and ancillary services, as well as discretionary management of financial instruments and investment portfolios.

With regard to the Fund, the Management Company is responsible for the following functions: investment management, administration and marketing. The Management Company may (under its own responsibility, control and coordination) delegate some of its functions to third parties for the purpose of efficient management.

The Management Company conducts its business mainly in Sweden and has established a branch in Luxembourg. Risk management and central administration activities are performed through the Branch. The Management Company may act either directly or through the Branch. The Management Company may be represented either by the board of directors of the Management Company or by the manager of the Branch.

The Management Company acts as Management Company for other funds. The names of such other funds can be found on the Website of the Branch.

### **2.2.2. The Central Administration and Paying Agent**

The Management Company has delegated parts of the Central Administration as further detailed hereafter, including the administrative, registrar and transfer agent functions – under its continued responsibility and control – at its own expenses to The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV Luxembourg Branch., 2-4, rue Eugène Ruppert, L-2453 Luxembourg.

The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV was incorporated in Belgium as a “*société anonyme/naamloze vennootschap*” on 30 September 2008 and its Luxembourg branch is registered with the Luxembourg Trade and Companies’ Register under Corporate Identity Number B 105 087 (the “Administrative Agent” or “Registrar and Transfer Agent”).

In the capacity of Administrative Agent, it will carry out certain administrative duties related to the administration of the Fund, including the calculation of the NAV of the Units and the provision of accounting services to the Fund.

In the capacity of Registrar and Transfer Agent it will process all subscriptions, redemptions, transfers and conversions of Units and will register these transactions in the Unitholders’ register of the Fund.

The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV Luxembourg Branch may, subject to the approval of the Management Company and the subsequent update of the Prospectus, as required, sub-delegate parts of its functions to entities all in accordance with Luxembourg laws and regulations.

The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV Luxembourg Branch has been also delegated the function of paying agent of the Fund. In such capacity The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV Luxembourg Branch shall be

responsible for the collection of subscription amounts in relation to the issue of Units as well as for making payments in relation to the redemption of Units and payment of dividends.

### **2.2.3. The Investment Manager**

The Management Company has delegated the investment management function to an external investment manager.

The investment management function of the Fund is delegated to SEB Investment Management AB, Denmark Branch, a branch of SEB Investment Management AB, Sweden.

The Investment Manager implements the investment policy, makes investment decisions and continuously adapts them to market developments as appropriate, taking into account the interest of the Fund.

The Investment Manager may, for its part, in agreement with the Management Company and subject to prior approval by the supervisory authority, at its own expense and under its own responsibility, entrust sub-managers wholly or in part with the management of this Fund.

### **2.2.4. The Global Distributor**

Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) has been appointed as the global distributor of the Fund by the Management Company.

### **2.2.5. The Depositary**

Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ), Luxembourg Branch, registered with the Luxembourg trade and companies register under number B39819 and having its place of business at 4, rue Peternelchen, L-2370 Howald, a branch of Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ), a credit institution incorporated in Sweden and registered with the Swedish Companies Registration Office under number 502032-9081 with its registered office in Stockholm, Sweden has been appointed as depositary (the "Depositary") for the safe-keeping of the assets of the Fund which comprises the custody of financial instruments, the record keeping and verification of ownership of other assets of the Fund as well as the effective and proper monitoring of the Fund's cash flows in accordance with the provisions of the Law, as amended from time to time, and the Depositary Agreement entered into with the Management Company (the "Depositary Agreement").

In addition, the Depositary shall also ensure that (i) the sale, issue, repurchase, redemption and cancellation of Units are carried out in accordance with Luxembourg law and the Management Regulations; (ii) the value of the Units is calculated in accordance with Luxembourg law and the Management Regulations; (iii) the instructions of the Management Company are carried out, unless they conflict with applicable Luxembourg law and/or the Management Regulations; (iv) in transactions involving the Fund's assets any consideration is remitted to the Fund within the usual time limits; and (v) the Fund's incomes are applied in accordance with Luxembourg law and the Management Regulations.

In carrying out its functions the Depositary acts honestly, fairly, professionally and independently and solely in the interest of the investors. The Depositary is on an ongoing basis analysing, based on applicable laws and regulations as well as its conflict of interest policy potential conflicts of interests that may arise while carrying out its functions. It has to be taken into account that the Management Company and the Depositary are members of the same SEB Group. Thus, both have put in place policies and procedures ensuring that they (i) identify all conflicts of interests arising from that link and (ii) take all reasonable steps to avoid those conflicts of interest. Where a conflict of interest arising out of the group link between the Management Company and the Depositary cannot be avoided, the Management Company or the Depositary will manage, monitor and disclose that conflict of interest in order to prevent adverse effects on the interests of the Fund and of the investors.

When performing its activities, the Depositary obtains information relating to funds which could theoretically be misused (and thus raise potential conflict of interests issues) in relation to e.g. the interests of other clients of the SEB Group, whether engaging in trading in the same securities or seeking other services, particularly in the area of offering services competing with the interests of other counterparties used by the funds/fund managers, and the interests of the Depositary's employees in personal account dealings. Potential conflicts of interests in the SEB Group can be further exemplified as not market equivalent pricing

of the depositories' services and the undue influence in the management and board of directors of the funds/fund managers by the Depositary, and vice versa.

Consequently, to mitigate the potential conflicts of interest, it has been ensured that the activities of a depositary function are physically, hierarchically and systematically separated from other functions of the Depositary in order to establish information firewalls. Moreover, the depositary function has a mandate and a veto to approve or decline fund clients independent of other functions and has its own committees for escalation of matters connected to its role as a depositary, where other functions with potentially conflicting interests are not represented.

For further details on management, monitoring and disclosure of potential conflicts of interest please refer to Instruction for Handling of Conflicts of Interest in Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB which can be found on the following webpage: [http://sebgrouplu/siteassets/about-seb/policies/sebsa\\_conflict\\_of\\_interest.pdf](http://sebgrouplu/siteassets/about-seb/policies/sebsa_conflict_of_interest.pdf)

In compliance with the provisions of the Depositary Agreement and the Law, as amended from time to time, the Depositary may, subject to certain conditions and in order to effectively conduct its duties, delegate part or all of its safe-keeping duties in relation to financial instruments that can be held in custody, duly entrusted to the Depositary for custody purposes, and/or all or part of its duties regarding the record keeping and verification of ownership of other assets of the Fund to one or more delegate(s), as they are appointed by the Depositary from time to time.

In order to avoid any potential conflicts of interest, irrespective of whether a given delegate is part of the SEB Group or not, the Depositary exercise the same level of due skill, care and diligence both in relation to the selection and appointment as well as in the on-going monitoring of the relevant delegate. Furthermore, the conditions of any appointment of a delegate that is member of the SEB Group will be negotiated at arm's length in order to ensure the interests of the investors. Should a conflict of interest occur and in case such conflict of interest cannot be neutralized, such conflict of interest as well as the decisions taken will be disclosed to the investors and the Prospectus revised accordingly. An up-to-date list of these delegates can be found on the following webpage:

<http://sebgrouplu/siteassets/corporations-and-institutions/global-custody-network.pdf>

Where the law of a third country requires that financial instruments are held in custody by a local entity and no local entity satisfies the delegation requirements of Article 34bis, paragraph 3, lit. b) i) of the Law, the Depositary may delegate its functions to such local entity to the extent required by the law of that third country for as long as there are no local entities satisfying the aforementioned requirements.

In order to ensure that its tasks are only delegated to delegates providing an adequate standard of protection, the Depositary has to exercise all due skill, care and diligence as required by the Law in the selection and the appointment of any delegate to whom it intends to delegate parts of its tasks and has to continue to exercise all due skill, care and diligence in the periodic review and ongoing monitoring of any delegate to which it has delegated parts of its tasks as well as of any arrangements of the delegate in respect of the matters delegated to it. In particular, any delegation is only possible when the delegate at all times during the performance of the tasks delegated to it segregates the assets of the Fund from the Depositary's own assets and from assets belonging to the delegate in accordance with the Law. The Depositary's liability shall not be affected by any such delegation unless otherwise stipulated in the Law and/or the Depositary Agreement.

An up-to-date information regarding the Depositary, its duties and the conflicts of interest that may arise, any safekeeping functions delegated by the Depositary, the list of delegates and any conflicts of interests that may arise from such delegation, is available to the investors upon request at the address of the Management Company.

The Depositary is liable to the Fund or its investors for the loss of a financial instrument held in custody by the Depositary and/or a delegate. In case of loss of such financial instrument, the Depositary has to return a financial instrument of an identical type or the corresponding amount to the Fund without undue delay. In accordance with the provisions of the Law, the Depositary will not be liable for the loss of a financial

instrument, if such loss has arisen as a result of an external event beyond its reasonable control, the consequences of which would have been unavoidable despite all reasonable efforts to the contrary.

The Depositary shall be liable to the Fund and to the investors for all other losses suffered by them as a result of the Depositary's negligent or intentional failure to properly fulfil its duties in accordance with applicable law, in particular the Law and/or the Depositary Agreement.

The Management Company and the Depositary may terminate the Depositary Agreement at any time by giving ninety (90) days' notice in writing. In case of a voluntary withdrawal of the Depositary or of its removal by the Management Company, the Depositary must be replaced at the latest within two (2) months after the expiry of the aforementioned termination notice by a successor depositary to whom the Fund's assets are to be delivered and who will take over the functions and responsibilities of the Depositary. If the Management Company does not name such successor depositary in time the Depositary may notify the CSSF of the situation. The Management Company will take the necessary steps, if any, to initiate the liquidation of the Fund, if no successor depositary bank has been appointed within two (2) months after the expiry of the aforementioned termination notice of ninety (90) days.

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

The Fund aims to increase the value of your investment over time by outperforming the benchmark. We make active investment decisions, based on analysis and selection, to invest in European small cap companies. The market capitalization of these companies may not fall below the lowest and/or exceed the highest market value of the companies included in the MSCI Europe Small Cap Net Return Index, a reinvesting index that includes equities of European small cap companies. The inclusion of small-cap companies which have their registered office in Eastern European countries is possible, up to a maximum of 10% of the Fund's net assets.

We use a fundamental investment process to identify companies we regard as having a high level of quality. This type of company is generally characterised by a strong market position, stable profit margins and a skilled management team.

We compare the fund's return to MSCI Europe Small Cap Net Return Index. The majority of the fund's holdings are constituents of the benchmark, but they differ in weight. The Fund's investment strategy does not aim to restrict how much the fund's holdings deviate from its benchmark.

Additionally, the Fund may invest in instruments issued in another currency than the Base Currency of the Fund. The currency exposure of such instruments may be hedged. In case the currency hedging is applicable, it will be specified hereinafter. Considering the practical challenges of doing so, the Management Company does not guarantee how successful such hedging will be. For more details, see Section 4.1. "Risk Factors" and in particular the paragraph "Hedging risk".

The net assets of the Fund are invested primarily in securities in accordance with the principle of risk diversification, with investments being made primarily in shares, share certificates, convertible bonds and other equity-like securities.

The Fund will continuously invest at least 51% of its net assets in equity assets as defined in sec. 2 para 8 German Investment Tax Act (2018) and therefore ensure eligibility for the partial tax exemption for equity funds for German resident investors.

The Fund may therefore invest up to 49% of its assets in different other transferable securities, subject to complying with the investment restrictions provided for under the Law.

Investment in dividend right certificates and participation certificates of companies is also permitted, provided they are considered securities in accordance with the Law.

The issuers of these investments are primarily European small cap companies. The market capitalization of these companies may not fall below the lowest and/or exceed the highest market value of the companies included in the MSCI Europe Small Cap Net Return Index (a reinvesting index that includes equities of European small cap companies) as measured after the said index rebalancing. The inclusion of small-cap companies which have their registered office in Eastern European countries is possible, up to a maximum of 10% of the Fund's net assets.

10% of the Fund's assets can be invested in companies regardless of their market capitalization.

A portion of the Fund may be invested in regularly traded money market instruments and bonds, as provided for hereafter, including liquid assets. In specific exceptional circumstances, liquid assets may also account for an amount exceeding the net assets of the Fund if and insofar as this is deemed to be in the Unitholders' interests.

For treasury purposes the Fund may hold bank certificates of deposit, banker's acceptances, treasury bills, commercial paper, and other money market instruments, on an ancillary basis and if it is in the best interest of the Unitholders.

The Fund may hold ancillary liquid assets. Ancillary liquid assets or cash on sight, is limited to a maximum amount of 20 % of the Fund's net assets. The full limit of 20% is rarely used and may only be exceeded in situations where exceptional unfavorable market circumstances apply such as September 11 attacks or the bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers in 2008.

