

# Hermes Global Equity ESG Fund

## a sub-fund of Hermes Investment Funds plc

### Class F US\$ Acc. Shares (ISIN: IE00BKRCQ001)

### Objectives and investment policy

The Fund aims to increase the value of your investment over the long term.

The Fund is a diversified portfolio that will primarily invest in shares of companies globally, that includes companies listed in the MSCI All Country World Index. The companies will either have strong or improving environmental, social or governance (ESG) characteristics.

On occasion it may also invest in other financial instruments, for example other funds, Derivatives and rated or Unrated Bonds. The Fund may borrow on a limited basis (up to a maximum of 10% of the value of the Fund). Leverage is not part of the investment strategy of the Fund.

The Fund's base currency is USD but its investments may be priced in other currencies. Derivatives may be used to convert the value of those investments into USD.

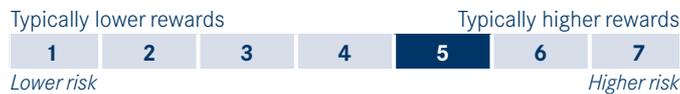
**You may buy or sell shares in the Fund each business day** (except bank holidays in the UK and Ireland).

**This Share Class is accumulating.** Your portion of any income received will be reinvested. This will be reflected in the value of your shares.

### Useful definitions

- **Bonds:** A Fixed Income debt investment (also known as 'Credit') in which the Fund lends money to a government or company, who is then obliged to pay a specified amount back to the purchaser of the Bond on a given future date. The amount to be repaid usually includes the original amount (the principal) plus interest (coupons).
- **Derivatives:** Investments whose value is linked to one or more underlying assets.
- **ESG:** An acronym for 'Environmental, Social and Governance' characteristics. A company can be assessed on its management of these considerations.
- **Leverage:** Use of various instruments or borrowed money that increases the exposure of the Fund to its investments – this has the potential to increase both the gain and loss of an investment.

### Risk and reward profile



#### Narrative explanation of the indicator and its main limitations:

The value of investments and income may go down as well as up and you may not get back the original amount invested.

- Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future
- Risk category shown is not guaranteed and may shift over time
- The lowest category does not mean 'risk free'
- This reflects volatility of the Fund based on historic movements of underlying investments.

#### Particular risks not adequately captured by this indicator include:

- **Guarantee:** The value of your investment is not guaranteed and the Fund may not achieve its objective.
- **Equity Risk:** The value of equities (such as shares in a company) can be affected by market movements. Other

influential factors include political and economic news, company earnings and significant corporate events.

- **Emerging Markets Risk:** The performance of the Fund may have some dependence on the economic environment of emerging markets, which has increased risk compared to developed markets.
- **Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be exposed to any institutions providing custody of assets, deposits or acting as counterparty on financial Derivatives. In the event of a counterparty experiencing financial difficulties, the Fund may be exposed to financial loss.
- **Leverage Risk:** The use of leverage may result in large fluctuations in the net asset value of the Fund, amplifying either gains or losses.
- **Liquidity Risk:** In difficult market conditions, certain Fund investments may be harder to sell at the last quoted market price.
- **Operational Risk:** The potential loss resulting from error or failure arising from people, systems, controls/safeguards or service providers that the Fund relies on.

## Charges for this Fund

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry charge	None
Charges taken from the Fund over a year	
Ongoing charge	0.73%
Charges taken from the Fund under certain specific conditions	
Performance fee	None

The ongoing charges figure shown here is an estimate of the charges as it is indicative of the amount likely to be charged. The Company's report for each financial year will include detail on the exact charges made. This figure may vary with time. It excludes portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the Fund when buying or selling shares in another collective investment undertaking. Research costs are borne by the Investment Manager. For more information about charges, please see the Section entitled "Fees and Expenses" in the Fund's prospectus and supplement, each of which are available at [www.hermes-investment.com](http://www.hermes-investment.com).

## Past performance



- The Fund started to issue shares on 1 May 2014.
- The initial investment into this share class was on 7 May 2014.
- Past performance has been calculated in USD.
- The general expenses of the Fund including administration, custody and Directors' fees have been included for the purposes of this calculation.
- Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

## Practical information

- Depository: Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited.
- The Administrator is Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited, Georges Court, 54-62 Townsend Street, Dublin 2, Ireland. Tel (+ 353) 1 434 5002 / Fax (+ 353) 1 531 8595. The Administrator will provide you with other information you may need as well as copies of the Fund's prospectus documents and the latest financial statements of the Company (in English and free of charge). Alternatively this can be viewed on the Hermes website at [www.hermes-investment.com](http://www.hermes-investment.com).
- The latest price of shares of the Fund will be available during normal business hours every business day at the office of the Administrator and will be published daily on the following website: [www.hermes-investment.com](http://www.hermes-investment.com). Please contact the Administrator if you want to buy, sell and exchange shares. You may exchange shares free of charge to another share class within the Fund or to the same or another share class of another sub-fund as the Directors may permit. Please refer to the section entitled "Switching" in the prospectus and Fund supplement.
- Details of the Company's Remuneration Policy are available at [www.hermes-investment.com/remuneration-policy-hermes-investment-fund-plc](http://www.hermes-investment.com/remuneration-policy-hermes-investment-fund-plc), including: (a) a description of

how remuneration and benefits are calculated; and (b) the identities of persons responsible for awarding remuneration and benefits. A paper copy of these details may be obtained, free of charge, on request from the Company.

- The Fund is a sub-fund of Hermes Investment Funds plc, an umbrella fund with segregated liability between its sub-funds.
- The assets and liabilities of the Fund are segregated from other sub-funds within the umbrella. However, the Company is a single legal entity that may operate or have assets held on its behalf or be subject to claims in other jurisdictions that may not necessarily recognise such segregation. The prospectus and periodic reports are prepared for the entire Company.
- The Company is resident in Ireland for taxation purposes. Irish taxation legislation may have an impact on the personal tax position of an investor. The Company may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the prospectus for the Company.
- This Fund is authorised in Ireland and regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland.
- This key investor information is accurate as at 9 February 2018.