# Leonardo UI

UCITS investment fund under German law Sales Prospectus including the Terms and Conditions of Investment

Custodian: BNP PARIBAS Securities Services S.C.A., Frankfurt am Main



Administration = Insourcing = Risk Management

Units in the investment fund Leonardo UI may be purchased and sold on the basis of the current Sales Prospectus, the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) and the applicable General Terms and Conditions of Investment in conjunction with the Special Terms and Conditions of Investment. The General Terms and Conditions of Investment and the Special Terms and Conditions of Investment can be found in Parts F and G after this Sales Prospectus.

Upon request, the Sales Prospectus shall be provided free of charge to any party interested in acquiring a unit in the investment fund Leonardo UI, together with the most recently published annual report, as well as any semi-annual report published thereafter. In addition, the KIID shall be made available free of charge and in good time prior to contract signature.

Information or statements deviating from the Sales Prospectus may not be provided. Any purchase or sale of units based on information or statements not contained in this Sales Prospectus shall be undertaken at the exclusive risk of the purchaser. This Sales Prospectus is supplemented by the most recent annual report and any semi-annual report published thereafter.

## **INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS FOR U.S. PERSONS**

Universal-Investment-Gesellschaft mbH and/or Leonardo UI have not been and will not be registered pursuant to the latest version of the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940. The units of the investment fund have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 or under securities legislation of any federal state in the United States of America (USA). Units in Leonardo UI may not be offered or sold within the USA or to a U.S. person or on their behalf. Applicants must, where appropriate, demonstrate that they are not U.S. persons, and that they are neither acquiring units on behalf of U.S. persons nor intending to transfer them to U.S. persons. U.S. persons are those who are U.S. nationals or who are established and/or subject to taxation in the USA. U.S. persons may also be partnerships or corporations established in accordance with the laws of the USA or a federal state, territory or dependency thereof.

# IMPORTANT LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE CONTRACTUAL RELATION-SHIP

By acquiring units, investors become co-owners of the assets held by the investment fund, in proportion to the number of their units. They do not have the assets at their disposal. There are no voting rights associated with the units.

All publications and promotional material shall be in German or provided with a translation in German. Furthermore, Universal-Investment-Gesellschaft mbH shall communicate with its investors entirely in German.

The legal relationship between Universal-Investment-Gesellschaft mbH and the investor and precontractual relations shall be governed by German law. The registered office of Universal-Investment-Gesellschaft mbH shall be the place of jurisdiction for investor claims against Universal-Investment-Gesellschaft mbH arising from the contractual relationship. Investors who are Consumers (see definition below) and who reside in another EU member state may also lodge a claim before the competent court in their place of residence. Enforcement of judicial decisions shall be based on the Code of Civil Procedure [Zivilprozessordnung], the Act on Enforced Auction and Receivership [Gesetz über die Zwangsversteigerung und die Zwangsverwaltung] and/or the Insolvency Statute [Insolvenzordnung]. Because Universal-Investment-Gesellschaft mbH is subject to domestic law, domestic judgements do not require recognition before enforcement.

To assert their rights, investors may take legal action before the ordinary courts or, where available, institute a procedure for alternative dispute resolution.

Universal-Investment-Gesellschaft mbH has undertaken to participate in dispute resolution procedures before a consumer arbitration board.

In cases of disputes, consumers may call upon the Ombudsman's Office for Investment Funds of BVI Bundesverband Investment und Asset Management e.V. as the competent consumer arbitration board. Universal-Investment-Gesellschaft mbH shall participate in a dispute resolution procedure before this arbitration board.

The contact details of the Ombudsman's Office for Investment Funds are:

BVI Ombudsman's Office for Investment Funds Bundesverband Investment und Asset Management e.V.

Unter den Linden 42 10117 Berlin

Tel.: (030) 6449046 - 0 Fax: (030) 6449046 - 29

E-mail: info@ombudsstelle-investmentfonds.de www.ombudsstelle-investmentfonds.de

Consumers are natural persons investing in the fund for a purpose primarily attributable neither to their commercial activities nor to their independent professional activities, i.e. for private purposes.

In cases of disputes related to purchase agreements or service agreements concluded electronically, consumers may also seek redress on the online dispute resolution platform of the EU (www.ec.europa.eu/consumers/odr). The platform itself is not a dispute resolution board, but rather merely facilitates contact between parties and a competent national arbitration board.

The right to seek redress in court shall not be affected by any dispute resolution proceedings.

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# 1. Capital management company

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Postal address	Postfach 17 05 48 60079 Frankfurt / Main Tel.: +49 69 7 10 43-0 Fax: +49 (069) 7 10 43-700 http://www.universal-investment.com
Foundation	1968
Legal form	Limited liability company (GmbH)
Trade Register	Frankfurt/Main (HRB 9937)
Subscribed and paid-up capital	EUR 10,400,000.00 (as at: August 2017)
Equity capital	EUR 54,421,000.00 (as at: August 2017)
Managing Directors	Frank Eggloff, Munich Markus Neubauer, Frankfurt/Main Stefan Rockel <sup>1</sup> , Lauterbach Alexander Tannenbaum, Mühlheim am Main Bernd Vorbeck (Chairman of the Management Board) <sup>2</sup> , Elsenfeld
Supervisory Board	Prof. Dr Harald Wiedmann, Chairman Lawyer, Berlin Dr. Axel Eckhardt Senior Advisor Montagu, Frankfurt am Main Daniel Fischer Director Montague, Frankfurt am Main Daniel F. Just Chairman of the executive board at Bayerische Ver- sorgungskammer, Munich

# 2. Custodian

Name	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A. Frankfurt branch
Street address	Europa-Allee 12 60327 Frankfurt / Main

<sup>1</sup> Also an executive member of the Board of Directors of Universal-Investment-Luxembourg S.A.

<sup>2</sup> Also President of the Board of Directors of Universal-Investment-Luxembourg S.A.

Telephone	+49 (0)69 15205 - 0
Trade Register	Frankfurt / Main (HRB 40950)
Liable capital	EUR 713,000,000.00 (as at: December 2014)
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# 3. Asset Management Company

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# 4. Auditor

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# 5. Investment Committee

Dr Norbert Hagen, I.C.M. InvestmentBank AG

Dr Viktor Papst, I.C.M. InvestmentBank AG

# B. General provisions

# 1. The investment fund (the Fund)

Investment fund Leonardo UI (hereinafter the "Fund") is an Undertaking for Collective Investment that collects capital from a number of investors in order to invest it for the benefit of these investors according to a defined investment strategy (hereinafter "investment funds"). The Fund is an investment fund within the meaning of 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 (hereinafter 'UCITS') within the meaning of the German Investment Code (hereinafter the 'KAGB'). It is managed by the capital management company Universal-Investment-Gesellschaft mbH (hereinafter the 'Company'). The Fund was launched on 15 October 2007 for an indefinite period.

