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# **ODDO BHF EUROPEAN BANKS**

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# **GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS**

# LEGAL STRUCTURE

Name	ODDO BHF European Banks (hereinafter the "Fund").
Legal form and Member State in which the Fund was established	French Common Fund (FCP).
Inception date and intended lifetime	This Fund was approved by the <b>AMF</b> on 24 July 2007. It was created on 10 August 2007 for a period of 99 years.

## FUND OVERVIEW:

Units	ISIN code	Appropriation of distributable income	Base currency	Minimum initial investment	Minimum subsequent investment	Target investors
CR- EUR	FR0010493957	Accumulation	EUR	1 thousandth of a unit	1 thousandth of a unit	All subscribers, and particularly natural persons.
CI- EUR	FR0011156215	Accumulation	EUR	EUR 250,000*	1 thousandth of a unit	Units reserved for eligible counterparties and professional investors as per Directive 2014/65/EU ("MiFID II").
GC- EUR	FR0011603943	Accumulation	EUR	EUR 100	1 thousandth of a unit	Units are reserved for (i) insurance companies approved by ODDO BHF Asset Management SAS, to represent unit-linked products subscribed as part of "advisory management" contracts in their range and for (ii) ODDO BHF SCA clients also having signed an advisory agreement with an ODDO BHF SCA financial investment advisory partner.



CN- EUR	FR0013297512	Accumulation	EUR	1 thousandth of a unit	1 thousandth of a unit	CN-EUR units are only available following a decision by the Management Company and yield no right to collect fees. Units reserved for (i) investors subscribing through an intermediary providing independent investment advice in accordance with MiFID II; (ii) investors subscribing through a financial intermediary on the basis of a commission agreement concluded between the investor and the intermediary stating that the intermediary is remunerated exclusively by the investor; (iii) companies providing portfolio management services to third parties in accordance with MiFID II; (iv) UCIs managed by ODDO BHF Group companies; and (v) ODDO BHF SCA, providing investment advisory services on the basis of a written commission agreement concluded with the investor.
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\* With the exception of the Management Company, companies in the Management Company's group and UCIs and mandates managed by the Management Company, from which no minimum subscription is required.

# **INFORMATION FOR UNITHOLDERS:**

# Address at which the latest annual and semi-annual reports are available:

The latest annual and semi-annual reports shall be sent to unitholders within eight business days upon written request to:

Company	ODDO BHF Asset Management SAS
Address	12, Bd de la Madeleine - 75009 Paris
Email	information_oam@oddo-bhf.com

These documents are also available:

On the website	http://am.oddo-bhf.com
By contacting	Customer Services
By telephoning	01 44 51 80 28

Any further information required can be obtained from the Customer Services Department, on: 01 44 51 80 28.

DIRECTORY:

Management company	ODDO BHF ASSET MANAGEMENT SAS,
	a société par actions simplifiée (simplified joint stock company)
	(hereinafter the "Management Company")
	Portfolio Management Company approved by the AMF (number GP 99011)
	12, Bd de la Madeleine – 75009 Paris
Custodian, Depository,	ODDO BHF SCA,
Establishment in charge of	a société en commandite par actions
liabilities management delegated by the management company	(general partnership limited by shares) (hereinafter the "Custodian")
	Bank approved by the French Prudential Control and Resolution Authority
	12, Bd de la Madeleine – 75009 Paris



ODDO BHF SCA acts as custodian for the Fund.

	The Custodian carries out the following duties, as defined in the applicable regulations: holding the portfolio assets in safekeeping, overseeing the Management Company's decisions and monitoring the Fund's cash flow. By virtue of delegation by the Management Company, the Custodian is also responsible for the management of Fund liabilities, which includes centralising subscription and redemption orders for Fund units, as well as keeping an account of Fund units issued.
	In certain countries, the Custodian delegates its safekeeping activities. A description of the safekeeping activities delegated, the list of delegatees and sub-delegatees of ODDO BHF SCA and information on the conflicts of interest liable to result from such delegation are available on the ODDO BHF Asset Management SAS website: <u>http://am.oddo-bhf.com</u> . Investors may also request up-to-date information on this from ODDO BHF Asset Management SAS.
	As an entity, the Custodian is independent of the Management Company.
Administration and Accounting delegated to	EUROPEAN FUND ADMINISTRATION FRANCE S.A.S (EFA FRANCE) 17, rue de la Banque 75002 Paris
	The role of EFA is to calculate the net asset value of the Fund and provide other services listed in the agreement. Any conflicts of interest arising as a result of this delegation will be handled in accordance with the policy for managing conflicts of interest, available on the Management Company's website: <u>http://am.oddo-bhf.com</u> .
Statutory auditor	MAZARS 61 rue Henri Regnault 92075 Paris - La Défense Cedex Represented by Gilles Dunand-Roux
Promoter	ODDO BHF ASSET MANAGEMENT SAS Portfolio Management Company approved by the AMF (number GP 99011) 12, Bd de la Madeleine – 75009 Paris
	The list of promoters is not exhaustive mainly due to the fact that the Fund is listed on Euroclear. Thus, some promoters may not be mandated by or known to the Management Company.
Assignees	None
Advisers	None
Agent for receiving subscription and redemption orders	ODDO BHF SCA, <i>société en commandite par actions</i> (general partnership limited by shares) Bank approved by the French Prudential Control and Resolution Authority 12, Bd de la Madeleine – 75009 Paris
Other agent for receiving subscription and redemption orders	CACEIS BANK, LUXEMBOURG BRANCH (prior to centralising) 5, allée Scheffer L-2520 Luxembourg