Furthermore, the Management Company may use derivative financial instruments, as provided for hereafter, to ensure efficient portfolio management (including carrying out transactions for hedging purposes) and in order to achieve the investment objective. The Fund may under no circumstances deviate from the stipulated investment objectives when making use of derivatives.

The Fund will not invest more than 10% of its net assets in units/shares of other UCITS or UCIs. Within the limits laid down in article 41 (1) (e) of the Law, and unless expressly stated otherwise, such other UCITS or UCIs might have different investment strategies or restrictions than those set forth in this supplement, to the extent that such investments do not result in a circumvention of the investment strategies or restrictions of the Fund.

### **3.1. Sustainability approach and the integration of sustainability risks**

When selecting investments, the Fund integrates environmental, social, and corporate governance ("ESG") factors into the investment process by implementing criteria from the Management Company's Sustainability Policy (the "Sustainability Policy"), to this effect exclusionary screens are applied on potential investments before investment decisions are made.

The Sustainability Policy is based on international commitments, to which the Management Company is devoted to, including:

- UN Global Compact;
- OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises;
- UN Supported Principles for Responsible Investments (PRI).

The Sustainability Policy is subject to change, the latest version can be found on the Website of the Branch.

In addition, an inhouse created Sustainability Model (the "Sustainability Model") has been developed by the Management Company. The Sustainability Model assesses, among other things, potential sustainability risks, which are ESG events or conditions that if they would occur, they could have a negative impact on the target investment. By using several independent risk data sets with indicators tailored to each individual sector, our assessment is that the Sustainability Model ensures that significant sustainability risks are reflected and

used in investment decisions. The model includes but is not limited to the following assessments of sustainability risks:

- Overall ESG Ratings from several data providers
- Gender Diversity
- Operations, Products and Services with Misalignment towards the UN Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs)
- Carbon Emissions and Carbon Emission Intensity

The Sustainability Model is used to the extent that sustainable data is available for the purpose of providing a relevant, forward-looking, and individual sustainability score and to provide guidance in relation to current and future sustainability factors that may affect long-term risks and returns.

Moreover, the Management Company engages in proactive and reactive dialogue with companies in which the Company invests to ensure that sustainability risks and opportunities are in focus. Proactive dialogue entails influencing companies in order to improve general sustainability initiatives, and also working proactively with the company on specific issues. Reactive dialogue is pursued when situations arise where we assess that a company fails to fulfil international standards and guidelines.

The Fund promotes, among others, environmental, social and/or governance characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR.

**Further information about the Fund's sustainability approach can be found in Annex I at the end of the Prospectus.**

### **3.2. Eligible assets**

The Fund may only invest in:

#### **Transferable securities and money market instruments**

- i). transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to or dealt in on a regulated market within the meaning of the Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments;
- ii). transferable securities and money market instruments dealt in on another market in a Member State which is regulated, operates regularly and is recognised and open to the public;
- iii). transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to official listing on a stock exchange in a non-Member State of the EU or dealt in on another market in a non-Member State of the EU which is regulated, operates regularly and is recognised and open to the public;
- iv). recently issued transferable securities and money market instruments, provided that:
  - the terms of issue include an undertaking that application will be made for admission to official listing on a stock exchange or on another regulated market which operates regularly and is recognised and open to the public;
  - the admission is secured within one year of issue.

Transferable securities and money market instruments mentioned under c) and d) are listed on a stock exchange or dealt in on a regulated market in North America, Central America, South America, Australia (incl. Oceania), Africa, Asia and/or Europe.

#### **Units of undertakings for collective investment**

- v). units of UCITS and/or other UCIs, including exchange traded funds ("ETFs"), within the meaning of Article 1, paragraph (2), points a) and b) of the Directive 2009/65/EC, as may be amended from time to time, whether or not established in a Member State, provided that:
- such other UCIs are authorised under laws which provide that they are subject to supervision considered by the CSSF to be equivalent to that laid down in Community law, and that cooperation between authorities is sufficiently ensured;
  - the level of protection for unitholders in the other UCIs 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 Directive 2009/65/EC;
  - the business of the other UCIs is reported in half-yearly and annual reports to enable an assessment of the assets and liabilities, income and operations over the reporting period;
  - no more than 10% of the net assets of the UCITS or the other UCIs, whose acquisition is contemplated, can, according to their management regulations or instruments of incorporation, be invested in aggregate in units of other UCITS or other UCIs.

### **Deposits with a credit institution**

- vi). 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 Community law.

### **Financial derivative instruments**

- vii). financial derivative instruments, including equivalent cash-settled instruments, dealt in on a regulated market mentioned above in sub-paragraphs a), b) and c), and/or financial derivative instruments dealt in over-the-counter ("OTC derivatives"), provided that:
- the underlying consists of instruments described in sub-paragraphs a) to h), financial indices, interest rates, foreign exchange rates or currencies, in which the Fund may invest, in accordance with the investment objectives;
  - the counterparties to OTC derivative transactions are institutions subject to prudential supervision and belonging to the categories approved by the CSSF; and
  - 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 Fund's initiative.

Where the financial derivative instrument is cash-settled automatically or at the Fund's discretion, the Fund will be allowed not to hold the specific underlying instrument as cover. Acceptable cover is described under Section 3.6. below.

The Fund might engage in index related contracts to gain quick and cost-efficient exposure to underlying markets under the condition that the underlying indices for these investments are publicly available, transparent and governed by pre-determined rules and objectives, all in accordance with the ESMA guidelines on ETFs and other UCITS issues (ESMA/2014/937).

Within the limits under g) here above, the Fund may make use of all financial derivative instruments authorised by the Law and/or by circulars issued by the CSSF.

Particular rules apply to the following derivatives:

- **Volatility index futures**

If the Fund makes use of volatility index futures the following criteria must be met:

- the volatility index futures must be dealt on a regulated market;
  - the underlying stock indices must comply with the diversification rules as set out in 3.3. here below;
  - the Fund must employ a risk-management process which enables it to adequately take into account the incurred risks.
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- **Credit default swaps**

Credit default swaps may be used, among other things, to hedge credit risks arising from debt securities acquired by the Fund. In this case, the interest rates collected by the Fund from a bond with a comparatively high creditworthiness risk may be swapped for interest rates from a bond having a lower credit risk, for example. At the same time, the contractual partner may be obliged to buy the bond at an agreed price or pay cash settlement when a previously defined event, such as the insolvency of the issuer, occurs.

The Management Company shall also be authorised to use such transactions the objectives of which are other than hedging. The contracting partner must be a top-rated financial institution which specialises in such transactions. The credit default swaps must be sufficiently liquid. Both the debt securities underlying the credit default swap and the respective issuer must be taken into account with regard to the investment limits set out here below.

Credit default swaps shall be valued on a regular basis using clear and transparent methods. The Management Company and the Auditor shall monitor the clarity and transparency of the valuation methods and their application. If, within the framework of monitoring activities, differences are detected, the Management Company shall arrange to remedy the situation.

- **Total Return swaps**

A total return swap ("TRS") is a contract in which one counterparty transfers to another party the total economic performance of a reference asset, including income from interest, fees, market gains or losses from price movement as well as credit losses. The Fund may enter into one or several TRS transactions to gain or reduce exposure to a reference asset as well as to hedge the existing long positions or exposures.

The Fund has currently not entered into any TRS or financial derivative instruments with similar characteristics. The Prospectus will be updated in accordance with the 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 ("SFTR") prior to the use of TRS by the Fund.

All revenues arising from TRS will be returned to the Fund.

Counterparties to TRS do not have discretionary power over the composition or management of the investments in the portfolio of the Fund or over the underlying assets of the derivative financial instruments. Counterparty approval is not required in relation to any investment made by the Fund.

### **Money market instruments other than those dealt in on a regulated market**

viii). money market instruments other than those dealt in on a regulated market and which fall under Article 1 of the Law, if the issue or the issuer of such instruments is itself regulated for the purpose of protecting investors and savings, and provided that these investments are:

- issued or guaranteed by a central, regional or local authority, a central bank of a Member State, the European Central Bank, the EU or the European Investment Bank, a non-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 Member States belong, or
- issued by an undertaking any securities of which are dealt in on regulated markets referred to in sub-paragraphs a), b) or c) or



- issued or guaranteed by an establishment subject to prudential supervision, in accordance with criteria defined by Community 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 Community law, or
- issued by other bodies belonging to the categories approved by the CSSF provided that investments in such instruments are subject to investor protection 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 ten million euro (EUR 10,000,000) and which presents and publishes its annual accounts in accordance with the fourth Directive 78/660/EEC, 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 is an entity which is dedicated to the financing of securitisation vehicles which benefit from a banking liquidity line.

In addition, the Fund's assets may be invested in all other Eligible Assets within the scope of legal possibilities and the provisions laid down in the Management Regulations.

However, the Fund shall not invest more than 10% of its net assets in transferable securities or money market instruments other than those referred to under this section above.

### **Securities financing transactions**

i) The Fund does not engage in any securities financing transactions as defined by the SFTR. The Prospectus will be updated in accordance with the SFTR as well as other relevant laws and regulations prior to the Fund entering into such transaction.

### **3.3. Investment restrictions applicable to eligible assets**

Transferable securities and money market instruments as defined in the Law

1) The Fund may invest no more than 10% of its net assets in transferable securities or money market instruments issued by the same body.

2) Moreover, the total value of the transferable securities and money market instruments held by the Fund in the issuing bodies in each of which it invests more than 5% of its net assets, shall not exceed 40% of the value of its net assets. This limitation does not apply to deposits and OTC derivative transactions made with financial institutions subject to prudential supervision.

Notwithstanding the individual limits laid down in point 1), point 8) and point 9) the Fund shall not combine, where this would lead to investing more than 20% of its net assets in a single body, any of the following:

- investments in transferable securities or money market instruments issued by that body,
- deposits made with that body, or
- exposures arising from OTC derivative transactions undertaken with that body.

3) The limit of 10% laid down in point 1) may be raised to a maximum of 35% if the transferable securities or money market instruments are issued or guaranteed by a Member State, by its public local authorities, by a non-Member State or by public international bodies of which one or more Member States belong.

4) The limit of 10% laid down in point 1) may be of a maximum of 25% for covered bonds as defined in Article 3, point 1, of Directive (EU) 2019/2162 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on the issue of covered bonds and covered bond public supervision and amending Directives 2009/65/EC and 2014/59/EU (hereinafter "Directive (EU) 2019/2162"), and for certain bonds where they are 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 those 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 case of bankruptcy

of the issuer, would be used on a priority basis for the reimbursement of the principal and payment of the accrued interest.

If the Fund invests more than 5% of its net assets in the bonds referred to in this point and issued by a single issuer, the total value of such investments may not exceed 80% of the value of the net assets of the Fund.

The transferable securities and money market instruments referred to in points 3) and 4) are not included in the calculation of the limit of 40% stated above in point 2).

The limits set out in points 1), 2), 3) and 4) shall not be combined; thus investments in transferable securities or money market instruments issued by the same body or in deposits or derivative instruments made with this body carried out in accordance with points 1), 2), 3) and 4) shall not exceed in total 35% of the net assets of the Fund.

**5) Notwithstanding the above limits, the Fund may invest, in accordance with the principle of risk-spreading, up to 100% of its net assets in different transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State, one or more of its local authorities, by a member state of the OECD, G20, Singapore or Hong Kong or public international body to which one or more Member States of the EU belong, provided that (i) such securities and money market instruments are part of at least six (6) different issues and (ii) the securities and money market instruments from any single issue do not account for more than 30% of the total net assets of the Fund.**

6) Without prejudice to the limits laid down here below the limits of 10% laid down in point 1) above is raised to maximum 20% for investment in units and/or debt securities issued by the same body when the aim of the investment policy of the Fund is to replicate the composition of a certain stock or debt securities index which is recognised by the CSSF, on the following basis:

- the composition of the index is sufficiently diversified;
- the index represents an adequate benchmark for the market to which it refers;
- the index is published in an appropriate manner.

This limit of 20% is raised to 35% 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. The investment up to this limit is only permitted for a single issuer.

Securities mentioned in point 6) need not to be included in the calculation of the 40% limit mentioned in point 2).

### **Units of undertakings for collective investment**

7) The Fund may acquire units of UCITS and/or other UCIs, including ETFs, referred to under 3.1 e), provided that no more than 20% of its net assets are invested in the units of a single UCITS or other UCI.

Investments in units of UCIs other than UCITS may not exceed, in aggregate, 30% of the net assets of the Fund.