The Company invests the capital deposited with it in its own name and for the joint account of investors, but separately from its own assets in the form of an investment fund. Said capital is invested pursuant to the principle of risk diversification in assets permitted under the KAGB. The purpose of the Fund is limited to investing in accordance with a defined investment strategy within the framework of collective asset management, using the funds deposited with it; the UCITS investment fund does not have an operating function or undertake active business management of the assets held. The assets in which the Company may invest investors' funds, and the rules it must follow in doing so, are stated in the KAGB and its associated regulations, in the Investment Tax Act (hereinafter the 'InvStG') as well as in the Terms and Conditions of Investment that govern the legal relationship between the investors and the Company. The Terms and Conditions of Investment include a general and a special part (the 'General Terms and Conditions of Investment' and the 'Special Terms and Conditions of Investment'). Prior to their application, terms and conditions of investment for a public investment fund must be approved by the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (hereinafter 'BaFin'). The Fund does not form part of the Company's insolvency assets.

# 2. Sales documentation and disclosure of information

The Sales Prospectus, the KIID, the Terms and Conditions of Investment and the current annual and semi-annual reports may be obtained free of charge from the Company, the Custodian, the Distributor and on the Company's website at http://www.universal-investment.com.

Additional information regarding the investment limits of the risk management policy for this Fund, the risk management methods and the most recent developments regarding risks and returns for the main asset classes may be obtained from the Company in electronic or written form.

# 3. Terms and Conditions of Investment and amendments thereto

The Terms and Conditions of Investment can be found after this Sales Prospectus in this document. The Terms and Conditions of Investment may be amended by the Company. Amendments to the Terms and Conditions of Investment must be approved by BaFin. Amendments to the Fund's investment principles must also be approved by the Company's Supervisory Board. Amendments to the Fund's current investment principles are permitted only on the condition that the Company offers investors either the redemption of their units at no other cost before the changes enter into force, or the exchange of their units free of charge for units of other investment funds with comparable investment principles, provided that the Company or one of its group companies manages such funds.

The proposed amendments shall be published in the German Federal Gazette [Bundesanzeiger] and on the Company's website at http://www.universal-investment.com. If the amendments relate to fees and expense reimbursements to be deducted from the Fund, the Fund's investment principles or key investor rights, then investors shall also be informed by the institution maintaining their securities account, in a medium that stores information for a suitable period of time for the purposes of the information and reproduces it in a readable and unmodified manner, such as in hard copy or electronic form (also known as 'durable media'). This information shall include the key content of the planned amendments, the reasons for their implementation, the rights of investors in connection therewith and an indication of where and how further information can be obtained.

The amendments shall become effective no sooner than the day following their publication. Amendments to regulations applicable to fees and the reimbursement of expenses shall become effective no sooner than three months following their publication, unless an earlier date is determined with BaFin approval. Amendments to the Fund's current investment principles shall also become effective no sooner than three months following their publication.

# 4. Management Company

#### Name, legal form and registered office

The Fund is managed by the capital management company Universal-Investment-Gesellschaft mbH, founded on 4 November 1968 and with its registered office in Frankfurt/Main, Germany. It is a joint venture of German banks and bankers. Its shareholders are Universal-Beteiligungsgesellschaft mbH, Frankfurt / Main, Alpha LuxCo 1 S.à r.l., Luxembourg, Berenberg Beteiligungsholding GmbH, Hamburg, and Lampe UI Beteiligungs GmbH, Düsseldorf.

Universal-Investment-Gesellschaft mbH is a capital management company within the meaning of the KAGB in the legal form of a limited liability company (GmbH).

The Company has been authorised to manage securities investment funds since 1968. The Company has also been authorised to manage money market investment funds since 30 August 1994, as well as unit investment funds, mixed securities and property investment funds and pension investment funds since 19 October 1998. Following the entry into force of the German Investment Act [Investmentgesetz], the Company has been authorised to: manage directive-compliant investment funds, pension investment funds and special investment funds since 1 January 2004; manage mixed investment funds and carry out the third-party management of external investment corporations and special investment funds, investment funds, infrastructure investment funds, employee-participation investment funds, investment funds with additional risks and EU investment funds since 18 August 2011. Following the entry into force of the KAGB, the Company has been authorised to manage investment funds pursuant to Directive 2009/65/EC (here-inafter referred to as the "UCITS Directive") since 21 July 2013. The Company is authorised to act as a UCITS and AIF capital management company.

#### Executive Board/Management Board and Supervisory Board

More detailed information regarding the Management Board, the composition of the Supervisory Board, the subscribed and paid-up capital, and equity capital can be found in Section A "1. Capital management company" of this Sales Prospectus.

#### Capital and additional equity

The Company has the professional liability risks arising from the management of funds that do not comply with the UCITS Directive, known as alternative investment funds (hereinafter referred to as "AIF") and that are due to the professional negligence of its bodies or employees, covered by: equity amounting to at least 0.01% of the value of the portfolio of all the AIFs managed. This amount will be reviewed and adjusted on an annual basis. This equity forms part of the liable capital stated above.

# 5. Custodian

The KAGB provides for a separation between the management and custody of investment funds. The Custodian shall hold the assets in blocked security deposits and/or blocked accounts. For assets that cannot be stored, the Custodian shall verify that the Company has acquired ownership of these assets. It shall monitor whether the Company's disposal over assets meets the provisions of the KAGB and the Terms and Conditions of Investment. Investment in bank deposits at other credit institutions, as well as the disposal thereof, shall be subject to the Custodian's approval. The Custodian shall grant its approval if the investment/disposal is in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of Investment and the provisions of the KAGB.

The Custodian also has the following specific duties:

- Issue and redeem Fund units,
- Ensure that the provisions of the KAGB and the Terms and Conditions of Investment of the Fund are observed when issuing and redeeming units and calculating the unit value,
- Ensure that is receives for safekeeping, within the customary time periods, the consideration for transactions undertaken for the collective account of investors,
- Ensure that the Fund's income is used in accordance with the provisions of KAGB and the Terms and Conditions of Investment,
- Monitor credit borrowing by the Company on behalf of the Fund and, where appropriate, approve credit borrowing.

#### Company, legal form and registered office of the Custodian

The Company has appointed BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A., with registered office in Frankfurt, as the Custodian. This is a German branch of a credit institution under French law. Its main activities are services in relation to the settlement and safekeeping of securities, the securities loan transaction and the custodian bank transaction for German investment funds.