# **OPERATING AND MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES**

# 1. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNITS

Rights attached to the units	<ul> <li>The rights of the Fund's co-owners are represented by units, with each unit corresponding to the same fraction of the Fund's assets. Each unitholder has a co-ownership right in the assets of the Fund proportional to the number of units they hold.</li> <li>The distributable income consists of:</li> <li>1° The net income for the financial year plus retained earnings, plus or minus the balance of the income equalisation accounts for the last financial year.</li> <li>2° The realised capital gains, net of fees, minus realised capital losses, net of fees, recorded during the financial year, plus net capital gains of the same kind recorded during previous financial years and that have not been subject to distribution or accumulation, plus or minus the balance of the capital gains equalisation accounts.</li> <li>The categories of income referenced in points 1° and 2° respectively may be distributed, in full or in part, independently of each other.</li> </ul>
Inclusion in a register	The Management Company delegates the management of liabilities to the Custodian.
Voting rights	No voting rights are attributed to the ownership of units. Decisions concerning the Fund are taken by the Management Company. The voting rights attached to the securities held by the Fund are exercised by the Management Company, which has the sole power to take decisions, pursuant to regulations in force. The Management Company's voting policy may be consulted at its registered office or online at <a href="http://am.oddo-bhf.com">http://am.oddo-bhf.com</a> in accordance with article 314-100 of the AMF General Regulation. Unitholders can obtain a report of the Management Company's voting activities from the Management Company.
Form of units	Listed on Euroclear France Units are issued in bearer form. They cannot be issued in or converted into registered form.
Fractions of units	Subscriptions and redemptions in thousandths of units
Financial year-end	Last stock market trading day in June. The Fund's first financial year ended on the last trading day of the Paris Stock Exchange in June 2008.
Tax regime	The Fund is eligible for the French Equity Savings Plan (Plan d'Epargne en Actions or PEA) and life insurance policies.
	As of 1 July 2014, the Fund shall be governed by the provisions of appendix II, point II. B. of the Agreement (IGA) signed on 14 November 2013 between the government of the French Republic and the government of the United States of America so as to improve compliance with tax obligations at an international level and implement the act governing compliance with these obligations for foreign accounts (FATCA).
	This prospectus does not purport to set out the tax implications for investors of subscribing, redeeming, holding or selling the Fund's units. These implications will vary, depending on the laws and practices that apply in the country of residence, domicile or incorporation of the unitholders and on their personal situations.
	Abroad, in the countries where the Fund invests, capital gains on the sale of securities and income from foreign sources received by the Fund may be subject to tax, generally in the form of withholding tax. The amount of withholding tax due may be reduced or waived when the governments in question have signed tax treaties.
	Depending on your tax status, your country of residence or the jurisdiction from which you invest in the Fund, any capital gains and income resulting from the holding of units of the Fund may be subject to taxation. We advise you to consult a tax advisor in relation to the potential consequences of purchasing, holding, selling or redeeming units of the Fund according to the laws of your country of tax residence, ordinary residence or



domicile.

Neither the Management Company nor the promoters shall accept any responsibility whatsoever for any tax consequences that may arise for investors following a decision to purchase, hold, sell or redeem units of the Fund.

Unit redemption followed by subscription

As the Fund is made up of several unit classes, a conversion from one class of units by means of a redemption followed by a subscription of another class of units constitutes, for tax purposes, a sale in return for payment of a consideration likely to generate a taxable gain.

# 2. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

ISIN codes:	CR-EUR units: FR0010493957
	CI-EUR units: FR0011156215
	GC-EUR units: FR0011603943
	CN-EUR units: FR0013297512

Classification: "International equities" fund.

Fund of funds: less than 10% of the net assets.

Investment objective: the Fund aims to outperform the Stoxx Europe 600 Banks Net Return index over a minimum investment horizon of five years.

Benchmark index: Stoxx Europe 600 Banks Net Return (Bloomberg code: SX7R).

This index is composed of equities of European banks. The index is quoted in euro and is calculated with net dividends reinvested. Information on the index is available on the website <u>www.stoxx.com</u>.

Investors are advised that the benchmark index does not constitute a limitation on the Fund's investment universe. It allows the investor to assess the Fund's risk profile. The Fund's performance and composition may differ substantially from those of its benchmark index.

# **INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

The Fund is a stock-picking fund managed on an active and discretionary basis. The Fund invests exclusively in financial stocks (banks, insurance and financial services). Insurance and financial services sector investments are strictly limited to 15% of assets. Stocks are selected through a structured investment process designed by the management team specialising in financial stocks.

This process involves a bottom-up approach taking into account the economic environment, political context and financial and banking regulations, as well as a top-down approach based on an analysis of three types of criteria, namely:

Fundamental criteria (a company's solvency situation, management quality, etc.);

Valuation criteria;

Momentum criteria (expected trend in earnings and dividends).

# **COMPOSITION OF ASSETS**

#### 1) Assets:

#### Equities:

A minimum of 75% of the Fund's assets shall be permanently invested in equities of issuers of any capitalisation headquartered in an EU (European Union) member state. These securities will be eligible for the French Equity Savings Plan (*Plan d'Epargne en Actions* or PEA). Investments in equities of issuers headquartered in Europe but outside the EU shall not exceed 25%. Up to 100% of the Fund's net assets shall be exposed to the equity markets.

# UCI shares or units:

Up to 10% of the Fund may be invested in units or shares:

- of French or foreign UCITS that may not invest more than 10% of their assets in units or shares of other UCITS, AIFs or investment funds; - of French AIFs or AIFs from other EU Member States;



- of investment funds established under foreign law.

The units or shares of these AIFs and investment funds must meet the four criteria under article R214-13 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, namely: (i) that they are subject to regulations equivalent to those applicable to UCITS and that there is cooperation between the AMF and the regulatory body of the AIF; (ii) that the level of protection granted to unitholders is equivalent to that of UCITS; (iii) that they issue semi-annual and annual reports explaining their activities; and (iv) that they must not themselves invest over 10% of their assets in units or shares of other UCITS, AIFs or foreign investment funds.

These UCIs may be managed by ODDO BHF Asset Management SAS and/or ODDO BHF Asset Management GmbH and will be compatible with the Fund's investment strategy.