When the 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 this section 3.3.

When the Fund invests in the units of other 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, that management company or other company may not charge entry or exit charges on account of the Fund's investment in the units of such other UCITS and/or other UCIs.

The Fund may invest in all kinds of ETFs, provided that the investment policy of these ETFs corresponds widely to the investment policy of the Fund. Such ETFs may be managed actively or passively and are at any time in conformity with the applicable guidelines and provisions in terms of the Directive 2009/65/EC. When investing in open-ended ETFs, the Management Company or investment manager, as the case may be, will at any time comply with the limits for investments in other UCITS and UCI set out in the present section.

### **Deposits with credit institutions**

8) The Fund may not invest more than 20% of its net assets in deposits made with the same body.

#### **Financial derivative instruments**

9) The risk exposure to a counterparty of the Fund in an OTC derivative and efficient portfolio management transaction may not exceed, in aggregate, 10% of its net assets when the counterparty is a credit institution as mentioned here before, or 5% of its net assets in the other cases.

The Fund shall ensure that its global exposure relating to derivative instruments does not exceed the total net asset value of its portfolio.

The risk 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.

The global exposure to the underlying assets shall not exceed in aggregate the investment limits laid down under Article 43 of the Law.

The underlying assets of index based financial derivative instruments are not combined to the investment limits laid down under the points mentioned here before under the condition that the index complies with the criteria which are explained more in detail in the Article 4) of the Management Regulations. When a transferable security or money market instrument embeds a derivative, the latter must be taken into account when complying with the requirements of the restrictions in this section.

### **Maximum exposure to a single body**

10) The Fund may not combine, where this would lead to investment of more than 20% of its net assets in a single body, any of the following:

- i). investments in transferable securities or money market instruments issued by a single body and subject to the 10% limit by body mentioned in point 1), and/or
- ii). deposits made with a single body and subject to the 20% limit mentioned in point 8), and/or
- iii). a risk exposure to a counterparty of the Fund in an OTC derivative and efficient portfolio management transactions undertaken with a single body and subject to the 10% or 5% limits by body mentioned in point 9) in excess of 20% of its net assets.

The Fund may not combine, where this would lead to investment of more than 35% of its net assets in a single body, any of the following:

- i). investments in transferable securities or money market instruments issued by the same body and subject to the 35% limit by body mentioned under point 3) above, and/or
- ii). investments in certain debt securities issued by the same body and subject to the 25% limit by body mentioned in point 4), and/or
- iii). deposits made with the same body and subject to the 20% limit mentioned in point 8), and/or
- iv). a risk exposure to a counterparty of the Fund in an OTC derivative and/or efficient portfolio management transactions with the same body and subject to the 10% or 5% limits by body mentioned in point 9) in excess of 35% of its net assets.

### **Eligible Assets issued by the same group**

11) Companies which are included in the same group for the purposes of consolidated accounts, as defined in accordance with the Directive 83/349/EEC or in accordance with recognised international accounting rules are regarded as a single body for the purpose of calculating the limits described under the Article 43 of the Law.

12) The Fund may cumulatively invest up to 20% of its net assets in transferable securities and money market instruments within the same group.

#### **Acquisition limits by issuer of Eligible Assets**

13) The Management Company acting in connection with all the common funds it manages and which fall within the scope of Part I of the Law or of Directive 2009/65/EC, may not acquire any units carrying voting rights, which would enable it to exercise significant influence over the management of an issuing body.

The Fund may not acquire:

- ix). more than 10% of the non-voting units of the same issuer;
- x). more than 10% of the debt securities of the same issuer;
- xi). more than 10% of the money market instruments of any single issuer;
- xii). more than 25% of the units of a same UCITS or other UCI.

The limits laid down in the second, third and fourth indents above may be disregarded at the time of acquisition if at that time the gross amount of debt securities or of money market instruments, or of UCITS/UCIs or the net amount of the securities in issue, cannot be calculated.

The ceilings as set forth above are waived in respect of:

- a) transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State or its local authorities;
- b) transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a non-Member State of the EU;
- c) transferable securities and money market instruments issued by public international bodies of which one or more Member States of the EU are members;
- d) shares held by the Fund in the capital of a company incorporated in a non-Member State of the EU which invests its assets mainly in the securities of issuing bodies having their registered office in that State, where under the legislation of that State, such a holding represents the only way in which the Fund can invest in the securities of issuing bodies of that State. This derogation, however, shall apply only if in its investment policy the company from the Non-Member State of the EU complies with the limits laid down in Articles 43 and 46 of the Law and Article 48, paragraphs 1) and 2) of the Law. Where the limits set in Articles 43 and 46 of the Law are exceeded, Article 49 of the Law shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

If the limits referred to under this section 3.3. are exceeded for reasons beyond the control of the Management Company or as a result of the exercise of subscription rights, it must adopt as a priority objective for its sales transactions the remedying of that situation, taking due account of the interests of its Unitholders.

The Management Company may from time to time, upon approval by the Depositary, impose further investment restrictions in order to meet the requirements in such countries, where the Units are distributed or will be distributed.

### **3.4. Unauthorized investments**

The Fund may not:

- i). acquire either precious metals or certificates representing them;
- ii). carry out uncovered sales of transferable securities, money market instruments or other financial instruments referred to in Article 41 § 1 sub-paragraphs e), g) and h) of the Law; provided that this

restriction shall not prevent the Fund from making deposits or carrying out other accounts in connection with financial derivative instruments, permitted within the limits referred to above;

- iii). grant loans or act as a guarantor on behalf of third parties, provided that for the purpose of this restriction (i) the acquisition of transferable securities, money market instruments or other financial instruments which are not fully paid and (ii) the permitted lending of portfolio securities shall be deemed not to constitute the making of a loan;
- iv). borrow amounts in excess of 10% of its total net assets. Any borrowing is to be effected only as a temporary measure. However, it may acquire foreign currency by means of a back-to-back loan.

### **3.5 Counterparty selection**

The counterparties to OTC financial derivatives will be selected among first class financial institutions specialized in the relevant type of transactions, subject to prudential supervision and belonging to the categories of counterparties approved by the CSSF, having their registered office in one of the OECD countries and with a minimum credit rating of investment grade.

The Fund may enter into TRS with a counterparty belonging to the same group as the Management Company or Investment Manager.

### **3.6. Collateral management**

While entering into OTC financial derivatives, the Fund shall, at all times, comply with the Management Company's collateral policy. Acceptable collateral ("Eligible Collateral Assets") shall meet the requirements provided by applicable laws, regulations, CSSF Circulars and in particular, but not limited to the ESMA/2014/937 and the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/2251 of 4 October 2016 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories with regard to regulatory technical standards for risk-mitigation techniques for OTC derivative contracts not cleared by a central counterparty ("EMIR 2016/2251").

The collateral policy includes, but is not limited to:

- (1) The eligible type of collateral.

Eligible Collateral Assets consists in the following liquid assets:

- Cash in an OECD country currency in accordance with Article 4(1)(a) of the EMIR 2016/2251;
- Debt securities, regardless of their maturities, issued or guaranteed by an EU Member States or its local authorities or central banks in accordance with Article 4(1)(c) of EMIR 2016/2251;
- Debt securities, regardless of their maturities, issued by multilateral development banks as listed in Article 117(2) of Regulation (EU) 575/2013 in accordance with Article 4(1)(h) of EMIR 2016/2251;
- Debt securities, regardless of their maturities, issued by international organisations listed in Article 118 of Regulation (EU) 575/2013 in line with Article 4(1)(i) of EMIR 2016/2251; and/or
- Debt securities, regardless of their maturities, issued by third countries (i.e. non- EU countries)' governments or central banks in accordance with Article 4(1)(j) of EMIR 2016/2251.

- (2) Collateral diversification

Collateral diversification will be as follows:

- The basket of collateral shall not lead to an exposure to a single issuer greater than 20% of the total net assets of the Fund (not of the value of the collateral). For the purpose of this limit, collateral issued by a local authority of a member state of the OECD shall be treated as exposure to that member state.
- The basket of collateral can however be fully composed of transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by an EU Member State, one or more of its local authorities, a third country to EU, or a public international body (referred hereafter as "Government or government-related

issuer”) provided that the Fund receives at least 6 different issues, none of them representing more than 30% of the total net assets of the Fund. For the avoidance of doubt, the Fund may also be fully collateralised by a single Government or government-related issuer.

(3) Collateral correlation policy

Collateral received shall be issued by an entity that is independent from the collateral provider.

(4) The level of collateral required

The counterparty exposure is limited to 10% of the total net assets with regard to OTC derivative instruments. As a result, the collateral received, after haircuts, shall be equal to at least 90% of the value of the counterparty exposure.

(5) The haircut policy

The below constitutes the minimum applicable haircut:

Table 1 – Haircut applicable to Cash

Asset class	Haircut
I. Cash in a OECD country currency and defined as an eligible currency in the relevant governing master agreement or credit support annex	0%
II. Cash in other currencies than define above in (I.) or adjustment for currency mismatch other than those referred to in (I.)	8%

Table 2 – Haircut applicable to debt securities

Haircut will vary within the range set out below depending on the credit quality of the issuer.

Asset Type	Maturity		
	< 1 yr	1 – 5 year(s)	5 – 30 years
All debt securities defined as Eligible Collateral Assets above in section (1) “The eligible type of collateral”	0.5%-1%	2%-3%	4%-6%

(6) Collateral valuation

Collateral received shall be marked to market on a daily basis, using available market prices and taking into account appropriate discounts which will be determined by the Management Company for each asset class based on its haircut policy disclosed above in section “The haircut policy”.

(7) Safekeeping of collateral

As long as collateral received is owned by the Fund (i.e. that there has been a transfer of title), it will be held by the Depositary or its appointed sub-custodian. In all other cases, the collateral shall be held by a third party custodian that is subject to prudential supervision and which is fully independent from the collateral provider.

(8) Restriction on reuse of collateral/ collateral reinvestment policy

*For collateral received in OTC transactions*

Collateral received under an OTC transaction, including TRS, shall not be sold, re-invested or pledged.

## **4. Information on risk**

### **4.1. General information**

An investment in Units of the Fund involves financial risks. These can involve risks associated with equity markets, bond markets, commodity (including precious metal) markets, foreign exchange markets such as changes in prices, interest rates and credit worthiness. Any of these risks may also occur along with other risks. Some of these risk factors are addressed briefly below.

A fund normally consists of investments in or has exposure towards the asset classes equities, bonds, currencies and/or commodities. Equities and commodities are generally inherent with a higher risk than bonds or currencies. Higher risk investments may or may not offer a possibility of better returns than lower risk investments. A combination of several asset classes can often give the individual investor a more suitable diversification of risk. Investors should have a clear picture of the Fund, of the risks involved in investing in Units and they should not make a decision to invest until they have obtained financial and tax expert advice.

**Investors assume the risk of receiving a lesser amount than they originally invested.**

### **4.2. Risk factors**

#### **Collateral management risk**

Counterparty risk may be mitigated by transfer or pledge of collateral. There is however a risk that the collateral received, when realised, will not raise sufficient cash to settle the counterparty's default. This may be due to factors including inaccurate pricing or improper monitoring of collateral, adverse market movements, deterioration in the credit rating of the issuer of the collateral, or the illiquidity of the market in which the collateral is traded where the collateral takes the form of securities (liquidity risk). Besides, collateral accepted by a Fund, with no title transfer (for example a pledge), will not be held by the Depositary. In the latter case there may be a risk of loss resulting from events such as the insolvency or negligence of such third party custodian or entity holding the collateral. Furthermore, collateral arrangements are entered into on the basis of complex legal document which may be difficult to enforce or may be subject to dispute.

#### **Counterparty risk**

When the Fund conducts over-the-counter (OTC) transactions or enters into the efficient portfolio management instruments, it may be exposed to risks relating to the credit standing of its counterparties and to their ability to fulfil the conditions of the contracts it enters into with them.

#### **Concentration risk**

A Fund may concentrate its investment in a limited number of issuers, countries, sectors or instruments. It may result in the Fund's assets being more sensitive to adverse movement in a particular economy, sector, and company or instrument type.

#### **Credit risk**

The creditworthiness (solvency and willingness to pay) of an issuer may change substantially over time. Debt instruments involve a credit risk with regard to the issuers, for which the issuers' credit rating can be used as a benchmark. Bonds or debt instruments floated by issuers with a lower rating are generally viewed as securities with a higher credit risk (greater risk of default) than those instruments that are floated by issuers with a better

rating. If an issuer of bonds or debt instruments gets into financial or economic difficulties, this can affect the value of the bonds or debt instruments (this value could drop to zero).