#### Sub-custodian

The Custodian has delegated the following custodian tasks to another company (Sub-custodian):

• The safekeeping of assets held on behalf of the Fund may be carried out by the sub-custodians specified in Section D of this Sales Prospectus.

The following conflicts of interest may arise from this transfer:

- Potential conflicts of interest may occur if the Custodian delegates individual custodian tasks or the sub-custodian function to another outsourcing company. If this other outsourcing company is a company affiliated with the Company or the Custodian (e.g. Group parent company), potential conflicts of interest may occur in the cooperation between this outsourcing company and the Company or Custodian (e.g. the Company or the Custodian may prefer to assign a company it is affiliated with over other similar providers when it comes to allocating custodian tasks or choosing the sub-custodian).
- The Company and Custodian have taken appropriate and effective measures (e.g. policies and organisational measures) in order either to completely avoid potential conflicts of interest or, in cases where this is not possible, to rule out potential harm to the interests of the investors. Compliance with these measures is monitored by an independent compliance function.

The Company has received the above information from the Custodian. The Company has checked this information for plausibility. However, it has to rely on the information provided by the Custodian, and cannot verify the accuracy and completeness thereof in detail. The sub-custodians listed in Part D may change at any time. In principle, not all of these sub-custodians are used for the Fund.

#### Liability of the Custodian

As a rule, the Custodian is responsible for all assets placed either in its custody or, with its consent, in the custody of a third party. If such an asset is lost, the Custodian shall be liable vis-à-vis the Fund and its investors, unless this loss is attributable to events outside the Custodian's control. For damages other than the loss of an asset, the Custodian shall (in principle) only be liable if it has failed to fulfil its obligations under the provisions of the KAGB through negligence, as a minimum.

#### **Additional information**

On request, the Company will provide investors with the most up-to-date information on the Custodian and its duties, the sub-custodians and on any possible conflicts of interest in relation to the activities carried out by the Custodian or sub-custodians.

### 6. Asset Management Company

The Company employs the services of an asset management company to implement its investment strategy, and has outsourced the portfolio management of the Fund to I.C.M. Investmentbank AG, Berlin (hereinafter the 'Asset Management Company').

The Asset Management Company has the legal form of a public liability company [Aktiengesellschaft] under German law and has been a licensed credit institution since 27/04/2000. It is subject to BaFin

supervision. The Asset Management Company's main business is discretionary asset management, investment advice and conducting transferable securities transactions for customers. Details regarding the Asset Management Company can be found in the overview in Part A of this Sales Prospectus.

The Asset Management Company shall (at its sole discretion) make all investment decisions for the Fund, without obtaining prior instructions or information from the Company. Its fund management obligations include, where necessary: purchasing and selling assets; acquiring and offsetting derivative positions as part of the currency hedging of assets held in a foreign currency; borrowing in order to finance margin requirements for currency futures contracts for the purposes of currency hedging and securing such credit/credit lines through Fund assets; managing liquid funds; and implementing capital measures.

The Asset Management Company shall be liable vis-à-vis the Company for the fulfilment of these obligations. However, the Company's prudential obligations, as well as its civil liability vis-à-vis investors of the Fund, remain unaffected by this outsourcing process. This process does not establish legal relations between the Asset Management Company and the investors of the Fund.

The Asset Management Company acts on behalf of the Fund on the basis of a contract entered into with the Company regarding the outsourcing of portfolio management activities. The Asset Management Company may terminate the contract at any time at the end of a calendar quarter with 30 days' advance notice. The Company also has ordinary and extraordinary termination rights.

If the Asset Management Company is no longer available to manage the Fund's portfolio, the Company shall terminate management of the Fund, subject to a statutory period of notice of six months unless another outsourcing company presents itself that can ensure a continuation of the investment strategy. As a result, the Fund can be settled after this period and the proceeds paid out to investors (for this process, see Section 20 "Liquidation, transfer and merger of the Fund"). The Company shall not continue to pursue the investment policy described in Section 11 "Investment objective, investment principles and investment policy" until the end of the period of notice. Instead, it shall invest the Fund's assets exclusively in bank deposits and money market instruments, provided this is permitted by the investment guidelines.

## 7. Risk information

Before deciding to purchase Fund units, investors should carefully read the following risk information as well as the other information in this Sales Prospectus, and take this into account when making an investment decision. The occurrence of one or more of these risks may, individually or together with other circumstances, have an adverse effect on the Fund or the assets held therein, and thereby also negatively affect the unit value.

If the investor sells Fund units at a time when the prices of assets in the Fund are lower than when they were acquired, he will not get back the capital he has invested in the Fund, either in whole or in part. The investor may lose the capital invested in the Fund, either in part or in full in individual cases. Capital growth cannot be guaranteed. The investor's risk is limited to the amount invested. Investors are not obliged to provide any funding in addition to the capital invested.

In addition to the risks and uncertainties described below or elsewhere in the Sales Prospectus, the Fund's performance may also be affected by various other risks and uncertainties that are currently unknown. The order in which the risks are listed below reflects neither the likelihood nor the magnitude or significance of the occurrence of each individual risk.

## Fund investment risks

The risks typically associated with investing in a UCITS are described below. These risks may have an adverse effect on the unit value, the capital invested by the investor or the investor's envisaged hold-ing period of investment in the Fund.

#### Fluctuation in the Fund's unit value

The Fund's unit value is calculated by dividing the Fund's value by the number of units in circulation. The Fund's value is the sum of the market values of all the Fund's assets, less the sum of the market values of all the Fund's liabilities. The Fund's unit value therefore depends on the value of the assets held in the Fund and the amount of the Fund's liabilities. If the value of these assets falls, or the value of the liabilities increases, the Fund's unit value shall fall.

#### Impact of tax-related issues on individual performance

The tax treatment of investment income depends on the respective investor's individual circumstances and may be subject to change in the future. For specific questions, particularly regarding individual tax situations, investors should contact their personal tax advisers.

#### Amendment(s) to the investment policy or Terms and Conditions of Investment

The Company may amend the Terms and Conditions of Investment subject to BaFin approval. Any such amendment may also affect the rights of investors. The Company may, for example through an amendment to the Terms and Conditions of Investment, amend the Fund's investment policy or increase the costs charged to the Fund. The Company may also change the investment policy within the statutory and contractually permissible range of investments without changing the Terms and Conditions of Investment and their approval by BaFin. This may result in the risk associated with the Fund changing.