# 2) Financial futures and options

For portfolio exposure or hedging purposes, the Fund may invest in all simple forward financial instruments traded on regulated markets in France and other countries (futures or options on equities or equity indices).

In order to hedge currency risk, the Fund may also make use of over-the counter instruments, namely forward exchange contracts.

These instruments shall be limited to 100% of the portfolio without seeking overexposure.

The Fund will not use Total Return Swaps.

#### 3) Securities with embedded derivatives

The Fund may hold warrants for the purpose of gaining exposure to equity risk. These instruments shall be held subject to the limit of 10% of the Fund's net assets.

#### 4) Deposits

The Fund may use deposits to generate a return on cash holdings, up to the limit of 20% of its net assets. Used as part of day-to-day management of the Fund's cash assets, these will contribute to achieving the investment objective based on their level of return.

# 5) Cash borrowing

The Fund may borrow the equivalent of up to 10% of its net assets in cash in order to cover a temporary delay between incoming and outgoing funds relating to purchases and sales of securities issued on the market, or to cover large redemptions.

#### 6) Temporary purchases and sales of securities

The Fund may, for cash management purposes, investment of the guarantees obtained in the context of securities lending or to maximise Fund income, use:

- repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements;
- securities lending.

Any temporary purchases and sales of securities will all be carried out under market conditions and within the following limits:

- up to 20% of the Fund's net assets for repurchase agreements and securities lending, and
- up to 25% of the Fund's net assets for reverse repurchase agreements.

These operations shall be performed on equities, debt securities and money market instruments.

The targeted proportion of AUM to be used for such operations will be:

- up to 5% of the Fund's net assets for repurchase agreements and securities lending, and
- up to 5% of the Fund's net assets for reverse repurchase agreements.

Within the scope of these transactions, the Fund may receive or issue financial guarantees (collateral). Their operation and characteristics are presented under "Collateral management".

Temporary purchases and sales of securities may be carried out with ODDO BHF SCA or with EU banks that have a minimum credit rating of A-.



Additional information can be found under the heading "Fees and expenses".

For further information, please refer to the Fund's annual report.

## 7) Collateral management

Within the scope of OTC financial derivatives transactions and temporary purchases and sales of securities, the Fund may receive or issue financial assets as guarantees.

The purpose of receiving financial guarantees is to reduce the Fund's exposure to counterparty default risk. They will consist solely of cash.

As an exception to the above, and only in the case of reverse repurchase operations, the Fund will receive traditional fixed income securities rated at least A- and/or securities issued by governments with a rating of at least AA- as collateral. In any case, the issue of the security received as collateral must be larger than EUR 100 million and the Fund's participation will be limited to 10%.

Transactions potentially requiring the use of financial guarantees shall be carried out with a European Union credit institution that may belong to the ODDO BHF group.

Any financial guarantees (collateral) received shall also, in accordance with regulations, comply with the following:

- liquidity, valuation (at least daily and assets which do not offer high volatility unless adequate discounts can be obtained), issuer creditworthiness, correlation (independence vis-à-vis the counterparty) and diversification (with a maximum exposure to a given issuer of 20% of net assets) criteria;

- it shall be held by the Custodian of the Fund or any third party, in a segregated account, subject to prudential supervision and which has no connection with the provider of the financial guarantees;

- financial guarantees received must be available for full execution by the Fund at any time without consulting the counterparty or the counterparty's consent;

- financial guarantees received as cash shall only be placed as deposits with eligible institutions or invested in top-tier government bonds or used in reverse repurchase transactions (provided that such transactions are concluded with credit institutions subject to prudential supervision and on the condition that the Fund is in a position to recall the total cash amount at any time, accounting for accrued interest) or invested in short-term money market UCIs;

- the financial guarantees shall not be reused.

#### **RISK PROFILE:**

Your money will mainly be invested in financial instruments selected by the Management Company at its discretion. These instruments are subject to the market's movements and fluctuations.

The risks identified by the Management Company and presented below are not exhaustive. Investors are responsible for assessing the risk of any investments they make, with the assistance of a financial investment adviser where applicable, and for ensuring that the investment envisaged is suited to their financial situation and ability to assume financial risks.

Please refer to the Key Investor Information Document for information on the risk category to which this Fund belongs.

In particular, the Fund will be exposed to the following risks:

#### Risk of capital loss:

The Fund is not guaranteed or protected; investors may not get back their initial investment in full.

#### Risk associated with discretionary management:

This risk is linked to the investment style, which is based on expectations regarding the performance of the various markets. There is a risk that the Fund may not be invested in the best-performing markets or securities at all times. The Fund's performance therefore depends on the manager's ability to anticipate movements in the markets or in individual securities. This risk may result in a fall in the net asset value of the Fund and a capital loss for the investor.

#### Equity risk:

The Fund invests, either directly or indirectly and up to a maximum of 100%, in one or more equity markets that may experience significant fluctuations. The Fund's net asset value could fall during periods in which the equity market is falling.



# Risks associated with sector concentration in the portfolio:

This risk is linked to investments being concentrated in financial instruments which are sensitive to the financial sector. This risk may result in a fall in the net asset value of the Fund and a capital loss for the investor.

#### Currency risk:

This risk is linked to portfolios invested fully or partially in securities denominated in currencies other than the Fund's reference currency and corresponds to the variation in the exchange rate between these currencies and the Fund's reference currency. As such, the value a security may be affected by a change in the value of its reference currency against the euro, even though its value in its base currency may not change, thereby causing the net asset value of the Fund to fall.

#### Counterparty risk:

This is the risk of a counterparty's collapse, causing it to default on payment. The Fund may be exposed to the counterparty risk caused by the use of forward financial instruments contracted over-the-counter with credit institutions or contracts for the temporary purchase or sale of securities. The Fund is therefore exposed to the risk that one of these credit institutions may not be able to honour its commitments in connection with such instruments. Certain contracts exposing the Fund to counterparty risk may be concluded with a company belonging to the ODDO BHF group.