### **Currency risk**

If the Fund holds assets denominated in foreign currencies, it is subject to currency risk. Any depreciation of the foreign currency against the Base Currency of the Fund would cause the value of the assets denominated in the foreign currency to fall. Exchange rates may change rapidly and unpredictably, and some currencies may be more volatile than others.

### **Hedging risk**

In the Fund, the Management Company may have an ambition to hedge the currency risk. Considering the practical challenges of doing so, however, the Management Company does not guarantee how successful such currency hedging will be. For example, in case of hedging of a Unit Class, unsuccessful currency hedging means that the value of the Unit Class may rise or fall in response to fluctuations in the exchange rate between the Base Currency and the Reference Currency of the Unit Class. In case of hedging of instruments, unsuccessful hedging means that the value of the portfolio may rise or fall in response to fluctuations in the exchange rate between the Base Currency and the currency of the instruments.

### **Risks relating to the investment in financial derivative instruments (“derivative risk”)**

Financial derivative instrument is a generic name for instruments getting their return from underlying assets. The return of the financial derivative instrument depends on the return of the underlying asset.

- **Specific risks associated with OTC Derivatives**

OTC derivatives are private agreements between a fund and one or more counterparties. In general, those transactions are less subject to governmental regulation and supervision, compared to exchange traded derivatives. OTC derivatives carry greater counterparty and liquidity risks. Additionally, the Fund may not be able to find a comparable derivative to be able to offset a certain position.

- **Specific risks related to exchange traded derivatives**

Although exchange traded derivatives are generally considered as less risky than OTC derivatives, there is still the risk that the securities exchange or commodities contract market suspend or limit the trading in derivatives or in their underlying assets.

- **Specific risks related to Credit Default Swaps (“CDS”)**

The price at which a CDS trades may differ from the price of the CDS' referenced security. In adverse market conditions, the basis (the difference between the spread on bond and the spread of a CDS) can be significantly more volatile than the CDS' referenced security.

### **Leverage risk**

Leverage is typical for trading in financial derivative instruments. Investment in derivative transactions may potentially result in losses greater than the amount invested for those transactions.

### **Interest rate risk**

To the extent that the Fund invests in debt instruments, it is exposed to risk of interest rate changes. These risks may be incurred in the event of interest-rate fluctuations in the denomination currency of such debt instruments.

If the market interest rate increases, the price of the interest bearing securities included in the Fund may drop. This applies to a larger degree, if the Fund should also hold interest bearing securities with a longer time to maturity and a lower nominal interest return.



**Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risks arise when a particular security is difficult to dispose of. In principle, the Fund may only acquire securities that can be unwound promptly. Nevertheless, it may be difficult to sell, at a reasonable price, particular securities at certain points in time during certain phases or in certain markets.

**Market risk**

This risk is of general nature and exists in all forms of investment. The principal factor affecting the price performance of securities is the performance of capital markets and the economic performance of individual issuers, which in turn are influenced by the general situation of the world economy, as well as the basic economic and political conditions in the particular countries or sectors.

**Risk relating to the reuse of collateral**

The Fund may incur losses when reinvesting cash collateral received. Such a loss would reduce the amount of collateral available to be returned by the Fund to the counterparty as required by the terms of the transaction. In such a case, the Fund would need to cover the shortfall.

**Operational risk**

Operational risk refers to the potential losses resulting from unforeseen events, business disruption, inadequate controls and control or system failure.

**Risk of default**

In addition to the general trends in the capital markets the particular performance of each individual issuer also affects the price of an investment. The risk of a decline in the assets of issuers, for example, cannot be entirely eliminated even by the most careful selection of securities.

**4.3. Risk management process**

The Fund employs a risk management process, which enables the Management Company to monitor and measure at any time the risk of the positions, including derivative positions, and their contribution to the overall risk profile of the portfolio.

For the determination of the global exposure, the Fund uses the commitment method. The commitment method calculates all derivative exposure as if they were direct investments in the underlying positions. The commitment allows for hedging and netting. The overall market exposure from derivative commitments shall not exceed 200% of the total net assets of the Fund (100% from direct investment and 100% from derivatives).

**4.4. Investor Profile**

This Fund is geared towards investors who consciously accept higher risks in order to achieve greater profits.

Potential investors should be aware that shares of small-cap companies may be subject to greater fluctuations in value. The relatively low market capitalisations of these companies may result in their share prices showing greater fluctuation and their shares may be less liquid. Finally, it should be noted that the Fund invests in domestic and foreign companies and for this reason currency fluctuations cannot be ruled out.

The Fund has an investment horizon of at least five (5) years. This investment strategy is recommended for investors who consciously accept risks in order to achieve greater profits.

## 5. Units

Units are issued in registered form and recorded in a nominal account. Units that are not issued as registered units will be made available through securities settlement systems.

### 5.1. Unit Classes

The Fund may offer and create several Unit Classes, which differ in their charges, dividend policy, persons authorised to invest, minimum investment amount, minimum holding, eligibility requirements, Reference Currency or other characteristics. The base Unit Class labels described in the table below define the target investor group for a specific Unit Class.

#### 5.1.1. Investor groups

The Management Company may issue Units taking into account the target investors. The Unit Classes in the Funds may therefore be:

No class letter, suffixes only	Units which may be acquired by all kinds of investors;
"HNW" Unit Class	Units which may only be acquired by high net worth individuals who can afford the more elevated minimum initial investment amount
"U" Unit Class	Units which are available to all kinds of investors at the discretion of the Management Company but only offered (i) through distributors, financial intermediaries, distribution partners or similar (ii) appointed by the Global Distributor, or an authorised affiliate, that (iii) are investing on behalf of their customers and are charging the latter advisory, or alike, fees. The Management Company does not remit any commission-based payments for these units.
"I" Unit Class	Units which are available to Institutional Investors as defined in the Glossary of terms
"Z" Unit Class	Units which are available to Institutional Investors at the discretion of the Management Company. The Management Company does not remit any commission-based payments for these units.
"X" Unit Class	Units which are available to Institutional Investors, directly or through the Global Distributor or any of its subsidiaries, where such intermediary or the Institutional Investor, have concluded a written agreement with the Management Company or the Global Distributor in which the relevant fees and charging procedure are agreed prior to the investor's initial subscription. All or part of the fees that are normally charged to a Unit Class will not be charged to the Unit Class for these units. Instead, these units will accommodate a separate charging structure whereby all or part of the fees are charged separately and/or collected directly from the investor.

In order to distinguish between fee levels and minimum investment requirements, the base Unit Class may be followed by a number, such as Z1, Z2.

#### 5.1.2. Available currencies

The Unit Class can be issued in any of the following currencies: SEK, NOK, DKK, EUR, USD, SGD, JPY, CHF and GBP.

#### 5.1.3. Dividend policy

Unless otherwise described in other parts of the Prospectus, the Management Company decides to issue, for the Fund, capitalising ("C" Units) and/or distributing units ("D" Units).

The “C” Units will reinvest their income, if any. The “D” Units may pay a dividend to its Unitholders, upon decision of the Management Company. Dividends are generally paid annually. The exception is when the Management Company decides to pay dividends for a specific Unit Class either monthly, quarterly or semi-annually.

#### **5.1.4. Hedging policy**

The Management Company may issue Unit Classes whose Reference Currency is not the Base Currency of the Fund. With regard to such Unit Classes, the Management Company aims to hedge the currency exposure from the Base Currency into the currency exposure of the Reference Currency. Considering the practical challenges of doing so, the Management Company cannot guarantee the level of success of such currency hedging. For details, see Section 4.2. “Risk factors” particularly the paragraph “Hedging risk”.

For Unit Classes where the Management Company aims to currency-hedge the Unit Class, an “H-” precedes the currency denomination of the Unit Class. For example “(H-SEK)” indicates that the Management Company aims to hedge the currency exposure from a Base Currency to SEK-exposure for the Unit Class.

The hedging activity aims to limit performance impact as related to fluctuations in the exchange rate between the Base Currency and the Reference Currency of the Unit Class. The effects of profit and loss, as related to currency hedging of a particular Unit Class, are allocated to the relevant Unit Class.

Hedging transactions may be executed when the Reference Currency declines or increases in value relative to the relevant Fund’s Base Currency. This type of hedging can provide substantial protection for investors in the affected unit class against a decrease in the value of the Fund’s Base Currency in relation to the Reference Currency of the Unit Class. However, it can also minimise or hinder an increase in the value of the Fund’s currency.

The letters “PH” preceding the currency denomination of a unit class, for example IC(PH-EUR), indicate the Management Company aims to partially hedge the currency exposure from a Base Currency of the Fund to a euro exposure for the Unit Class. It can also indicate partial hedging to another specific currency in the sub fund’s portfolio to a euro exposure for the Unit Class. This may be done for any currency.

#### **5.1.5 Available classes**

The information above describes all currently existing base Unit Classes and prefixes. The prefixes are added to the Unit Class name to indicate possible target group, currency of the Unit Class, the Unit Class’ dividend policy and whether the Unit Class is hedged or not.

In practice, not all base Unit Classes and Unit Class configurations are available for all sub funds. Funds and unit classes are not available in all jurisdictions. A unit class is opened at the discretion of the Management Company. See <http://www.sebgroup.lu> for current information on available unit classes. You may also, free of charge, request a list from the Management Company.

#### **5.1.6. Registered Units**

Units may be issued as registered Units which will be recorded in a nominal account. Units that are not issued as registered units will be made available through securities settlement systems.

### **5.2. Issue of Units**

The Management Company is authorized to issue Units continuously. However, the Management Company reserves the right to reject, at its discretion and in the Fund’s and the Unitholders’ interest, any subscription application. Any payments already made shall in such instances be immediately refunded without interest and at the risks and costs of the applicant. The Depositary shall immediately pay back incoming payments for applications for subscriptions which are not carried out.

Units are issued on each Valuation Day at their NAV plus an entry charge as indicated under section 5.4. This issue price includes all commissions payable to banks and financial institutions taking part in the placement of Units, but not the charges taken by intervening correspondent banks for the execution of electronic transfers. Where Units are issued in countries where stamp duties or other charges apply, the issue price increases accordingly.

Units are issued in registered form and recorded in a nominal account. Units that are not issued as registered units will be made available through securities settlement systems. Payment for subscriptions must be made in the Reference Currency of the respective Class, euro, and/or Swedish krona. The Management Company may however accept payments in other major currencies. Any cost relating to the foreign exchange transaction will have to be borne by the Unitholder.

The payment made by electronic transfer must reach the Registrar and Transfer Agent within five Bank Business Days following the applicable Valuation Day.

In order to avoid the repayment to subscribers of small surplus amounts, the Management Company will round up at its own expense each subscription to the next immediately higher whole number of Units or issue fractions up to three decimal places per Unit.

Confirmation of the execution of a subscription will be made by the dispatch of a contract note to the Unitholder indicating the name of the Fund, the number and Class of Units subscribed to, the applicable NAV, the trade date, the settlement date, the currency and the exchange rate, if any.

By subscribing to a Unit, the Unitholder accepts the Management Regulations.

The maximum subscription amount, if any, for a Unit Class is mentioned in 5.4. below.

**Note: to the extent that the Fund invests in markets that are closed on what would normally be a Valuation Day, the NAV of the Fund may not be calculated, which may delay the processing of trading requests by one or more days. For a calendar of known market closures, go to: <https://sebgroupl.lu/private/luxembourg-based-funds/luxembourg-funds-trading-calendar>.**

#### **5.2.1 Restriction on issue**

Units may not be offered, sold or otherwise distributed to prohibited persons (the "Prohibited Persons").

Prohibited Persons means any person, firm or corporate entity, determined in the sole discretion of the Management Company, as being not entitled to subscribe to or hold Units:

1. if in the opinion of the Management Company such holding may be harmful/damaging to the Fund;
2. if it may result in a breach of any law or regulation, whether Luxembourg or foreign, or if any contractual or statutory condition or condition provided in the Prospectus is no longer met by such person to participate in the Fund, or if such person fails to provide information or documentation as requested by the Management Company;
3. if as a result thereof the Fund or the Management Company may become exposed to disadvantages of a tax, legal or financial nature that it would not have otherwise incurred;
4. if the participation of the investors in the Fund is such that it could have a significant detrimental impact on the economic interests of the investors, in particular in cases where individual investors seek by way of systematic subscriptions and immediate redemptions to realise a pecuniary benefit by exploiting the time differences between the setting of the closing prices and the valuation of the Fund's assets (market timing) or
5. if such person would not comply with the eligibility criteria for Units (e.g. in relation to "U.S. Persons" as described below).