#### Suspension of unit redemption

The Company may temporarily suspend the redemption of units in the event of extraordinary circumstances which appear to make such suspension necessary in the interests of the investors. Exceptional circumstances in this sense may include economic or political crises, unusually large volumes of redemption requests, the closure of stock exchanges or markets, trade restrictions or other factors that affect the calculation of the unit value. Moreover, BaFin may instruct the Company to suspend the redemption of units if this is deemed necessary in the interests of the investors or the public. During such periods, investors are not permitted to redeem their units. Even during periods when the redemption of units is suspended, the unit value may fall, for example, if the Company is forced to sell assets at less than their market value during this time. The unit value after the resumption of unit redemption may be lower than before the suspension. The suspension of unit redemption may be immediately followed by the liquidation of the investment fund, without the resumption of unit redemption, for example, if the Company terminates the management of the Fund in order for it to be liquidated. Investors may then be subject to the risks of not being able to achieve their planned holding period and not having access to substantial portions of the invested capital for an indefinite period or losing the invested capital entirely.

#### Liquidation of the Fund

The Company is entitled to cease managing the Fund. The Company may liquidate the Fund in its entirety once management has been discontinued. After a six-month notice period, the right of disposal over the Fund will pass to the Custodian. This means that the investors incur the risk of being unable to complete their planned holding period. Upon transfer of the Fund to the Custodian, the Fund may become subject to taxes other than German income tax. If the Fund units are removed from the investor's securities account after the liquidation procedure has come to an end, the investor may become subject to income tax.

#### Transfer of all the Fund's assets to another open public investment fund (merger)

The Company may transfer all of the Fund's assets to another UCITS. In this case, investors may either (i) redeem their units, (ii) or retain them, meaning they become investors in the absorbing UCITS, or (iii) exchange them for units in an open-ended public investment fund with comparable investment principles, provided that the Company (or a company associated therewith) manages such a fund with comparable investment principles. This also applies if the Company transfers all of the assets of another open public investment fund to the Fund. Investors must therefore make a new investment decision prior to any such transfer. Redeeming a unit may give rise to income taxes. Upon exchanging units for units in a fund with comparable investment principles, the investor may be subject to taxes, for example, if the value of the units obtained exceeds the value of the old ones at the time of acquisition.

#### Transfer of the Fund to another capital management company

The Company may transfer the management of the Fund to another capital management company. This shall not affect the Fund or the position of the investors. However investors must decide whether they consider the new capital management company to be as suitable as the previous capital management company. If they do not wish to remain invested in the Fund under new management, they must redeem their units. This may give rise to income taxes.

#### Profitability and fulfilment of the investor's investment objectives

It cannot be guaranteed that investors will achieve their desired investment objectives. The Fund's unit value may fall and lead to losses for the investor. No guarantees are given by the Company or third parties as to any particular minimum payment commitment upon redemption or any particular investment performance of the Fund. Investors may get back an amount lower than the one originally invested. In addition, any issuing surcharge paid upon the acquisition of units may reduce or even wholly offset the performance of an investment, particularly in the case of short investment periods.

# Risks of negative Fund performance (market risk)

Below is a description of the risks associated with investment in individual assets by the Fund. These risks may affect the performance of the Fund or the assets it holds, and thus also may have an adverse impact on the unit value and on the capital invested by the investor.

#### Risks of changes in value

The assets in which the Company invests on behalf of the Fund are subject to risks. Losses may thus occur if the market value of the assets decreases in comparison to the cost price, or if spot and futures prices evolve differently.

#### Capital market risk

The price or market performance of financial products depends, in particular, on that of the capital markets, which in turn is influenced by the general state of the global economy, as well as the economic and political conditions in individual countries. General price performance, particularly on stock markets, can also be affected by irrational factors such as sentiment, opinions and rumours. Fluctuations in market prices and values may also be caused by changes in interest rates, exchange rates or issuer credit ratings.

#### Risk of changes in the share price

Experience shows that shares are subject to strong price fluctuations and thus also to the risk of price drops. These price fluctuations are particularly affected by the development of profits of issuing companies and developments within the industry, as well as overall macroeconomic developments. Market confidence in the company concerned may also affect price performance. This particularly applies to companies whose shares have only recently been admitted to a stock exchange or another organised market, where even minor changes in forecasts can trigger dramatic price movements. If for a particular share, the percentage of freely tradable shares held by a large number of shareholders (free float) is low, then even minor buy or sell orders for this share may have a substantial impact on the market price and lead to larger price fluctuations.

#### Interest rate risk

When investing in fixed-income transferable securities, there is the possibility that the market interest rate at the time a transferable security is issued might change. If the market interest rate increases compared to the interest at the time of issue, fixed-income transferable securities will generally decrease in value. In contrast, if the market interest rate falls, the price of fixed-income transferable securities will increase. These changes mean that the current yield of fixed-income transferable securities roughly corresponds to the current market interest rate. However, such fluctuations can vary depending on the (residual) maturity of the fixed-rate transferable securities. On the one hand, fixed-income transferable securities with shorter maturities bear lower price risks than those with longer maturities. On the other hand, fixed-income transferable securities with shorter maturities. Money market instruments tend to involve lower price risks due to their short maturity of no more than 397 days. In addition, the interest rates of different, interest-related financial instruments denominated in the same currency and with a similar residual maturity, may perform differently.

#### Risk of negative interest on deposits

The Company invests the Fund's cash with the Custodian or other banks on behalf of the Fund. For these bank deposits an interest rate is partly agreed that corresponds to the European Interbank Offered Rate (Euribor) less a specific margin. If the Euribor falls below the agreed margin, this will lead to negative interest rates on the corresponding account. Depending on the European Central Bank's interest-rate policy, both medium and long-term bank deposits may have a negative interest rate.

#### Risk of changes in the price of convertible bonds and bonds with warrants

Convertible bonds and bonds with warrants securitise the right to exchange bonds for shares or acquire shares. The performance of the value of convertible bonds or bonds with warrants therefore depends on the price trend of the underlying shares. The risks associated with the performance of the underlying shares may therefore also affect the performance of the convertible bond or bond with warrants. Bonds with warrants that give the issuer the right to provide the investor with a number of shares determined in advance (reverse convertibles), instead of repaying a nominal amount, are dependent to an even greater extent on the relevant share price.