## Risk associated with holding small and medium capitalisations:

The Fund may be exposed to small and medium capitalisations. Price fluctuations, both upward and downward, are more acute and more abrupt than for large capitalisations and may therefore result in sharp variations in the Fund's net asset value. Furthermore, the low volumes traded on these markets may result in liquidity risk. This type of investment may affect the Fund's valuation and the prices at which the Fund may be obliged to liquidate its positions, particularly in the case of large redemptions, and may even make it impossible for the Fund to sell its holdings, as a result of which the Fund's net asset value may fall.

#### Risk associated with commitments on forward financial instruments:

Without seeking overexposure, the Fund may invest up to 100% of net assets in forward financial instruments (in particular futures and options), which may present a downside risk to its net asset value.

Guarantee or protection: None (neither the capital nor the performance are guaranteed)

# **INVESTORS AND UNITS**

# • Target investors:

The units have not been and will not be registered under the 1933 US Securities Act (hereinafter "**the Act of 1933**"), or under any law applicable in a US State, and the units may not be directly or indirectly assigned, offered or sold in the United States of America (including its territories and possessions) for the benefit of any US persons (hereinafter "**US Persons**"), as defined by US "Regulation S" under the Act of 1933 adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission or SEC, except if (i) the units are registered or (ii) an exemption is applicable (with the prior consent of the Fund Management Company's CEO). The Fund is not, and shall not, be registered under the US Investment Company Act of 1940. Any resale or assigning of units in the United States of America or to a "US Person" may constitute a violation of US law and require the prior written consent of the Fund Management Company's CEO. Persons wishing to purchase or subscribe units shall be required to certify in writing that they are not "US Persons".

All unitholders must immediately inform the Fund if they become a "US Person". Any unitholder that becomes a US Person shall no longer be authorised to purchase new units and may be requested to dispose of their units at any time for the benefit of persons who do not have "US Person" status.

The term "US Person" has the same meaning in the Prospectus as the definition given in SEC Regulation S (Part 230 - 17 CFR 230.903). This definition of a "US Person" is available at http://www.sec.gov/about/laws/secrulesregs.htm

In accordance with the provisions of the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA"), applicable as of 1 July 2014, if the Fund directly or indirectly invests in US assets, the income from these investments may be subject to 30% withholding tax. To avoid the payment of this 30% withholding tax, France and the United States have concluded an intergovernmental agreement whereby non-US financial institutions ("foreign financial institutions") undertake to set up a procedure to identify direct or indirect investors with US taxpayer status and transmit certain information about these investors to the French tax authorities, which will communicate it to the US tax authorities ("Internal Revenue Service").



In its capacity as a foreign financial institution, the Fund undertakes to comply with FATCA and to take any measures required by the aforementioned intergovernmental agreement.

Except for these restrictions, the Fund is open to all investors, while bearing the following in mind.

CR-EUR units are primarily aimed at retail investors.

CI-EUR units are reserved for eligible counterparties and professional investors as per MiFID II.

GC-EUR units are reserved for (i) insurance companies approved by ODDO BHF Asset Management SAS, to represent unit-linked products subscribed as part of "advisory management" contracts in their range and for (ii) ODDO BHF SCA clients having signed an advisory agreement with an ODDO BHF SCA financial investment advisory partner.

CN-EUR units are only available following a decision by the Management Company and yield no right to collect fees. Units reserved for (i) investors subscribing through an intermediary providing independent investment advice in accordance with MiFID II; (ii) investors subscribing through a financial intermediary on the basis of a commission agreement concluded between the investor and the intermediary stating that the intermediary is remunerated exclusively by the investor; (iii) companies providing portfolio management services to third parties in accordance with MiFID II; (iv) UCIs managed by ODDO BHF Group companies; and (v) ODDO BHF SCA, providing investment advisory services on the basis of a written commission agreement concluded with the investor.

# • Recommended investment horizon:

The minimum recommended investment period is five years.

#### • Typical investor profile

This Fund is intended for investors seeking to increase the value of their capital through exposure to the financial sector via exposure to the equity markets and who are able to bear the risks linked to such an investment.

The amount that is appropriate to invest in this Fund depends on your personal wealth. To determine this amount, investors should consider their personal wealth/assets, their current financial needs and those in five years as well as their willingness to accept risks or their preference for a more prudent investment. It is also highly recommended that investors sufficiently diversify their investments so as not to be exposed solely to the risks of this Fund.

- Allocation of distributable income (income and capital gains): Accumulation.
- Frequency of distributions: Accumulation units: no distribution
- Base currency: The units are denominated in euro.

Form of units: The units are bearer units.

Initial value of the unit: CR-EUR units: EUR 100 CI-EUR units: EUR 100,000 GC-EUR units: EUR 100 CN-EUR units: EUR 100

Fractions of units: CR-EUR, CI-EUR, GC-EUR and CN-EUR units: subscriptions and redemptions in thousandths of units.

# SUBSCRIPTION AND REDEMPTION PROCEDURES

• Terms and conditions of subscriptions and redemptions:

Subscription and redemption requests are centralised by the Custodian every net asset value calculation day until 11:15 (Paris time, CET/CEST) and executed on the basis of the net asset value of the same day. The resulting settlements shall be carried out on the second trading day following the NAV date.

Any order received by the Custodian after this time will be executed at the following net asset value.

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Initial value of the unit: CR-EUR units: EUR 100 CI-EUR units: EUR 100,000 GC-EUR units: EUR 100 CN-EUR units: EUR 100

Minimum initial investment: CR-EUR units: 1 thousandth of a unit CI-EUR units: EUR 250,000\* GC-EUR units: EUR 100 CN-EUR units: 1 thousandth of a unit \* With the exception of the Management Company, companies in the Management Company's group and UCIs and mandates managed by the Management Company, from which no minimum subscription is required.