The Fund has not been and will not be registered under the United States Investment Company Act of 1940 as amended (the "investment Company Act"). The Units of the Fund have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933 as amended (the "Securities Act") or under the securities laws of any state of the US and such Units may be offered, sold or otherwise transferred only in compliance with the Securities Act of 1933 and such state or other securities laws. The Units of the Fund may not be offered or sold

within the US or to or for the account, of any US Person. For these purposes, US Person is as defines in Rule 902 of the Regulation S under the Securities Act.

Rule 902 of Regulation S under the Securities Act defines US Person to include inter alia any natural person resident of the United States and with regards to investors other than individuals, (i) a corporation or partnership organised or incorporated under the laws of the US or any state thereof; (ii) a trust (a) of which any trustee is a US Person except if such trustee is a professional fiduciary and a co-trustee who is not a US Person has sole or shared investment discretion with regard to trust assets and no beneficiary of the trust (and no settlor if the trust is revocable) is a US Person or (b) where a court is able to exercise primary jurisdiction over the trust and one or more US fiduciaries have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust and (iii) an estate (a) which is subject to US tax on its worldwide income from all sources; or (b) for which any US Person is executor or administrator except if an executor or administrator of the estate who is not a US Person has sole or shared investment discretion with regard to the assets of the estate and the estate is governed by foreign law.

The term "US Person" also means any entity organised principally for passive investment (such as a commodity pool, Investment Company or other similar entity) that was formed:

(a) for the purpose of facilitating investment by a US Person in a commodity pool with respect to which the operator is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the regulations promulgated by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission by virtue of its participants being non-US Persons or (b) by US Persons principally for the purpose of investing in securities not registered under the Securities Act, unless it is formed and owned by "accredited investors" (as defined in Rule 501 (a) under the Securities Act) who are not natural persons, estates or trusts.

Applicants for the subscription to Units will be required to certify that they are not U.S. Persons and might be requested to prove that they are not Prohibited Persons.

Unitholders are required to notify the Registrar and Transfer Agent of any change in their domiciliation status.

Prospective investors are advised to consult their legal counsel prior to investing in Units of the Fund in order to determine their status as non U.S. Persons and as non-Prohibited Persons.

The Management Company may refuse to issue Units to Prohibited Persons or to register any transfer of Units to any Prohibited Person. Moreover the Fund's Management Company may at any time forcibly redeem / repurchase the Units held by a Prohibited Person and may take any other required action (e.g. such as blocking the accounts within the Fund of such Prohibited Person) in accordance with laws and regulation and in the best interest of the Fund and its investors.

The Management Company can furthermore reject an application for subscription at any time at its discretion, or temporarily limit, suspend or completely discontinue the issue of Units, in as far as this is deemed to be necessary in the interests of the existing Unitholders as an entirety, to protect the Management Company, to protect the Fund, in the interests of the investment policy or in the case of endangering specific investment objectives of the Fund.

### **5.2.2. Anti-money laundering procedures**

The applicants wanting to subscribe to Units must provide the Registrar and Transfer Agent with all necessary information, which the Registrar and Transfer Agent may reasonably require to verify the identity of the applicant. Failure to do so may result in the Registrar and Transfer Agent refusing to accept the subscription to Units in the Fund.

Applicants must indicate whether they invest on their own account or on behalf of a third party. Except for applicants applying through companies who are regulated professionals of the financial sector, bound in their country by rules on the prevention of money laundering equivalent to those applicable in Luxembourg, any applicant applying in its own name or applying through companies established in non FATF countries, is obliged to submit to the Registrar and Transfer Agent in Luxembourg all necessary information, which the Registrar and Transfer Agent may reasonably require to verify.

Unitholders may be requested to provide additional or updated identification documents from time to time pursuant to ongoing client due diligence requirements under relevant laws and regulations. Failure to provide such additional or updated documents may result in the respective Unitholder to qualify as a Prohibited Person as defined in the section "Restriction on issue" hereof.

### **5.2.3. Late trading and market timing**

**The Management Company does not permit late trading, market timing or related excessive, short-term trading practices. In order to protect the best interests of the Unitholders, the Management Company reserves the right to reject any application to subscribe to Units from any investor engaging in such practices or suspected of engaging in such practices and to take such further action as it, in its discretion, may deem appropriate or necessary, such as the charge of higher exit charge, as laid down hereafter.**

## **5.3. Redemption of Units**

Units are redeemed, on each Valuation Day at their NAV, decreased by an exit charge as indicated under section 5.4. which is payable to banks and financial institutions taking part in the redemption of Units. Where Units are redeemed in countries where stamp duties or other charges apply, the redemption price decreases accordingly.

Requests for redemptions must be expressed either in number of Units or in amount. Payment will be made by the Depositary or the paying agents in the Reference Currency of the respective Class, euro or Swedish krona, or any other major currencies as accepted by the Management Company, according to the choice of the Unitholder. Electronic transfer will be made with a value date within ten Bank Business Days following the corresponding Valuation Day. Any cost relating to the foreign exchange transaction will have to be borne by the Unitholder. Confirmation of execution of redemption will be made by dispatching a contract note to the Unitholder.

Furthermore, in relation to suspected market timing practices, the Management Company may charge an additional exit charge of up to 2% of the NAV of the Units redeemed within six months of their issue. Such exit charge will be payable to the Fund. The same exit charge for every redemption request executed on the same Valuation Day will be applicable if the redemption is based on market timing in order to ensure the equal treatment of investors.

If redemption requests for more than 10% of the NAV of the Fund are received, then the Fund shall have the right to limit redemptions so they do not exceed this threshold amount of 10%. Redemptions shall be limited with respect to all Unitholders seeking to redeem Units as of a same Valuation Day so that each such Unitholder shall have the same percentage of its redemption request honoured; the balance of such redemption requests shall be processed by the Fund on the next day on which redemption requests are accepted, subject to the same limitation. On such day, such requests for redemption will be complied with in priority to subsequent requests.

### **5.3.1. Compulsory redemption of Units**

The Fund's Management Company may at any time forcibly redeem / repurchase the Units held by a Prohibited Person, as defined under the section "Restriction on issue".

If a Unitholder's holding falls below the minimum initial subscription amount or holding, if any, due to redemption or conversion, the Management Company may at its sole discretion compulsorily redeem / repurchase, as the case may be, all Units held by the relevant Unitholder.

The minimum initial subscription amounts and holdings, if any, are mentioned under section 5.4. hereafter.

Any person who becomes aware that he is holding Units in contravention of any of the provisions set out in the section "Restriction on issue" or the present section and who fails to transfer or redeem his Units pursuant to such provisions shall indemnify and hold harmless the Management Company, its directors, the Fund, the Depositary, the Central Administration, the investment manager, if any, and the Unitholders of the Fund (each an "Indemnified Party") from any claims, demands, proceedings, liabilities, damages, losses, costs and expenses directly or indirectly suffered or incurred by such Indemnified Party arising out of or in connection with the failure of such person to comply with his obligations pursuant to any of the above provisions.

In case of a compulsory redemption in accordance with this section, the Management Company shall notify the respective investor by a written notice about the compulsory redemption, specifying the Units to be redeemed, the date of the redemption and the price applicable to such Units concerned as well as the place at which the redemption price in respect of such Units is payable. Such notice shall be addressed to the respective investor at his last address known to or appearing in the Fund's register. The Units concerned by such redemption shall be cancelled immediately after the date specified in the redemption notice.

#### 5.4. Units available

<b>Class</b>	<b>ISIN Code</b>	<b>Initial subscription price</b>	<b>Minimum initial investment</b>	<b>Maximum Entry charge</b>	<b>Maximum Exit charge</b>
D (EUR)	LU0099984899	EUR 100	None	None	None
C (SEK)	LU0956267693	SEK 100	None	None	None
C (EUR)	LU1160606635	EUR 100	NA	None	None
IC (SEK)	LU0956267933	SEK 100	SEK 50,000,000 *	None	None
IC (EUR)	LU203514256	EUR 100	EUR 1,000,000*	None	None
UC (EUR)	LU1748252118	EUR 100	None	None	None
UD (EUR)	LU1808743485	EUR 100	NA	None	None
ZC (EUR)	LU1716944183	EUR 100	EUR 5,000,000*	None	None

\* may be waived at the discretion of the Management Company

#### 5.5. Cut-off time

All subscription and redemption orders are made on the basis of an unknown NAV per Unit. Unless a suspension of NAV calculation is in effect, orders received by the Registrar and Transfer Agent before 15:30 (CET) on a Valuation Day are processed at the NAV per Unit of the next Valuation Day. Orders received after 15:30 (CET), are processed at the NAV per Unit of the next but one Valuation Day.

In order to ensure a placement of orders in due time, earlier cut-off times may be applicable for orders placed with distributors (or/and any of their agents) in Luxembourg or abroad. The corresponding information may be obtained from the respective distributor (or/and any of its agents).

### 6. Charges

The Fund will, in principle, bear the following charges:

1. Management fee, payable to the Management Company

The applicable amount and the way it is calculated are laid down in section 6.1. This fee shall in particular serve as compensation for the Central Administration, the Investment Managers and the Global Distributor as well as for the services of the Depositary.

2. Performance fee, if any, payable to the Management Company

3. Transaction related fees:

- execution fees for brokerage;
- settlement fees incurred by the Fund's business transactions;

- collateral fees.

#### 4. Other expenses

- a fee for research costs. The research costs, if applicable, amount to a maximum of 0,20% p.a. of the net assets of the Fund;
- all taxes and duties owed on the Fund's assets and income;
- audit fees;
- fees for country specific tax reporting and / or the audit thereof, depending on the countries of distribution;
- expenses connected with publications and supply of information to investors, specifically for the disclosure of the NAV, for the provision of the Prospectus as well as for the production and provision of the KIIDs;
- CSSF fees.

Investment in target funds may lead to duplicate costs, in particular to double management fees (excluding SEB labelled target funds), since fees are incurred both on the side of the Fund as well on the side of the target fund.

## 6.1. Management fee

The management fee will amount to a maximum of 1.65% per annum of the Fund's net assets. This fee is being payable at the end of each month and based on the average net assets of the Fund calculated daily for the relevant month. Below details per Classes:

Class	ISIN Code	Maximum management fee
D (EUR)	LU0099984899	1.50% p.a.
C (SEK)	LU0956267693	1.65% p.a.
C (EUR)	LU1160606635	1.50% p.a.
IC (SEK)	LU0956267933	0.90% p.a.
IC (EUR)	LU203514256	0.90% p.a.
UC (EUR)	LU1748252118	1.65% p.a.
UD (EUR)	LU1808743485	0.75% p.a.
ZC (EUR)	LU1716944183	0.45% p.a.

## 7. NAV calculation

The Fund's NAV is expressed in euro.

In order to calculate the NAV per Unit, the value of the assets belonging to the Fund less its liabilities is calculated on each day that constitutes a Valuation Day and the result is divided by the number of the Units issued.

Particulars on the calculation of the NAV per Unit and on asset valuation are provided in the Fund's Management Regulations.

When substantial sums flow in or out of the Fund, the Investment Manager has to make adjustments, such as trading on the market, in order to maintain the desired asset allocation for the Fund. Trading can incur costs that affect the Unit price of the Fund and the value of existing Unitholders' investments. Swing pricing is designed to protect Unitholders' investments in this kind of situation.



The Unit price of the Fund may thus be adjusted upwards in case of large inflows and downwards in case of large outflows on a certain Business Day. The thresholds that trigger swing pricing as well as the size of the adjustments ("swing factor") are set by the board of directors of the Management Company or by a swing price committee appointed by the board of directors of the Management Company. The board of directors of the Management Company or swing price committee may also decide a maximum swing factor to apply to the Fund. The Funds will not have a higher maximum swing factor than 1%. The list of Funds that currently apply swing pricing, including the size of a maximum swing factor of the respective Funds, is available on the Website of the Branch. Investors may also request this information, free of charge.