#### Risks associated with derivative transactions

The Company may enter into derivative transactions for the Fund. The purchase and sale of options, as well as the conclusion of futures contracts or swaps, entail the following risks:

- The use of derivatives may result in unforeseeable losses, which may even exceed the amounts involved in the derivative transaction.
- Changes in the value of the underlying instrument can diminish the value of an option right or futures contract. Should it lose all its value, the Company may be forced to let the purchased rights expire. The Fund can also suffer losses due to changes in the value of the assets underlying a swap.
- The leverage effect of options may have a greater impact on the value of the Fund's assets than would be the case if the underlying instruments were acquired directly. It may not be possible to determine the risk of loss when concluding the transaction.
- There may be no liquid secondary market for a particular instrument at a given time. A position in derivatives may then, under certain circumstances, be impossible to be neutralised (closed) profitably.
- The purchase of options carries the risk that the option may not be exercised because the prices of the underlying instruments do not progress as expected; as a result, the option premium paid by the Fund is forfeited. The sale of options carries the risk that the Fund will be required to purchase assets at a higher market price than the current one or to deliver them at a lower market price than the current one. In that case, the Fund would suffer a loss amounting to the price difference less the option premium received.
- Futures contracts are associated with the risk that the Company will be required, on behalf of the Fund, to bear the difference between the price upon conclusion and the market price upon maturity or closing out of the transaction. The Fund would therefore incur losses. The risk of loss cannot be determined when concluding the futures contract.
- A necessary conclusion of an offsetting transaction (close-out) is associated with costs.

- Forecasts made by the Company on the future performance of underlying instruments, interest rates, prices and foreign exchange markets may subsequently prove to be incorrect.
- Assets underlying the derivatives may not be purchased or sold at a favourable time or have to be purchased or sold at an unfavourable time.

With over-the-counter (OTC) transactions, the following risks may occur:

- There may be no organised market, meaning that the Company may find it difficult or impossible to sell financial instruments purchased on the OTC market on behalf of the Fund.
- As a result of the individual agreement, the conclusion of an offsetting transaction (close-out) may be difficult, not possible or associated with significant costs.

#### Risks associated with receiving collateral

The Company receives collateral for derivative transactions. Derivatives may increase in value. The collateral provided would no longer be sufficient to cover the full delivery and return claims of the Company vis-à-vis the counterparty.

The Company may invest cash collateral in blocked accounts, high-quality government bonds, or money market funds with a short maturity structure. However, the credit institution where the bank deposits are held may default. Government bonds or money market funds may decrease in value. At the end of the transaction, the full amount of the invested collateral may no longer be available. However, the Company must return original amount on behalf of the Fund. In such cases, the Fund would bear the losses incurred on the collateral.

#### Risk associated with securitisation positions without a deductible

The Fund may only purchase transferable securities that securitise loans (loan securitisation positions) and that were issued after 1 January 2011 if the debtor retains at least 5% of the volume of the securitisation as a deductible and complies with other requirements. The Company must therefore take remedial measures in the interest of investors if securitisations of Fund assets do not meet these EU standards. Under these remedial measures, the Company may be forced to sell these securitisation positions. As a result of the legal regulations for banks, investment companies and insurance companies, there is a risk that the Company will be unable to sell these securitisation positions, or will only be able to do so at significant discounts or after an extensive delay. This may result in losses for the Fund.

#### **Inflation risk**

Inflation carries a devaluation risk for all assets. This also applies to assets held in the Fund. The inflation rate may be higher than the capital growth of the Fund.

#### **Currency risk**

The Fund's assets may be invested in currencies other than that of the Fund. The Fund shall receive the income, repayments and proceeds from such investments in the relevant currency. If the value of this currency falls in relation to the Fund currency, the value of such investments, and thereby that of the Fund, shall also fall.

#### **Concentration risk**

If the investments become concentrated in specific assets or markets, the Fund will be highly dependent on the performance of these assets or markets.

#### Risks associated with investing in investment units

The risks for investment funds whose units are acquired for the Fund ("target funds") are closely linked to the risks associated with the assets held in these target funds and/or the investment strategies pursued by said target funds. Since the managers of the individual target funds act independently of each other, it is possible for several target funds to act according to the same or opposing investment strategies. This may result in existing risks being built up and possible opportunities cancelling each other out. The Company is not normally in a position to control the management of target funds. Their investment decisions do not necessarily have to conform to the assumptions or expectations of the Company. Often, the Company may not be completely up-to-date as to the current composition of the target funds. Should this composition not meet the Company's assumptions or expectations, it may, where applicable, only be able to react with considerable delay by returning target fund units.

Open-ended investment funds, whose units are acquired for the Fund, may also temporarily suspend the redemption of units. The Company would then be prevented from disposing of the units in the target fund by returning them to the management company or custodian of the target fund in exchange for payment of the redemption price.

#### Risks resulting from the investment spectrum

In observance of the investment principles and restrictions laid down by law and the Terms and Conditions of Investment, which provide for a broad framework for the Fund, the actual investment policy can also be geared towards acquiring assets by, for example, focusing on only a few sectors, markets or regions/countries. This concentration on a few specific investment sectors may entail risks (e.g. narrow markets, high volatility within certain economic cycles). The annual report provides information as to the content of the investment policy over the relevant reporting period.

# Risks of restricted or increased Fund liquidity due to increased subscriptions or redemptions (liquidity risk)

Below is a description of the risks that may affect Fund liquidity. These may cause the Fund to be temporarily or permanently unable to fulfil its payment obligations, or cause the Company to be temporarily or permanently unable to comply with redemption requests from investors. Investors may be unable to complete their intended holding period and/or use their invested capital or parts thereof for an indefinite period of time. Materialisation of liquidity risks may also cause a decrease in the value of the Fund assets and thus also the unit value, for example if the Company were forced to sell assets on behalf of the Fund at less than their market value to the extent permitted by law. If the Company is unable to meet investor redemption requests, this may also result in suspension of redemption and, in extreme cases, subsequent dissolution of the Fund.

#### Risk associated with investing in assets

The Fund may also acquire assets that are neither admitted to a stock exchange nor admitted to or included in another organised market. Resale of these assets may entail significant discounts or delays, or may even prove impossible altogether. Depending on the market situation, volume, time frame and planned costs, even assets admitted to a stock exchange may prove unsellable or may require high price discounts. Although it is only permitted to acquire assets for the Fund that, in principle, can be liquidated at any time, it is not possible to rule out temporary or permanent situations in which they can only be sold at a loss.

#### Risk associated with borrowing

The Company may take out loans on behalf of the Fund. Variable-interest loans can also have negative effects on Fund assets if interest rates rise. If the Company must repay a loan and is unable to replace it with follow-up financing or liquidity available in the Fund, then it may be compelled to sell assets prematurely or under conditions that are less favourable than planned.

#### Risks associated with increased volumes of redemptions or subscriptions

Investor buying and selling orders add liquidity to or remove it from the Fund's assets. These inflows and outflows may result in a net inflow or outflow from the Fund's liquid assets after netting, which may cause the fund manager to buy or sell assets, resulting in transaction costs. This applies in particular if the inflows and outflows exceed or do not reach the limit set for the Fund by the Company. The resulting transaction costs are charged to the Fund's assets and may adversely affect the Fund's performance. For inflows, increased Fund liquidity may adversely affect the Fund's performance if the Company cannot invest the funds under appropriate conditions.