Minimum subsequent investment: CR-EUR units: 1 thousandth of a unit CI-EUR units: 1 thousandth of a unit GC-EUR units: 1 thousandth of a unit CN-EUR units: 1 thousandth of a unit

# Centralising agent for subscription and redemption requests appointed by the management company: ODDO BHF SCA

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The Fund's promoters must send subscription and/or redemption orders to the Centralising Agent no later than the centralisation cut-off time. Any order received by the Centralising Agent after this time will be executed at the following net asset value.

Promoters may apply their own cut-off time, which may be earlier than the cut-off time mentioned above, in order to take into account the time required to transmit orders to the centralising agent. It is the investor's responsibility to obtain information on the time at which his order has been received by the promoter for processing.

# • Date and frequency of NAV calculation:

The net asset value is calculated daily, according to the Euronext Paris calendar, with the exception of public holidays on the French Stock Exchange.

# Place and methods of publication or communication of net asset value

This information can be obtained on a daily basis from the Management Company (ODDO BHF Asset Management SAS) and the Custodian (ODDO BHF SCA) at 12, Boulevard de la Madeleine, 75009 Paris, and from the website http://am.oddo-bhf.com.

# • Notification of portfolio structure

The Management Company may, upon request, notify professional investors subject to the obligations resulting from Directive 2009/138/EC (the Solvency II Directive) of the structure of the Fund's portfolio at the earliest 48 hours from the last publication of the net asset value. The information provided shall be treated with the utmost confidentiality and shall only be used for the calculation of prudential requirements. This information cannot, under any circumstances, be used for illegal activities such as market timing or late trading by unitholders in possession of such information.

# **INFORMATION ON FEES, EXPENSES AND TAXATION**

# FEES AND EXPENSES

# • Subscription and redemption fees:

Subscription fees increase the subscription price paid by the investor, while redemption fees decrease the redemption price. The fees charged by the Fund serve to offset the costs incurred by the Fund to invest and disinvest investors' monies. Fees not paid to the Fund are paid to the Management Company, the promoter, etc.



Fees payable by the investor on subscriptions and redemptions	Basis	Maximum rate CR-EUR, CI-EUR, GC-EUR and CN-EUR units
Subscription fee not payable to the Fund	NAV x number of units	4%
Subscription fee payable to the Fund	NAV x number of units	None
Redemption fee not payable to the Fund	NAV x number of units	None
Redemption fee payable to the Fund	NAV x number of units	None

#### • Management and administration fees:

Fees charged to the Fund	Basis	Maximum rate CR-EUR, CI-EUR, GC-EUR and CN-EUR units
Financial management fees and administrative fees not payable to the Management Company (statutory auditor, custodian, distributors, lawyers)	Net assets	CR-EUR units: 2% inclusive of tax CI-EUR units: 1% inclusive of tax GC-EUR units: 1% inclusive of tax CN-EUR units: 1.25% inclusive of tax
Performance fee (1)	Net assets	20% of the Fund's outperformance relative to the benchmark index ( <i>Stoxx Europe 600</i> <i>Banks Net Return</i> in euro, with dividends reinvested), provided that the Fund's performance is positive.
Transaction fees charged by stakeholders: - Management Company: 100%	Payable on each transaction	<ul> <li>Equities: 0.59% maximum, inclusive of taxes, with a minimum of EUR 7.50 excluding taxes for French equities and EUR 50 excluding taxes for foreign equities;</li> <li>Bonds: Maximum 0.03% inclusive of tax with a minimum of EUR 7.50 exclusive of tax;</li> <li>Derivatives: none.</li> </ul>

(1) Performance fees: a performance fee based on a comparison between the Fund's performance and that of the benchmark index over the reference period.

- The performance fee calculation method seeks to determine the "value created by the manager" in absolute terms: this means comparing sums received (i.e. subscriptions) with sums returned (i.e. redemptions) + assets under management (i.e. the total net asset value).

- Sums received are represented by the "indexed NAV" (or fictitious fund), which is the point of comparison. The indexed NAV is calculated in the same manner as a meter: each time the net asset value is calculated, subscriptions from T-1 are indexed using the performance of the comparison index from T-1 to T. This gives us a theoretical NAV, on the basis of which each subscription is immediately invested in the comparison index. The performance fee provision amount is not linked to the amount of subscriptions: for example, if the book NAV rises by EUR 1 million (following a subscription), the indexed NAV will rise by the same amount, meaning the performance fee provision amount is unaltered.

In the event of redemption, the outperformance linked with redemptions shall be subject to a specific provision, separate from the provision for outperformance on assets under management. The outperformance linked to redemptions is defined as a proportion (i.e. the number of units redeemed divided by the total number of units) of the outperformance on assets under management. This is calculated in the same manner as a meter and allows for the "crystallization" of the provision for the outperformance corresponding to the redeemed shares. The indexed NAV is also adjusted by the redemption ratio. Hence, in the case of redemptions, the provision corresponding to the outperformance of the total NAV is transferred to the provision corresponding to the outperformance of the total provision is not linked to the amount of redemptions. The outperformance provision linked to redemptions is definitively allocated to the management company and deducted at the end of the financial year.



The Fund's performance is determined on the basis of its book value after taking into account fixed management fees and before deduction of the performance fee.

Once the Fund records a positive performance that exceeds that of its benchmark index in a given reference period, a provision of a maximum of 20% of this outperformance is established upon each NAV calculation.

In the event that the Fund underperforms its benchmark index between two net asset values, any previously accumulated provision shall be reduced accordingly. The amounts deducted from the provision cannot exceed the amount previously accumulated.

This variable fee will only be definitively transferred at the end of the reference period and only if, over the reference period, the Fund's performance is positive. It is deducted from the last NAV calculation of the financial year and paid annually to the Management Company, provided that on that date the reference period is at least equal to one year.

A detailed description of the method used to calculate the performance fee may be obtained from the Management Company.

#### · Methods of calculating and sharing the return on temporary purchases and sales of securities

The remuneration received from temporary sales of securities (lending and repurchase of securities) is repaid to the Fund, less operating costs invoiced by the counterparty, potentially amounting to up to 50% of this remuneration. With respect to temporary purchases of securities (reverse repurchase transactions), the Fund is the direct counterparty in such transactions and receives the full amount of the remuneration.