## **7.1 Suspension of the calculation of the NAV**

The Management Company is entitled to suspend the calculation of the Fund's net asset value, if and for as long as there are circumstances which make this suspension necessary and if the suspension is justifiable, taking into account the interests of the Unitholders, in particular:

1. during the time in which a stock exchange or another market, where a considerable part of the Fund's assets is officially quoted or traded, is closed (except at the usual weekends or on bank holidays) or the trading on this stock exchange or corresponding market ceases or is limited;
2. where a major part of the securities and instruments in the Fund are not listed or otherwise not subject to orderly pricing entailing that the net asset value cannot be satisfactorily determined in a manner that safeguards the equal right of the Unitholders;
3. in periods, where the political, economic, military, monetary or social circumstances or any case of force majeure, beyond the responsibility or power of the Management Company, make it impossible to dispose of the Fund's assets by reasonable and normal means, without causing serious prejudice to its Unitholders;
4. during the time in which the exchange market(s) forming the basis of the valuation of a major part of the Fund's assets is (are) closed for legal holidays;
5. in an emergency, when the Management Company may not dispose of the Fund's investments or it is impossible for it to freely transfer the transaction value resulting from purchases and sales of investment, or to carry out the calculation of the net asset value in an orderly manner.

In case of a suspension for reasons as stated above, Unitholders will be informed accordingly.

Investors who have applied for redemption of Units will be informed promptly of the suspension and will then be notified immediately once the calculation of the net asset value per Unit is resumed. After resumption, investors will receive the then current redemption price.

## **8. Mergers**

For the purposes of this section, the term UCITS also refers to a Fund of an UCITS.

Any merger between the Fund and another UCITS and the effective date shall be decided by the Board of Directors of the Management Company.

In the case required by the Law, the Management Company shall entrust either an authorised auditor or, as the case may be, an independent auditor to perform the necessary validations prescribed by the Law.

Practical terms of mergers will be performed and will have the effect in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Law.

Information on the merger shall be made available to the Unitholders of the merging and/or receiving UCITS on the Website of the Branch and, as the case may be, in all other forms prescribed by laws or related regulations of the countries, where the relevant Units are sold.

## 9. Duration and liquidation of the Fund

The Fund is created for an unlimited period and can be dissolved at any time by decision of the Management Company if such dissolution appears necessary or expedient in consideration of the interests of the Unitholders in order to protect the interests of the Management Company.

Dissolution of the Fund is mandatory in the cases provided for by the Law.

The Management Company shall announce to investors any such dissolution of the Fund on the Website of the Branch and, as the case may be, in all other forms prescribed by laws or related regulations of the countries, where Units are sold.

No application for subscription of Units will be accepted after the date of the event leading to the dissolution and the decision to liquidate the Fund. If the equal treatment between Unitholders is ensured, redemption requests may be treated.

Following the liquidation of the assets of the Fund in the best interests of the Unitholders, the Management Company will instruct the Paying Agent to distribute the proceeds of the liquidation, after deduction of liquidation costs, amongst the Unitholders of the Fund in proportion to their respective holdings.

The closure of the liquidation of the Fund and the deposit of any unclaimed amounts with the *Caisse de Consignation* in Luxembourg shall in principal take place within a period of time not exceeding nine months from the decision of the board of directors of the Management Company to liquidate the Fund.

Any unclaimed liquidation proceeds not distributed to Unitholders after closure of the liquidation procedure shall be deposited by the Depositary on behalf of entitled Unitholders with the Luxembourg *Caisse de Consignation* in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The liquidation proceeds deposited with the *Caisse de Consignation* in Luxembourg will be available to the persons entitled thereto for the period established by law. At the end of such period unclaimed amounts will revert to the Luxembourg State.

Dissolution and distribution of the Fund cannot be requested by a Unitholder, his heirs or beneficiaries.

## 10. Taxation of the Fund and the Unitholders

**The following summary is based on the laws and practices currently in force and is subject to any future changes. The following information is not exhaustive and does not constitute legal or tax advice.**

**It is expected that Unitholders in the Fund will be resident in many different countries. Consequently, no attempt is made in this Prospectus to summarize the taxation consequences for each investor of subscribing, converting, holding, redeeming or otherwise acquiring or disposing of Units in the Fund. These consequences will vary in accordance with the law and practice currently in force in a Unitholder's country of citizenship, residence, domicile or incorporation and with his personal circumstances.**

### **Taxation in Luxembourg**

The Fund is subject to Luxembourg legislation. Buyers of the Fund's units should inform themselves about the legislation and rules applicable to the purchase, holding and possible sale of Units with regard to their residence or nationality.

In accordance with current legislation in Luxembourg, neither the Fund nor the Unitholders, except those whose domicile, residence or permanent establishment is Luxembourg, are subject to any tax on income or capital gains in Luxembourg. The Fund's income may however be subject to withholding tax in the countries where the Fund's assets are invested.

The net assets of the Fund are subject to a Luxembourg tax ("*taxe d'abonnement*") at an annual rate of 0.05% payable at the end of that quarter. Units of institutional classes, if applicable, as defined in Article 174 (2) (c) of

the Law are subject to a "*taxe d'abonnement*" of 0.01% per annum. The Management Company ensures that such institutional unit classes are only acquired by investors complying with rules set out in the afore-mentioned article. The value of the assets represented by the shares/units held in other Luxembourg undertakings for collective investment already subject to a "*taxe d'abonnement*" is exempt from the payment of such tax.

### **Common Reporting Standard**

The Fund is subject to the Standard for Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information in Tax matters (the "Standard") and its Common Reporting Standard (the "CRS") as set out in the Luxembourg law dated 18 December 2015 on the Common Reporting Standard (*loi relative à l'échange automatique de renseignements relatifs aux comptes financiers en matière fiscale*) (the "CRS Law").

The CRS Law is based on the European Directive 2014/107/EU of 9 December 2014 amending provisions of Directive 2011/16/EU on administrative cooperation in the field of taxation and the OECD's multilateral agreements. Consequently, to eliminate the overlap of reporting obligations created between the EU Savings Directive (the "EUSD") and the Directive 2014/107/EU, the EUSD directive has been repealed with effect from 31 December 2015 and the last reporting in accordance with the EUSD directive, will be effected in 2016 for the calendar year 2015. Further, the first reporting to the Luxembourg tax authority (the "LTA") under the CRS Law, will be applied in 2017 for the calendar year 2016. The LTA will onward report to participating foreign tax authorities by 30 September 2017.

The intention of CRS is to safeguard against tax evasion. Accordingly, under the terms of the CRS Law, the Fund is likely to be treated as a Luxembourg Reporting Financial Institution. Consequently, the fund is required to collect personal and financial information as described in Annex I of the CRS Law with effect from 1 January 2016 and without prejudice to other applicable data protection provisions as set out in the Fund documentation, the Fund will be required to annually report this information to the LTA as from 2017.

The Fund's ability to satisfy its reporting obligations under the CRS Law will depend on each investor providing the Fund with the Information, along with the required supporting documentary evidence. In this context, the investors are hereby informed that, the Fund will process the Information for the purposes as set out in the CRS Law. The investors undertake to inform the fund or the fund management company, if applicable, of the processing of their Information by the Fund.

The investors are further informed that the Information related to Reportable Persons within the meaning of the CRS Law will be disclosed to the LTA annually for the purposes set out in the CRS Law.

The investors undertake to immediately inform the Fund of, and provide the Fund with all supporting documentary evidence of any changes related to the Information after occurrence of such changes.

Any investor that fails to comply with the Fund's Information or documentation requests may be held liable for penalties imposed on the Fund and attributable to such investor's failure to provide the Information or subject to disclosure of the Information by the Fund to the LTA.

**If investors are in doubt, they should consult their tax advisor, stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, account or other financial advisor regarding the possible implications of CRS on an investment in the Fund.**

### **Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA")**

The Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act (the "Hire Act") was signed into US law in March 2010. It includes special provisions laid down in the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, generally known as "FATCA". The intention of FATCA is that details of US investors holding assets outside the US will be reported by financial institutions to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), as a safeguard against US tax evasion.

This regime will become effective in phases between 1 July 2014 and 15 March 2018. Based on the Treasury Regulations §1.1471-§1.1474 issued on 17 January 2013 (the "Treasury Regulations") the Fund is a "Financial Institution". As a result of the Hire Act, and to discourage non-US Financial Institutions from staying outside this regime, on or after 1 July 2014, a Financial Institution that does not enter and comply with the regime will be

subject to a US withholding tax of 30% on gross proceeds as well as on income from the US and, on or after 1 January 2017, also potentially on non-US investments.

Luxembourg has entered into a Model I Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") with the United States. Under the terms of the IGA, the Fund will be obliged to comply with the provisions of FATCA under the terms of the IGA and under the terms of Luxembourg legislation implementing the IGA (the "Luxembourg IGA legislation"), rather than under the US Treasury Regulations implementing FATCA.

In order to protect Unitholders from the effect of any penalty withholding, it is the intention of the Fund to be compliant with the requirements of the FATCA regime and hence, qualify as a so-called "participating financial institution" as defined in the IGA.

The Fund qualifies as a so-called "sponsored financial institution" as defined in the IGA. The Branch of the Management Company qualifies as a so-called "sponsoring financial institution". The Branch of the Management Company agrees to sponsor the Fund for the purpose and within the meaning of the IGA. The Fund intends not to register with the IRS and intends to be so-called "non-reporting sponsored financial institutions" within the meaning of the IGA. In case the Fund would be subject to reporting obligations under the FATCA regulation, the Branch will register the Fund as its sponsoring entity with the IRS and hence, the Branch of the Management Company will comply as set out in article 2 and 4 as well as Annex II, Chapter IV, section A. 3 of the IGA in due time (i.e. not later than 90 (ninety) days after the reportable event has first been identified) with all due diligence, withholding, registration and reporting obligations on behalf of the Fund regarding certain holdings by and payments made to (a) certain US investors, (b) certain US controlled foreign entity investors and (c) non-US financial institution investors that do not comply with the terms of the Luxembourg IGA legislation. Further, the Branch of the Management Company will perform any requirements that the Fund would have been required to perform if it were a reporting Luxembourg financial institution as defined in the IGA. Under the Luxembourg IGA, such information will be onward reported by the Luxembourg tax authorities to the IRS under the general information exchange provisions of the US-Luxembourg Income Tax Treaty. The Branch of the Management Company is required to monitor its own and the Fund's status as being a participating financial institution and a non-reporting entity on an ongoing basis and has to ensure that the Branch of the Management Company and the Fund meet the conditions for such status over the time.

In cases where investors invest in the Fund through an intermediary, investors are reminded to check whether such intermediary is FATCA compliant and hence, qualifies as a participating financial institution as defined in the IGA. In case any of the Fund's distributor should change its status as participating financial institution, such distributor will notify the Branch of the Management Company within ninety (90) days from the change in status of such change and the Branch of the Management Company is entitled a) to redeem all Units held through such distributor, b) to convert such Units into direct holdings of the Fund, or c) to transfer such Units to another nominee within six (6) months of the change in status. Further, any agreement with a distributor can be terminated in case of such change in status of the distributor within ninety (90) days of notification of the distributor's change in status.

Although the Fund and the Branch of the Management Company will attempt to satisfy any obligations imposed on it to avoid the imposition of the US withholding tax, no assurance can be given that the Fund and the Branch of the Management Company will be able to satisfy these obligations. If the Fund becomes subject to a withholding tax as a result of the FATCA regime, the value of the Units held by the Unitholders may suffer material losses.

Other jurisdictions currently are in the process of adopting tax legislation concerning the reporting of information. The Fund also intends to comply with such other similar tax legislation that may apply to the Fund, although the precise requirements are not fully known yet. As a result, the Fund may need to seek information about the tax status of investors under the laws of such jurisdictions for disclosure to the relevant governmental authorities.

**If you are in any doubt, you should consult your tax advisor, stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other financial adviser regarding the possible implications of FATCA on an investment in the Fund.**

## **11. Information to Unitholders**

### **11.1. Prospectus, Management Regulations and KIID**

Copies of the Prospectus, the Management Regulations and the KIID are available, free of charge, at the address of the Management Company, at the address of its Branch, and on the Website of the Branch.

### **11.2. Reports and financial statements**

Until October 31, 2017 the financial year of the Fund began on 1 November of the year and ended on 31 October of the following year. The financial year ending on 31 October 2017 was extended to 31 December 2017. As from January 2018 the financial year of the Fund starts on 1 January and finishes on 31 December of the same year.

The gradual change of the financial year was reflected in the annual audited report and Long Form Report on 31 December 2017 pertaining to the extended financial year for the period for the period from 1 November 2016 to 31 December 2017

As from 1 January 2018 the semi-annual (non-audited) report was dated as of 30 June 2018 and the annual audited report and Long Form Report was dated as of 31 December 2018.

The audited annual and unaudited semi-annual reports of the Fund may be obtained, free of charge, at the address of the Management Company, at the address of the Branch, and on the Website of the Branch.