## Counterparty risk including loan and receivables risk

Below is a description of the risks which may arise for the Fund in the context of a business relationship with another party (also known as the 'counterparty'). There is a risk that the counterparty will become unable to meet its agreed obligations. This may have an adverse impact on the Fund's performance, and thus also on the unit value and the capital invested by the investor.

#### Risk of counterparty default/counterparty risks (not including central counterparties)

The default of an issuer or a contracting partner (counterparty) against whom the Fund has claims may result in losses for the Fund. Issuer risk refers to the impact of particular developments concerning a given issuer which, in addition to the influence exerted by general trends in capital markets, also affect the price of a transferable security. Even when the utmost care is exercised in selecting the transferable securities, it cannot be ruled out that losses may be incurred due to the financial collapse of issuers. The party of a contract entered into on behalf of the Fund may default, either in whole or in part (counterparty risk). This applies to all contracts entered into on behalf of the Fund.

#### Risk associated with central counterparties

A central counterparty (CCP) acts as an intermediary on behalf of the Fund in certain transactions, particularly for derivative financial instruments. In this case, he acts as the buyer vis-à-vis the seller and vice versa. A CCP hedges against the risk that its business partners will not be able to fulfil its

contractual commitments through a range of protective mechanisms that enable it at all times to offset losses from transactions concluded (e.g. using collateral). Despite these protective mechanisms, it is still possible for a CCP to become overindebted and default, which could also affect claims of the Company on behalf of the Fund. This may result in losses for the Fund.

# Operational and other risks for the Fund

Below is a description of some examples of risks which may arise due to human error or systemic failure at the Company or external third parties. These risks may have an adverse impact on the Fund's performance, and thus also on the unit value and the capital invested by the investor.

#### Risks associated with criminal acts, irregularities or natural disasters

The Fund may fall victim to fraud or other criminal acts. It may suffer losses due to misunderstandings or mistakes by employees of the Company or external third parties or be damaged by external events such as natural disasters.

#### Country or transfer risk

There is the risk that, despite being able to pay, a foreign debtor cannot provide payment in good time or at all or only in a different currency as a result of the inability or unwillingness of its country of domicile to transfer the currency or for other reasons. Thus, for example, payments to which the Company is entitled to on behalf of the Fund may fail to be made or may be made in a currency that is no longer convertible or must take place in another currency due to foreign exchange restrictions. If the debtor pays in another currency, this position is subject to the aforementioned currency risk.

#### Legal and political risks

Investments may be made on behalf of the Fund in jurisdictions where German law does not apply or, in the event of legal disputes, where the place of jurisdiction is outside Germany. The resulting rights and obligations of the Company on behalf of the Fund may vary from those in Germany, to the disadvantage of the Fund or investor. Political or legal developments, including changes to the legal framework in these jurisdictions, may be identified by the Company either too late or not at all, or result in restrictions on acquirable assets or those already acquired. Such situations may also be brought about by changes in the German legal framework relating to the Company and/or the management of the Fund.

#### Changes to the taxation framework, tax risk

The brief information on tax regulations in this Sales Prospectus is based on the current legal situation. This information is intended for persons in Germany who are fully liable for income tax or corporation tax. There is no guarantee, however, that the tax assessment will not change as a result of legislation, court rulings or decrees issued by the financial authorities.

A change to the Fund's tax bases – which were incorrectly established for previous financial years (e.g. based on external tax audits) – may, in the case of a tax correction that has an adverse impact on an investor, result in the investor being required to pay tax for previous financial years due to the correction, even though he or she may not have been an investor in the Fund at that time. On the other hand, it may be the case that an investor does not reap the benefits of a tax correction favour-

able to him for the current and previous financial years when he was an investor in the Fund, because he redeemed or sold the units before the correction.

In addition, a correction of tax data may result in taxable income or tax advantages being assessed in a period that differs from the actual applicable assessment period, resulting in adverse effects for some investors.

#### Key person risk

A very positive investment performance of the Fund during a particular period may also be depend on the suitability of the acting persons and therefore on the right management decisions. The members of the fund management may, however, change. New decision-makers may not be as successful.

#### **Custody risk**

The custody of assets, particularly abroad, is associated with the risk of loss, which may result from insolvency, breach of duty of care by the Custodian, or force majeure.

#### Risks associated with trading and clearing mechanisms (settlement risk)

The settlement of transferable security transactions bears the risk that a contractual party will delay payment or fail to pay as agreed or that the securities will not be delivered in good time. This settlement risk also exists when trading in other assets for the Fund.

### 8. Explanation of the Fund's risk profile

The factors listed below, which give rise to both opportunities and risks, have a particular influence on the Fund's performance:

- Developments on the international stock markets.
- Company-specific developments.
- Changes in the exchange of non-euro currencies in relation to the euro.
- Yield changes or price developments on the bond markets.
- Development of yield differences between government securities and corporate bonds (spread development).
- The Fund may concentrate its investments for a time to a greater or lesser degree on particular sectors, countries or market segments. This may also result in opportunities and risks.

Further information regarding the risk profile of the Fund can be found in its KIID, which can be downloaded from the Company's website at http://www.fondsfinder.universal-investment.com.

## 9. Increased volatility

Due to its composition and investment policy, the Fund is subject to increased volatility, i.e. unit prices may be subject to considerable fluctuations even within short periods.

### 10. Profile of the typical investor

The Fund is intended for investors who are able to assess the risks and value of the investment. Investors must be willing and able to accept substantial fluctuations in the value of the units and the possibility of a significant loss of capital. The Fund may not suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their money from the Fund within a period of less than seven years. The Company's opinion should not be construed as investment advance and is given to provide investors with an initial reference point to determine whether the Fund is in line with their investing experience, risk tolerance and investment horizon.

## 11. Investment objective, investment principles and investment policy

### **Investment objective**

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve the highest possible increase in value.

## Investment principles and investment policy

The Company may acquire the following assets for the Fund:

- Transferable securities pursuant to § 5 of the General Terms and Conditions of Investment,
- Money market instruments pursuant to § 6 of the General Terms and Conditions of Investment,
- Bank deposits pursuant to § 7 of the General Terms and Conditions of Investment,
- Investment units pursuant to § 8 of the General Terms and Conditions of Investment,
- Derivatives pursuant to § 9 of the General Terms and Conditions of Investment,
- Other investment instruments pursuant to § 10 of the General Terms and Conditions of Investment.