The Management Company does not receive any remuneration in respect of temporary purchases and sales of securities.

In the context of temporary sales of securities, the service provider used by the Fund shall be a credit institution with its registered office located within a European Union member state. This service provider shall act independently from the Fund systematically as a counterparty to market transactions. This service provider may be part of the Oddo group. For more information, please refer to the Fund's annual report.

All of these charges are quoted inclusive of tax. For further information, please refer to the Fund's annual report.

#### • Procedure for the selection of intermediaries:

Intermediaries and counterparties are selected by management staff using a competitive tendering procedure from a predefined list. This list is drawn up using precise selection criteria laid down in the market intermediary selection policy which may be consulted on the Management Company's website.

# **COMMERCIAL INFORMATION**

Subscription and redemption of units Subscription and redemption procedures are presented in the section "Subscription and redemption procedures".

#### Information relating to the Fund is provided by:

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Information is also available:

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The AMF website <u>www.amf-france.org</u> provides additional information on the list of regulatory documents and all provisions relating to investor protection.

# INFORMATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE (ESG) CRITERIA

Additional information on the application of ESG criteria by the Management Company shall be available in the FCP's annual report and on the Management Company's website: <u>http://am.oddo-bhf.com</u>.

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# **INVESTMENT RULES**

# Regulatory ratios applicable to the Fund:

The legal investment rules applicable to the Fund are those that govern UCITS investing no more than 10% of their assets in other UCIs, as well as those applicable to the AMF's "International Equities" classification.

# **GLOBAL RISK**

The Fund's overall risk is calculated using the commitment method.

# ASSET VALUATION AND ACCOUNTING RULES

#### Asset valuation rules:

The calculation of the net asset value per unit is subject to the following valuation rules:

- financial instruments and transferable securities traded on regulated markets are valued at their market price using the following principles:
- The valuation is based on the last official market price.

The market price used depends on the market on which the instrument is listed:

European markets:Last market price on the net asset value calculation dayAsian markets:Last market price on the net asset value calculation dayNorth and South American markets:Last market price on the net asset value calculation day

The prices used are those obtained from financial information providers and available on the following day at 09:00 (Paris time): Fininfo or Bloomberg. In the event that no price is available for a security, the last known price is used.

However, the following instruments are valued using the following specific valuation methods:

- financial instruments that are not traded on a regulated market are valued under the Management Company's responsibility at their foreseeable sale prices;
  - In particular, transferable debt securities and similar securities that are not traded in large volumes are valued by means of an actuarial method; the reference rate used is that applied to issues of equivalent securities plus or minus, where applicable, a differential reflecting the issuer's specific characteristics. Nevertheless, transferable debt securities with low sensitivity and a residual maturity of less than or equal to three months may be valued using the straight-line method.
- financial contracts (futures, options or swap transactions concluded on over-the-counter markets) are valued at their market value or at a value estimated according to the terms and conditions determined by the Management Company. The method for valuing off-



balance sheet commitments consists in valuing futures contracts at their market price and in converting options into the equivalent value of the underlying.

- Financial guarantees: in order to limit counterparty risk as much as possible while also factoring in operational constraints, the Management Company applies a daily margin call system, per fund and per counterparty, with an activation threshold set at a maximum of EUR 100,000 based on an evaluation of the mark-to-market price.

Deposits are recorded based on their nominal value plus the interest calculated daily using the Eonia.

The prices used for the valuation of futures or options are consistent with those of the underlying securities. They may vary depending on where they are listed:

European markets:	Settlement price on the NAV calculation day, if different from the last price.
Asian markets:	Last market price on the NAV calculation day, if different from the last price.
North and South American markets:	Last market price on the NAV calculation day, if different from the last price.

In the event that no price is available for a future or option contract, the last known price is used.

Securities subject to a temporary acquisition or sale agreement are valued in accordance with the regulations in force. Securities received under repurchase agreements are recorded on their acquisition date under the heading "Receivables on securities received under a repurchase agreement (pension)" at the value fixed in the contract by the counterparty of the liquidity account concerned. For as long as they are held they are recognised at that value plus the accrued interest from the securities in custody.

Securities transferred under repurchase agreements are withdrawn from their account on the date of the transaction and the corresponding receivable is booked under the heading "Securities transferred under a repurchase agreement (pension)"; they are valued at their market value. The debt represented by securities transferred under repurchase agreements is recorded under the heading "Payables on securities transferred under a repurchase agreement (pension)" by the counterparty of the liquidity account concerned. It is maintained at the value determined in the contract plus any accrued interest on the debt.

- Other instruments: Units or shares of UCIs are valued at their last known net asset value.
- Financial instruments whose prices have not been determined on the valuation day or whose prices have been adjusted are valued under the Management Company's responsibility at their foreseeable sale prices. These valuations and their justification are communicated to the statutory auditor at the time of the audit.

#### Accounting methods:

Income accounting:

The interest on bonds and debt securities is calculated using the accrued interest method.

#### Transaction cost accounting:

Transactions are recorded excluding fees.

# REMUNERATION

The management body in charge of the Management Company is responsible for drawing up, approving and monitoring the remuneration policy. It must ensure that the remuneration policy encourages employees to take risks in line with the risks taken by the funds managed by the Management Company, the investors having placed their assets in these funds and the Management Company itself. Each year, the Management Company shall identify those persons who may be qualified as risk takers in accordance with the regulations in force. The list of employees thus identified as risk takers shall then be submitted to the Remuneration Committee and passed on to the relevant management body. With regard to the variable remuneration amount. In this way, an employee designated as being a risk taker and entitled to significant variable remuneration will receive a portion of this variable remuneration on a deferred basis. This deferred part of variable remuneration amount, from the first euro. Provisions relating to the deferred part of variable remuneration shall be calculated using a tool created by the Management Company. This tool consists of a basket of funds that represent each of the Management Company within each of its strategies, and each fund is weighted in proportion to the assets under management of the Management Company within each of its strategies. Detailed information on the remuneration policy is available on the Management Company's website (am.oddo-bhf.com). Investors may also request a hard copy of this information from the Management Company.