### **11.3. Issue and redemption prices**

The last known issue and redemption prices may be downloaded from the Website of the Branch and/or requested at any time, free of charge, at the address of the Management Company, at the address of its Branch and at the registered office of the Depositary and the paying agents.

### **11.4. Notices to Unitholders**

All notices to Unitholders may be downloaded from the Website of the Branch and/or, as the case may be, is made available to investors in any other form required by laws or related regulations of the countries, where Units are sold, and/or may be requested at any time, free of charge, at the address of the Management Company and at the address of its Branch.

### **11.5. Unitholders' rights against the Fund**

The Management Company draws the investors' attention to the fact that any investor will only be able to fully exercise his investor rights directly against the Fund if the investor is registered himself and in his own name in the unitholders' register of the Fund. In cases where an investor invests in the Fund through an intermediary investing into the Fund in his own name but on behalf of the investor, it may not always be possible for the investor to exercise certain unitholder rights directly against the Fund. Investors are advised to take advice on their rights.

### **11.6. Policies**

#### **Conflicts of interest**

The Board of Directors, the Management Company, the investment manager(s), the Depositary, and the other service providers of the Fund, and/or their respective affiliates, members, employees or any person connected with them may be subject to various conflicts of interest in their relationships with the Fund.

The Board of Directors has adopted and implemented a conflicts of interest policy in accordance with its Code of Conduct.

The Management Company, the Fund, the investment manager(s), and the Depositary have adopted and implemented a conflicts of interest policy and have made appropriate organisational and administrative arrangements to identify and manage conflicts of interests so as to minimise the risk of the Fund's interests being prejudiced, and if they cannot be avoided, ensure that the Fund's investors are treated fairly.

The Management Company, the Depositary and certain distributors are part of the SEB Group (the "Affiliated Person").

The Affiliated Person is a worldwide, full-service private banking, investment banking, asset management and financial services organization and a major participant in the global financial markets. As such, the Affiliated Person is active in various business activities and may have other direct or indirect interests in the financial markets in which the Fund invests.

Entities of the Affiliated Person act as counterparty and in respect of financial derivative contracts entered into by the Fund.

Potential conflicts of interest or duties may arise because the Affiliated Person may have invested directly or indirectly in the Fund. The Affiliated Person could hold a relatively large proportion of Units in the Fund. Furthermore, a potential conflict may arise because the Depositary is related to a legal entity of the Affiliated Person which provides other products or services to the Fund.

In the conduct of its business the Management Company and the Affiliated Person's policy is to identify, manage and where necessary prohibit any action or transaction that may pose a conflict between the interests of the Affiliated Persons' various business activities and the Fund or its investors. The Affiliated Person, as well as the Management Company strive to manage any conflicts in a manner consistent with the highest standards of integrity and fair dealing. For this purpose, both have implemented procedures that shall ensure that any business activities involving a conflict which may harm the interests of the Fund or its investors, are carried out with an appropriate level of independence and that any conflicts are resolved fairly. Details can be found on the following webpages:

[http://sebgrouplu/siteassets/about-seb/policies/sebsa\\_conflict\\_of\\_interest.pdf](http://sebgrouplu/siteassets/about-seb/policies/sebsa_conflict_of_interest.pdf) for the Depositary; and  
[http://sebgrouplu/siteassets/asset-management/information-for-investors/policies/english/2015\\_04\\_01\\_sebam\\_conflicts\\_of\\_interest.pdf](http://sebgrouplu/siteassets/asset-management/information-for-investors/policies/english/2015_04_01_sebam_conflicts_of_interest.pdf) for the Management Company.

**Notwithstanding its due care and best effort, there is a risk that the organizational or administrative arrangements made by the Management Company for the management of conflicts of interest are not sufficient to ensure with reasonable confidence, that risks of damage to the interests of the Fund or its Unitholders will be prevented. In such case these non-neutralized conflicts of interest as well as the decisions taken will be reported to investors in an appropriate manner (e.g. in the notes to the financial statements of the Fund). Respective information will also be available free of charge at the address of the Management Company.**

## **11.7. Exercise of voting rights**

A summary of the strategy for determining when and how voting rights attached to the Fund's investments are to be exercised shall be made available to investors. The information related to the actions taken on the basis of this strategy in relation to the Fund shall be made available to investors upon request at the registered office of the Fund.

Information on the Organization and exercise of voting rights' policy is available, free of charge, upon request at the address of the Management Company, at the address of the Branch and on the Website of the Branch.

### **Preferential treatment of investors**

Unitholders are being given a fair treatment by ensuring that they are subject to the same rights and, as the case may be, the same obligations *vis-à-vis* the Fund (as such rights are obligations notably result from the Management Regulations and this Prospectus) as those to which other Unitholders, having invested in, and equally or similarly contributed to, the same class of Units, are subject to. Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, it cannot be excluded that a Unitholder be given a preferential treatment in the meaning of, and to the widest extent, allowed by, the Management Regulations. Whenever a Unitholder obtains preferential treatment or the right to obtain a preferential treatment, a description of that preferential treatment, the type of Unitholders who obtained such preferential treatment and, where relevant, their legal or economic links with the Fund or the Management Company will be made available at the address of the Management Company and the address of the Branch within the same limits required by the Law.

### **Best execution**

The Management Company acts in the best interest of the Fund when executing investment decisions. For that purpose, the Management Company shall monitor that the Investment Manager takes all reasonable steps to obtain the best possible result for the Fund, taking into account price, costs, speed, likelihood of execution and settlement, order size and nature, or any other consideration relevant to the execution and settlement of the order in accordance with its Instructions for Ensuring a Proper Execution, Handling and Transmission of orders in Financial Instruments. Information on the Instructions for Ensuring a Proper Execution, Handling and Transmission of orders in Financial Instruments is available, free of charge, upon request at the address of the Management Company and at the address of the Branch as well as on the Website of the Branch.

### **Inducements**

Third parties, including Affiliated Person, may be remunerated or compensated by the Management Company in monetary/non-monetary form in relation to the provision of a covered service as defined in the Instruction relating to Inducements in SEB Investment Management AB. The Management Company strives to ensure that in providing services to its investors, it acts at all times in a honest, fair and professional manner, and in the best interests of the investors. The Instruction relating to Inducements in SEB Investment Management AB is available, free of charge, upon request at the address of the Management Company and at the address of the Branch.

### **Complaints' handling**

Information relating to the complaints' handling procedure will be made available to investors, free of charge, upon request at the address of the Management Company, and at the address of its Branch and on the Website of the Branch.

### **Remuneration Policy**

The Management Company has implemented a remuneration policy, which is reviewed at least annually, that is designed to encourage good performance and behaviour, and seeks to achieve a balanced risk-taking that goes in line with Unitholders' expectations.

In SEB Group, there is clear distinction between the criteria for setting fixed remuneration (e.g. base pay, pension and other benefits) and variable remuneration (e.g. short- and long- term variable remuneration). The individual total remuneration corresponds to requirements on task complexity, management and functional accountability and is also related to the individual's performance.

SEB Group provides a sound balance between fixed and variable remuneration and aligns the payout horizon of variable pay with the risk horizon. This implies that certain maximum levels and deferral arrangements apply for different categories of employees.

Details of the up-to-date remuneration policy are available to investors, free of charge, upon request at the address of the Management Company, and on the Website of the Management Company.

The policy shall secure that remuneration is in line with the business strategy, objectives, values and long term interest of the Unitholders, and includes measures to avoid conflicts of interests.

The assessment process of performance is based on the longer term performance of the Fund and its investment risks and the actual payment of performance-based components of remuneration is spread over the same period.

The remuneration policy is available on:

[http://sebgroup.lu/siteassets/asset-management/information-for-investors/policies/english/remuneration\\_policy.pdf](http://sebgroup.lu/siteassets/asset-management/information-for-investors/policies/english/remuneration_policy.pdf).

## 12. Data Protection

The Management Company may collect information from a Unitholder or prospective Unitholder from time to time in order to develop and process the business relationship between the Unitholder or prospective Unitholder and the Management Company and for other related activities.

Any and all information concerning the Unitholder as an individual or any other data subject (the "**Personal Data**"), contained in the application form or further collected in the course of the business relationship with the Fund will be processed by the Management Company, on behalf of the Fund, acting as data controller (the "**Controller**") in compliance with the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of 27 April 2016 (the "**General Data Protection Regulation**") as well as any applicable law or regulation relating to the protection of personal data (collectively the "**Data Protection Law**").

Unitholders acknowledge that their Personal Data provided or collected in connection with an investment in the Fund may be processed by the Investment Manager, the Depositary, the Central Administration, the Global Distributor, the Paying Agents, the Paying and Information Agent, the Auditor, legal and financial advisers and other service providers of the Fund (including its information technology providers) and, any of the foregoing respective agents, delegates, affiliates, subcontractors and/or their successors and assigns (the "**Processors**").

Personal Data will in principle not be transferred outside the European Economic Area (the "**EEA**"). If Personal Data were ever to be transferred outside the EEA, the Management Company is required to ensure that the processing of Unitholders' Personal Data is in compliance with the Data Protection Law and, in particular, that appropriate measures are in place such as entering into model contractual clauses (as published by the European Commission) or ensuring that the recipient is "Privacy Shield" certified, if appropriate. Data subjects should refer to the privacy notice of the Controller and/or Processors for more information.

Insofar as Personal Data provided by the Unitholder concerns individuals other than itself, the Unitholder represents that it has authority to provide such Personal Data to the Controller. If the Unitholder is not a natural person, it must undertake to (i) inform any other data subject about the processing of its Personal Data and their related rights and (ii) where necessary and appropriate, obtain in advance any consent that may be required for the processing of such Personal Data.

Unitholders should note that the Processors may also act as independent data controllers for their own purposes. In this case Unitholders should consult the data privacy policies of the service providers acting as independent data controllers.

Such Personal Data will be processed for the purposes of offering investment in units and performing the related services. Personal Data will also be processed for the purposes of fraud prevention such as anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing identification and reporting, tax identification and reporting (including but not limited to compliance with the CRS Law, FATCA) or similar laws and regulations (e.g. on OECD level).



The Management Company reserves the right to refuse to issue units to Unitholders who do not provide the necessary Personal Data (including records of their transactions) to the Central Administration.

The Management Company and the Depositary shall be held harmless and indemnified against any loss arising as a result of the restriction or prevention of the ownership of Units.

Personal Data will not be held for longer than necessary with regard to the purposes for which it is processed, subject to applicable legal minimum retention periods.

Unitholders may also exercise their rights as set out in the General Data Protection Regulation such as: the right to access to or have their Personal Data rectified in cases where such data is incorrect or incomplete, the right to have their Personal Data deleted, the right to ask for a restriction of processing or object thereto, the right to data portability and the right to lodge a complaint with the relevant data protection supervisory authority.

More details regarding the rights described above and how to exercise them, as well as purposes of such processing, the different roles of the recipients of the Unitholder's Personal Data, the affected categories of Personal Data as well as any other information required by the Data Protection Law can also be found in the privacy notice accessible under the following link: <https://sebgroupl.lu/site-assistance/legal-notice/data-protection-notice-for-seb-investment-management-ab>.

### **13. Applicable law, jurisdiction and governing language**

Disputes arising between the Unitholders, the Management Company and the Depositary shall be settled according to Luxembourg law and subject to the jurisdiction of the District Court of Luxembourg, provided however that the Management Company and the Depositary may subject themselves and the Fund to the jurisdiction of courts of the countries, in which the Units of the Fund are offered and sold, with respect to claims by investors resident in such countries and, with respect to matters relating to subscriptions, redemptions and conversions by Unitholders resident in such countries, to the laws of such countries.

English shall be the governing language for this Prospectus, provided however that the Management Company and the Depositary may, on behalf of themselves and the Fund, consider as binding the translation in languages of the countries in which the Units of the Fund are offered and sold, with respect to Units sold to investors in such countries.

## **ANNEX I – INFORMATION ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL OR SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF SEB EUROPEAN EQUITY SMALL CAPS**

**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:** SEB European Equity Small Caps

**Legal entity identifier:** 5299003MHF7KIZXQAT37

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**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 lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
• • <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	• O <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>___%</b> of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective ___%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics withing the meaning of Article 8 of SFDR.

The Fund promotes general sustainability characteristics, such as fair business practices, human rights, labour rights, anti-corruption and fair competition, the Fund excludes companies that breach international norms and standards where the company cannot present clear goals and ongoing measures to address the issue(s).

To promote social and general sustainability characteristics, the Fund **excludes** investments in companies that operate in sectors or business areas that are assessed to present major sustainability challenges, such as tobacco, recreational cannabis, pornography, commercial gambling, civilian weapons and alcohol.