The investment policy described below is the one being pursued at the time of this Sales Prospectus going to print. However, it may change at any time, within the framework defined by the Terms and Conditions of Investment.

The Company acquires and sells the eligible assets based on its assessment of the economic and capital market situation and other stock market prospects.

The aim is to adapt the portfolio to current economic and technical data and market techniques by regularly adjusting the country-specific weighting within equities, bonds, cash and commodities (indices) and by shifting quotas within their respective asset classes to improve the portfolio's risk/reward profile. At the same time, the Fund seeks to achieve additional yield compared to the major bond and equity market indices.

The MSCI<sup>®</sup> World GDR (USD)<sup>3</sup> index is used as a benchmark for the Fund. The benchmark index for the Fund is determined by the Company and may be changed if necessary. However, the Fund does not aim to replicate the benchmark index but rather aims to achieve absolute performance independently of the benchmark index.

The benchmark index MSCI® World GDR (USD) is administered by MSCI Inc. MSCI Inc. is not registered with the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) in the official register of benchmark administrators as per Regulation (EU) 2016/1011. At the time of this Sales Prospectus going to print, this register did not yet exist.

Due to the planned investment strategy, the turnover rate in the Fund may vary widely (and thus, over time, result in variable transaction costs charged to the Fund).

The Fund currency is the euro.

No assurance can be given that the investment policy's objectives will be fulfilled. In particular, there is no guarantee that investors will get back all the assets they have invested in the Fund (see Section 7 "Risk information").

### **12.** Investment instruments in detail

The Company may acquire the assets referred to in the above section entitled 'Investment principles and policy' within the investment limits detailed in the sections below entitled 'Investment limits for transferable securities and money market instruments, including the use of derivatives and bank deposits' and 'Investment units'. Details are provided below on these assets and the applicable investment limits.

### **Transferable securities**

The Fund may consist entirely of transferable securities pursuant to § 5 of the General Terms and Conditions of Investment.

The Company may acquire transferable securities of domestic and foreign issuers on behalf of the Fund if they

- 1. are admitted to trading on a stock exchange or admitted to or included in another organised market in a Member State of the European Union ("EU") or another State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area ("EEA");
- 2. are exclusively admitted to trading on a stock exchange in a state outside the EU or the EEA, or are admitted to trading or included in another organised market in one of these states, provided that BaFin has approved the choice of this stock exchange or organised market.

Recently issued transferable securities may be acquired if, in accordance with their terms of issue, an application must be made for admission to or inclusion in one of the stock exchanges or organised markets indicated in points 1 and 2 above, and the admission or inclusion is made within one year of issue.

<sup>3</sup> MSCI<sup>®</sup> is a registered trademark of MSCI Inc.

The following shall also be considered "transferable securities" within this sense:

- Units in closed-ended investment funds in a contractual or corporate form that are subject to control by the unitholder (corporate control); in other words, the unitholder must have voting rights relating to important decisions and the right to monitor the investment policy using appropriate mechanisms. The investment fund must also be managed by a legal entity that is subject to the regulations concerning investor protection, unless the investment fund is launched in the form of a company and the activity of the asset manager is not undertaken by another legal entity.
- Financial instruments collateralised by other assets or linked to the performance of other assets. If derivative components are embedded in such financial instruments, other requirements apply so that the Company may acquire these as transferable securities.

Transferable securities may only be acquired under the following conditions:

- The potential loss that the Fund may incur must not exceed the transferable security's purchase price. There must not be any obligation to provide additional funding.
- A lack of liquidity of the transferable security acquired by the Fund must not lead to the Fund becoming unable to fulfil the statutory requirements concerning the redemption of units. This applies whilst taking into account the statutory option to suspend the redemption of units in specific cases (see the sections entitled "Issue and redemption of units" and "Suspension of unit redemption").
- A reliable valuation of the transferable security using accurate, reliable and regular prices must be available; these must either be market prices or be provided by a valuation system independent from the transferable security's issuer.
- Adequate information concerning the transferable security must be available, either in the form of regular, accurate and comprehensive information on the transferable security's market or in the form of any associated portfolio (i.e. securitised in the security).
- The transferable security is tradable.
- The acquisition of the transferable security must be in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and investment strategy.
- The risks of the transferable security are adequately addressed by the Fund's risk management.

In addition, transferable securities may be acquired in the following forms:

- Shares to which the Fund is entitled in the event of a capital increase from Company funds.
- Transferable securities acquired through the exercise of subscription rights held by the Fund.

Subscription rights may also be acquired for the Fund as transferable securities within this sense, provided that the transferable securities attributable to these subscription rights are included in the Fund.

### Money market instruments

The Fund's assets may be fully invested in money market instruments subject to the provisions in § 6 of the General Terms and Conditions of Investment.

On behalf of the Fund, the Company may invest in money market instruments that are normally traded on the money market, as well as in interest-bearing transferable securities, which either have

- a maturity or residual maturity not exceeding 397 days at the time of acquisition for the Fund;
- a maturity or residual maturity exceeding 397 days at the time of acquisition for the Fund, provided that pursuant to their terms of issue, their interest is regularly adjusted to market conditions at least once every 397 days; or
- a risk profile that corresponds to the one of transferable securities that fulfil the criterion for residual maturity or interest adjustment.

Money market instruments may be acquired for the Fund if they are

- 1. admitted to trading on a stock exchange or admitted to or included in another organised market in an EU Member State or another State party to the EEA Agreement;
- 2. exclusively admitted to trading on a stock exchange in a third country or another State party to the EEA Agreement, or are admitted or included in another organised market in one of these states, provided that the choice of stock exchange or organised market has been approved by BaFin.
- 3. issued or guaranteed by the EU, the Federal Republic of Germany, a German federal government fund, a German federal state, another EU Member State or another national, regional or local authority or the central bank of an EU Member State, the European Central Bank or the European Investment Bank, a third country or, if the country is a Federal State, by one of the members making up the Federal State, or a public international body to which one or more EU Member States belong;
- 4. issued by an undertaking whose transferable securities are traded on the markets stated in points 1 and 2 above;
- 5. issued or guaranteed by a credit institution subject to prudential supervision, in accordance with criteria defined by EU law, or a credit institution that is subject to and complies with prudential rules considered by BaFin to be equal to those of EU law;
- 6. issued by other issuers, and the issuer in question is
  - a) a company with capital of at least EUR 10 million and that presents and publishes its annual accounts in accordance with the European Directive on annual accounts of companies with limited liability; or
  - b) an entity which, within a group of companies including one or more listed companies, is responsible for the financing of this group; or
  - (c) an entity that issues money market instruments subject to obligations, through the use of a banking liquidity line. These are products where credit claims of banks are securitised (asset-backed securities).