# REGULATIONS ODDO BHF EUROPEAN BANKS

# TITLE 1 - ASSETS AND UNITS

# Article 1 - Co-ownership units

The co-owners' rights are represented by units, with each unit corresponding to the same fraction of the Fund's assets. Each unitholder has a co-ownership right in the assets of the Fund proportional to the number of units they hold.

The term of the Fund is 99 years starting from its inception date, 10 August 2007, except in the event of early dissolution or extension as set forth in the present regulations.

Unit classes:

The characteristics of the various classes of units and their eligibility requirements are described in the Fund's prospectus.

- The different classes of units may:
- apply different dividend policies (distribution or accumulation);
- be denominated in different currencies;
- be charged different management fees;
- bear different subscription and redemption fees;
- have a different nominal value;
- be automatically hedged against currency risk, in full or in part, as defined in the Fund's prospectus. This hedge is created using financial
  instruments that reduce to a minimum the impact of the hedging transactions on the Fund's other unit classes.

The units may be merged or split.

Following the decision of the Management Company's CEO, units may be sub-divided into thousandths, referred to as fractions of units.

The provisions of the regulations governing the issue and redemption of units shall apply to fractions of units, whose value shall always be proportionate to that of the units they represent. Unless otherwise provided, all other provisions of the regulations relating to units shall apply to fractions of units without any need to make a specific provision to that end.

Lastly, the Management Company's CEO may decide, at its own discretion, to sub-divide the units by issuing new units, which shall be allocated to unitholders in exchange for their existing units.

#### Article 2 - Minimum assets

Units may not be redeemed if the Fund's assets fall below EUR 300,000; if the assets remain below this amount for a period of 30 days, the Management Company shall make the necessary provisions to liquidate the fund in question, or to carry out one of the operations mentioned in article 411-16 of the AMF General Regulation (transfer of the Fund).

# Article 3 – Issue and redemption of units

Units are issued at any time following receipt of subscription requests from unitholders, on the basis of their net asset value plus a subscription fee, where applicable.

Units are issued in bearer form.

Subscriptions and redemptions are executed under the conditions and according to the procedures defined in the prospectus.

Units of the Fund may be listed on a stock exchange in accordance with the regulations in force.

Subscriptions must be fully paid up on the day the net asset value is calculated. They may be made in cash and/or by a contribution in kind in the form of financial instruments. The management company is entitled to refuse any securities offered and, for that purpose, must communicate its decision within seven days of the date on which the securities were tendered. If they are accepted, the securities contributed in kind are valued according to the rules laid down in article 4 and the subscription is based on the first net asset value following acceptance of the relevant securities.



Redemptions are made exclusively in cash, except in the event of liquidation of the Fund when unitholders have agreed to be reimbursed in kind. They are settled by the registrar within a maximum of five days from the valuation day of the units.

However, if in exceptional circumstances the redemption requires the prior sale of assets held in the Fund, this deadline may be extended to a maximum of 30 days.

With the exception of a succession or an inter vivos gift, the sale or transfer of units between unitholders, or between unitholders and third parties, is treated as a redemption followed by a subscription; if this involves a third party, the sale or transfer amount must, where applicable, be supplemented by the beneficiary in order to at least reach the minimum subscription amount stipulated by the simplified prospectus and detailed memorandum.

In application of article L.214-8-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code the redemption of units by the Fund as well as the issue of new units may be suspended on a temporary basis by the management company in exceptional circumstances and if this is deemed necessary to protect the interests of unitholders.

If the net assets of the Fund have fallen below the minimum threshold set by the regulations, no redemptions can be carried out.

A minimum subscription amount may be applied according to the procedures set out in the prospectus.

In application of the third paragraph of article L.214-8-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, the Fund may stop issuing units in objective situations leading to the closure of subscriptions, such as a maximum number of units or shares issued, a maximum amount of units or shares issued, a maximum amount of assets reached or the expiry of a fixed subscription period. These objective situations are described in the Fund's prospectus.

#### The Management Company may prevent:

- the holding of units by any individual or legal entity not entitled to hold Fund units under the terms of the "target investors" section (hereinafter "Non-Eligible Persons"), and/or

- the registering in the Fund's unitholder register or the Transfer Agent's register of any "Non-Eligible Intermediaries", in accordance with the stipulations of the Agreement (IGA) signed on 14 November 2013 between the government of the French Republic and the government of the United States of America so as to improve compliance with tax obligations on an international level and implement the act governing compliance with these obligations for foreign accounts (FATCA).

Within this context, the Management Company may:

- refuse to issue any units if it appears that such an issuance would or could result in said units being held by a "Non-Eligible Person" or registered in the Fund's unitholder register or the Transfer Agent's register;

- request that all information which it deems necessary in order to determine whether or not the beneficial owner of the units in question is a "Non-Eligible Person" be provided at any time from any intermediary whose name appears in the Registers of unitholders, accompanied by a solemn declaration;

- if it appears that the beneficial owner of the units is a "Non-Eligible Person" and is registered in the Fund's Registers of unitholders, immediately proceed with the compulsory redemption of the units held by the Non-Eligible Person. The compulsory redemption shall be carried out using the last known net asset value, increased if applicable by the applicable charges, fees and commissions, which shall be borne by the unitholders concerned by the redemption.

# Article 4 - Calculation of the net asset value

The net asset value of the units is calculated in accordance with the valuation rules specified in the Fund's prospectus.

Contributions in kind may comprise only stocks, securities, or contracts admissible as assets of UCITS; they are valued according to valuation rules governing the calculation of the net asset value.

# TITLE 2 - OPERATION OF THE FUND

# Article 5 - The management company

The Fund is managed by the management company in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives.