**Integration**, the Fund promotes companies that:

- Successfully manage sustainability risks and opportunities within their operations and products/services.
- Demonstrate a high degree of willingness to reduce their greenhouse-gas emissions (transitioning companies) or aim to be more energy efficient.

**Active ownership**, the Fund seeks to influence issuers towards a more sustainable direction. This could include adopting new business models, lowering the emissions of the company or improving social

requirements in the value chain. This could be done through direct dialogues with companies, collaboration with other asset managers or partners, or via collaborative initiatives. This could also be done by voting at the shareholder meetings, in support of, or against, specific shareholder- or management proposals.

**Exclusions**, the Fund excludes companies that:

- Breach international norms and standards
- Operate in controversial sectors or business areas such as tobacco, recreational cannabis, pornography, commercial gambling, civilian weapons, and alcohol.
- Have exposure to fossil fuels or other activities with a negative climate impact.

The Fund can invest in companies that are assessed to be in transformation in accordance with the Management Company's sustainability policy.

No benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental and social characteristics that the Fund 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 sustainable indicators used to measure the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund are:

- **Exclusion of companies that breach international norms and standards:**

is measured by the number or share of companies restricted from the fund's benchmark or investment universe as a result of this exclusion.

- **Exclusion of companies that operate in controversial sectors or business areas:**

is measured by the number or share of companies restricted from the fund's benchmark or investment universe as a result of this exclusion.

- **Exclusion of companies that have exposure to fossil fuels or other activities with negative environmental impact:**

is measured by the number or share of companies restricted from the fund's benchmark or investment universe as a result of this exclusion.

- **Integrate sustainability in their ongoing business model and strategy:**

is measured by the Fund's weighed sustainability score based on the SEB Investment Management Sustainability Score ("SIMS-S") framework, compared to the weighed sustainability score of the Fund's benchmark or investment universe. The SIMS-S focuses on risks and opportunities related to sustainable development in company management, products & services and operations, using metrics such as alignment with the Paris Agreement, carbon footprint, gender diversity, Taxonomy alignment and revenue aligned with the sustainable development goals ("SDGs").

- **Influence the companies towards a more sustainable direction:**

is measured by the number of companies subject to engagement, either directly, through collaborative initiatives or via voting at the annual general meeting.

- **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?**

Not applicable

- **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?**

Not applicable

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

*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, the Sub-Fund considers principal adverse impacts (“PAIs”), on sustainability factors.

Prior to the investment decision, the following PAIs are considered:

On an exclusionary basis:

From Annex 1 – Table 1 of CDR (EU) 2022/1288

- PAI 4: Exposure to companies active in the fossil sector
- PAI 10: Violations of UN Global Compact Principles & OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises
- PAI 14: Exposure to controversial weapons

During the investment period, these PAIs are considered:

In engagement dialogues with issuers:

- PAI 13 from Annex 1 - Table 1 of CDR (EU) 2022/1288

More information about PAIs on sustainability factors is available in the SEB Principal adverse Impact Statement found at <https://sebgroupp.com/about-us/our-business/our-divisions/seb-investment-management/our-sustainability-approach> and also in the Fund’s annual report at: <https://sebgroupp.lu/private/our-funds>.

☐ No



**What investment strategy does this financial product follow?**

The Fund is actively managed and invests primarily in stocks in small companies in the European market.

Sustainability-related characteristics of the Fund are promoted partly through integrated sustainability analysis, based on fundamental analysis and with the help of the management company’s proprietary sustainability model.

The model rates each company based on a set of sustainability performance parameters. Characteristics within the model include, but are not limited to, carbon emissions, climate solutions, diversity, equality. This is performed partly through the exclusion of companies, business models, and products that negatively affect the climate, society or stakeholders. In addition, the characteristics are promoted by the fund’s active corporate governance process, which aims to drive and influence the development of the companies in which we invest.

The ESG strategy applied in the Fund is through:

## Integration:

- Integrate sustainability into their ongoing business model and strategy.
- Demonstrate a high degree of willingness to reduce their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (transitioning issuers) or aim to be more energy efficient.

**Active ownership**, the Sub-Fund seeks to influence companies towards a more sustainable direction. This could include adopting new business models, lowering the emissions of the company or improving social requirements in the value chain. This could be done through direct dialogues with companies, collaboration with other asset managers or partners, or via collaborative initiatives. This could also be done by voting at the shareholder meetings, in support of, or against, specific shareholder- or management proposals.

**Exclusion**, the Fund will comply with the Management Company's exclusion policy and therefore excludes companies that:

- Breach international norms and standards where the company cannot present clear goals and ongoing measures to address the issue(s).
- Operate in controversial sectors or business areas such as tobacco, recreational cannabis, pornography, commercial gambling, civilian weapons, and alcohol.
- Companies where more than 5% of their revenue is from the development, production and service of weapons comprising combat equipment or certain other military equipment.
- Produce fossil fuels or use unconventional extraction methods. Consequently, the Fund has limited exposure to:
  - companies generating energy from fossil fuels
  - companies, where distribution linked to fossil fuels exceeds 5% of total revenue
  - companies for which services related to fossil fuels exceed 50% of total revenues.

- **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 in the investment strategy are:

- complying with the Management Company's exclusion policy, described in the question above. The Sub-Fund will have no exposure to excluded companies based on:
  - breaches in international norms and standards
  - operation in controversial sectors or business areas
  - companies' exposure to fossil fuels and other activities with a negative environmental impact

The Management Company's exclusions are laid out in the sustainability policy available here: [SEB IM Sustainability Approach](#).

- **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

Not applicable. The Fund does not commit to a minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of the investment strategy.

- **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

The Management Company ensures good governance of the securities in the financial product, partly by exclusions and screenings based on:

- sector screenings
- norm breaches
- safeguards such as adherence to the UN Global Compact, ILO conventions and OECD

Guidelines in the investment decision process.

Screening for relevant sanctions is also applied. The Fund's investments are monitored in these regards as well, as stated in the Management Company's sustainability policy.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

The governance of each company held in the Fund is assessed by several additional factors, including:

- sustainability and independence of board directors
- board and management diversity
- appropriate levels of pay and variable remuneration (including sustainability-linked incentives),
- separation of senior management and board positions
- anti-corruption
- tax evasion practices
- environmental and climate impacts
- human rights
- working conditions, both regarding the company's own operations and through its supply chain.

More information about good governance can be found at: <https://sebgroupp.com/about-us/our-business/our-divisions/seb-investment-management/our-sustainability-approach/active-ownership>.

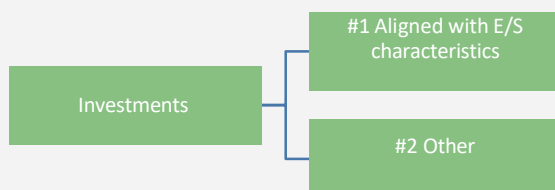


## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

At least 85% of the Fund 's investments are aligned with the environmental or social, E/S, characteristics.

The investments in the “#2 Other” category are cash and/or cash equivalents, government bonds, derivatives, or ETFs which are used for hedging, liquidity and efficient portfolio management, while the cash is used in the meaning of ancillary liquid assets. The “2# Other” category has no minimum environmental or social safeguards.



**#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.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

### • How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Not applicable.

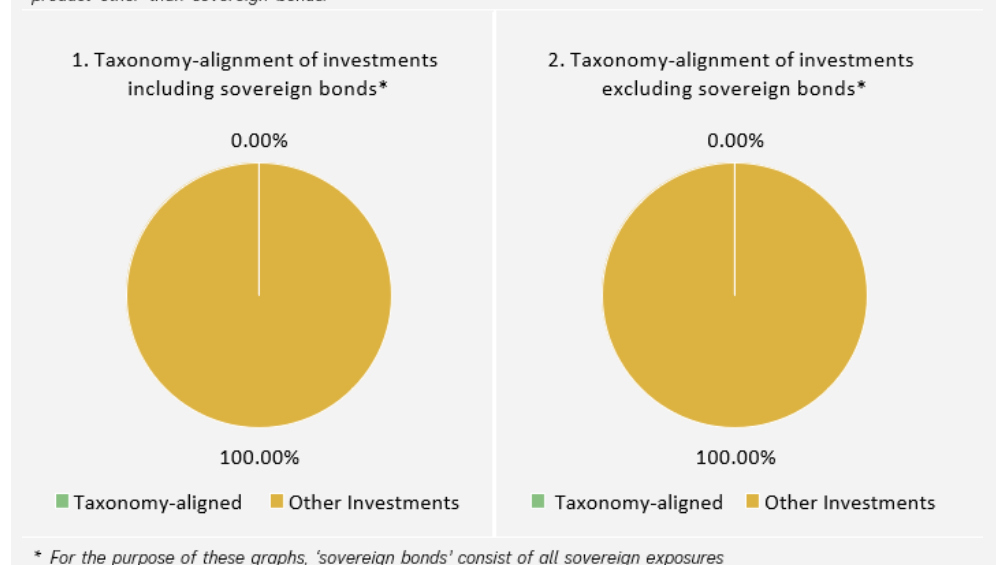
The Fund does not use derivatives to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by it.



To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

0%. The fund does not commit to making any sustainable investments.

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<sup>2</sup>, 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.



• What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

0%. The investments in the Fund may or may not be in transitional and enabling activities. However, the Fund does not commit to having a minimum proportion of investments in transitional and enabling activities.

**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.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Not applicable.

The Fund does not commit to any minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy, nor does it exclude any investments that would be aligned with the EU taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.





What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

Not applicable.

The Fund does not commit to any minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

“#2 Other” includes cash or cash equivalents, government bonds, derivatives or ETFs.

The investments included under “#2 Other” are used for hedging, liquidity, and efficient portfolio management purposes, while cash is used in the meaning of ancillary liquid assets. There is currently no minimum environmental or social safeguards for 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?

No.

**Reference benchmarks**  
are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the website:

<https://sebgrouplu/private/our-funds/our-luxembourg-funds>

More information about the sustainability approach of the Management Company can be found on the website:

<https://sebgrouplu/about-us/our-business/our-divisions/seb-investment-management/our-sustainability-approach>

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR INVESTORS IN GERMANY

In accordance with Section 310 (1) and (2) of the Investment Code (Kapitalanlagegesetzbuch – KAGB), the Management Company has notified the Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht (BaFin: the German Federal Financial Supervisory Authority), Frankfurt am Main, of the distribution of Fund units in Germany.

### **Distributor in Germany**

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### **Information Agent in Germany**

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### **Publications**

The prospectus, the key investor information documents, the constitutive documents as well as the annual and semi-annual reports can be obtained free of charge from the Information Agent and are available to investors on the website [www.sebgroup.lu](http://www.sebgroup.lu).

In addition, the investors in Germany will be provided by means of a durable medium in accordance with § 167 KAGB in German or in a language that is customary in the sphere of international finance (§ 298 clause 2 KAGB):

- a) suspension of the redemption of the units of an EU UCITS;
- b) termination of an EU UCITS' management or the winding-up of an EU UCITS;
- c) amendments to the fund rules which are inconsistent with existing investment principles, affect material investor rights, or relate to remuneration or the reimbursement of expenses that may be taken out of the EU UCITS' assets, including the reasons for the amendments and the rights of investors, the information must be communicated in an easily understandable form and manner and must indicate where and how further information may be obtained;
- d) the merger of EU UCITS in the form of information on the proposed merger which must be drawn up in accordance with Article 43 of Directive 2009/65/EC;
- e) the conversion of an EU UCITS into a feeder fund or any change to a master fund in the form of information which must be drawn up in accordance with Article 64 of Directive 2009/65/EC.

All payments to unitholders (sales proceeds, distributions, if applicable, and all other payments) may be received in Germany through the Transfer Agent of the fund via the German correspondent bank.

Furthermore, investors in Germany may address their redemption or conversion request directly to their German correspondent bank. Specific risks arising from new obligations on the publication of tax data in Germany Upon request and at any time, the Management Company of the Fund must provide the German tax authorities with documents which the tax authorities require to permit the verification of the tax information published by the Fund. The basis for calculating the tax-relevant data can be interpreted in various ways. As a result, there can be no guarantee that the German tax authorities will accept the calculation method of the Fund's Management Company in every respect.

If, as a result of this state of affairs, it should emerge that the tax data published by the Fund are incorrect, the investor must be aware that any corrections made will not have a retroactive effect and will, as a general rule, apply only to the current tax year. Consequently, a correction may have a positive or negative impact on the investor only for the current tax year in which distributions have been received or in which distribution-like income is attributable.