The management company shall act in all circumstances on behalf of the unitholders and has the exclusive right to exercise the voting rights attached to the securities held in the Fund.



#### Article 5a - Operating rules

The instruments and deposits which are eligible to form part of the Fund's assets as well as the investment rules are described in the prospectus.

#### Article 5b - Admission to trading on a regulated market and/or a Multilateral Trading Facility

Units may be admitted to trading on a regulated market and/or a multilateral trading facility in accordance with the regulations in force. In the event that the Fund whose units are admitted to trading on a regulated market has an index-based investment objective, the Fund must have implemented a mechanism for ensuring that the price of its units does not significantly deviate from its net asset value.

#### Article 6 - The custodian

The custodian carries out the duties incumbent upon it under the legal and regulatory provisions in force as well as those to which it has contractually agreed with the management company. In particular, it must ensure that decisions taken by the Portfolio Management Company are lawful. Where applicable, it must take all protective measures that it deems necessary. In the event of a dispute with the management company, it shall inform the *Autorité des marchés financiers*.

#### Article 7 - The statutory auditor

A statutory auditor is appointed by the Board of Directors of the management company for a term of six financial years, subject to the approval of the Autorité des marchés financiers.

The statutory auditor certifies the accuracy and consistency of the financial statements.

The statutory auditor may be re-appointed.

The statutory auditor is obliged to notify the Autorité des marchés financiers promptly if, in the course of its duties, it becomes aware of any fact or decision concerning the undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities which is liable to:

1. Constitute a breach of the legal and regulatory provisions governing this undertaking and is likely to have significant consequences for its financial position, income or assets;

2. Impair its continued operation or the conditions thereof;

3. Lead to the expression of reservations or a refusal to certify the financial statements.

Assets will be valued and exchange ratios will be determined for the purpose of any conversion, merger or split under the statutory auditor's supervision.

The statutory auditor shall assess all contributions in kind under its responsibility.

The statutory auditor shall check the composition of the assets and other information before any publication.

The statutory auditor's fees are determined by mutual agreement between the auditor and the CEO of the portfolio management company on the basis of an agenda indicating all duties deemed necessary.

The statutory auditor certifies the financial statements serving as the basis for the payment of interim dividends.

The statutory auditor's fees are included in the management fees.

#### Article 8 - The financial statements and the management report

At the end of each financial year, the management company prepares the financial statements and a report on the management of the Fund during the last financial year.

The portfolio management company shall prepare an inventory of the assets at least twice yearly and under the supervision of the custodian.

The portfolio management company shall make these documents available to unitholders within four months of the financial year-end and shall notify them of the amount of income attributable to them: these documents shall be sent by post if expressly requested by the unitholders, or made available by the portfolio management company.



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# TITLE 3 - APPROPRIATION OF DISTRIBUTABLE INCOME

## Article 9 - Appropriation of distributable income

The net income for the financial year is equal to the amount of interest, arrears, dividends, premiums and prizes, and directors' fees as well as all income generated by the securities held in the portfolio of the Fund, plus income generated by temporary cash holdings, less management fees and borrowing costs.

The distributable income consists of:

1° The net income for the financial year plus retained earnings, plus or minus the balance of the income equalisation accounts for the last financial year.

2° The realised capital gains, net of fees, minus realised capital losses, net of fees, recorded during the financial year, plus net capital gains of the same kind recorded during previous financial years and that have not been subject to distribution or accumulation, plus or minus the balance of the capital gains equalisation accounts.

The Management Company decides on the allocation of distributable income.

For each unit class, where applicable, the Fund may adopt one of the following methods:

- Pure accumulation: distributable income shall be fully accumulated, with the exception of those amounts which are subject to compulsory distribution by law;
- Pure distribution: income shall be partially or fully distributed, rounded off to the nearest figure; the Fund may pay interim dividends;
- for FCPs that wish to choose whether to accumulate and/or distribute income. The Management Company decides on the allocation of distributable income each year.

The Management Company decides on the allocation of distributable income according to the distribution of income provided for in the prospectus and may pay interim dividends where applicable.

# TITLE 4 - MERGER - SPLIT - DISSOLUTION - LIQUIDATION

#### Article 10 - Merger - Split

The management company may either merge all or part of the Fund's assets with another fund under its management, or split the Fund into two or more common funds under its management.

Such mergers or splits may only be carried out one month after unitholders have been notified.

They give rise to the issue of a new certificate indicating the number of units held by each unitholder.

#### Article 11 – Dissolution - Extension

If the assets of the Fund remain below the amount set in article 2 above for thirty days, the management company shall inform the AMF and shall dissolve the Fund, except in the event of a merger with another fund.

The management company may dissolve the Fund before term. It shall inform the unitholders of its decision, after which no further subscription or redemption requests shall be accepted.

The management company shall also dissolve the Fund if a request is made for the redemption of all of the units, if the custodian's appointment is terminated and no other custodian has been appointed, or upon expiry of the Fund's term, unless such term is extended.

The management company shall inform the AMF by post of the dissolution date and procedure. It shall send the statutory auditor's report to the AMF.

The management company may decide to extend the Fund's term, subject to the agreement of the custodian. Its decision must be taken at least 3 months prior to the expiry of the fund's term and must be communicated to the unitholders and the *Autorité des marchés financiers*.



#### Article 12 - Liquidation

In the event of dissolution, the custodian or the management custodian shall act as liquidator; otherwise, the liquidator shall be appointed by the court at the request of any interested party. To this end, they shall be granted the broadest powers to realise assets, pay off any creditors and allocate the available balance among the unitholders in the form of cash or securities.

The statutory auditor and the Custodian shall continue to carry out their duties until the end of the liquidation proceedings.

# **TITLE 5 – DISPUTES**

#### Article 13 - Competent courts - Jurisdiction

Any disputes relating to the Fund that arise during the Fund's lifetime or during its liquidation, either among the unitholders or between the unitholders and the management company or the custodian, shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the competent courts.