All the aforementioned money market instruments may only be acquired if they are liquid and their value can be precisely determined at any time. Money market instruments are considered liquid if they can be sold within a sufficiently short time at a limited cost. It is important to note that the Company is obliged to redeem units in the Fund at the request of investors and dispose of such money market instruments at short notice accordingly. The money market instruments must in addition

be subject to an exact, reliable assessment system which enables the determination of the net asset value of the money market instrument and is based on market data or valuation models (including systems based on amortised acquisition costs). The liquidity criterion is considered to have been met for money market instruments if these are admitted to or included in an organised market within or outside the EEA, provided that BaFin has approved the choice of this market. This shall not apply if the Company has indications that the level of liquidity is inadequate for the money market instruments.

For money market instruments not listed on a stock exchange or admitted for trading on a regulated market (see points 3 to 6 above), the issue or issuer of these instruments must also be subject to deposit and investor protection. Appropriate information must therefore be available for these money market instruments that enables an appropriate assessment of the credit risks associated with the instruments; the money market instruments must also be freely transferable. The credit risks may be assessed, for example, by means of an analysis of a credit assessment conducted by a rating agency.

These money market instruments are also subject to the following requirements, unless they have been issued or guaranteed by the European Central Bank or the central bank of an EU Member State:

- If they are issued or guaranteed by the following bodies (stated above in point 3):
  - $\circ$  the EU,
  - o the German Federal Government,
  - o an investment fund of the German Federal Government,
  - o a German federal state,
  - o another EU Member State,
  - o another central authority,
  - o the European Investment Bank,
  - $\circ$   $\,$  a third country or, in the case of a Federal State, by one of the members making up the federation,
  - o a public international body to which one or more EU Member States belong,

adequate information must be available with regard to the issue or issuance programme or the issuer's legal and financial situation before the money market instrument is issued.

If they are issued or guaranteed by a credit institution subject to supervision in the EEA (see point 5 above), appropriate information must be available with regard to the issue or issuance programme or the issuer's legal and financial situation before the money market instrument is issued; such information must be updated on a regular basis and whenever a significant event occurs. In addition, data (e.g. statistics) related to the issue or issuance programme must be available so that the credit risks associated with the investment to be appropriately assessed.

- If they are issued by a credit institution that is subject to prudential rules outside the EEA, which are considered by BaFin to be equivalent to those for a credit institution within the EEA, one of the following requirements must be met:
  - The credit institution maintains a registered office in a member state of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (hereinafter referred to as the "OECD") that is also part of the Group of Ten (G10, group of leading industrialised countries).
  - The credit institution has a rating that qualifies as "investment grade", as a minimum. "Investment grade" refers to a rating of "BBB" or "BAA" or higher, as part of the creditworthiness check by a rating agency.
  - A comprehensive analysis of the issuer may be used to demonstrate that the prudential rules applicable to the credit institution are at least as stringent as those under EU law.
- For other money market instruments not listed on a stock exchange or admitted to trading on a regulated market (see points 4 and 6 above as well as the others listed under point 3), appropriate information with regard to the issue or issuance programme, as well as the issuer's legal and financial situation, must be made available before the money market instrument is issued; a qualified third party that is independent of the issuer must update such information on a regular basis and whenever a significant event occurs. In addition, data (e.g. statistics) related to the issue or issuance programme must be available so that the credit risks associated with the investment to be appropriately assessed.

# **Bank deposits**

The Fund's assets may be invested entirely in bank deposits.

The Company may only hold bank deposits with a maximum term of 12 months on behalf of the Fund.

These deposits are to be held in blocked accounts with credit institutions that have their registered office in an EU Member State or another State party to the EEA Agreement. They can also be held with credit institutions that have their registered office in a third country where the prudential rules are considered by BaFin to be equivalent to EU law.

# Investment limits for transferable securities and money market instruments, including the use of derivatives and bank deposits

### General investment limits

The Company may invest up to 10% of the Fund's assets in transferable securities and money market instruments of a single issuer (debtor). In this event, the total value of the transferable securities and money market instruments of these issuers (debtors) may not exceed 40% of the Fund. In addition, the Company may invest 5% of the Fund's assets in transferable securities and money market instruments of a single issuer.

The Company may not invest more than 20% of the Fund's assets in bank deposits at a single credit institution.

#### Investment limit for bonds with special cover funds

The Company may invest up to 25% of the Fund's assets in mortgage bonds, public-sector bonds or bonds issued by a credit institution with its registered office in an EU Member State or in another State party to the EEA Agreement. This is subject to the condition that the funds received with the bonds is invested so as to cover the liabilities of the bonds over their entire term, and are primarily allocated to the payment of principal and interest should the bond issuer default. If more than 5% of the Fund's assets is invested in such bonds of a single issuer, the total value of these bonds must not exceed 80% of the Fund's assets.

#### Investment limits for public issuers

The Company may invest up to 35% of the Fund's assets in bonds, borrower's note loans and money market instruments issued by specific national and supranational public issuers. These public issuers include the German Federal Government, federal states, EU Member States and their local authorities, third countries and supranational public bodies to which one or more Member States belong.

#### **Combination of investment limits**

The Company may invest a maximum of 20% of the Fund's assets in a combination of the following:

- securities or money market instruments issued by a single body,
- deposits made with that body, i.e. bank deposits,
- attributable amounts for the counterparty risk of transactions entered into with that body in derivatives.

The individual maximum limits in question shall remain the same.

#### Investment limits using derivatives

The amounts of transferable securities and money market instruments of an issuer that are taken into account for the limits stated above can be reduced by using counter-market derivatives whose underlying instruments are transferable securities or money market instruments of this same issuer. As a result, transferable securities or money market instruments of a single issuer may be acquired on behalf of the Fund in excess of the aforementioned limits, if the resulting increased issuer risk is once again reduced by hedging transactions.

## Other investment instruments and their investment limits

The Company may invest up to 10% of the Fund's assets in the following other investment instruments:

 Transferable securities that are not admitted to trading on a stock exchange or admitted to or included in another organised market, but meet the criteria for transferable securities. By way of derogation from traded or admitted transferable securities, the reliable valuation for these transferable securities must be available in the form of a valuation that is conducted at regular intervals and derived from information from the issuer or a competent financial analysis. Appropriate information related to transferable securities that are not admitted to or included in another organised market must be available in the form of regular and precise information from the Fund, or the associated portfolio must be available, if applicable.

- Money market instruments of issuers that do not meet the aforementioned requirements, if they are liquid and their value can be precisely determined at any time. Money market instruments are considered liquid if they can be sold within a sufficiently short time at a limited cost. It is important to note that the Company is obliged to redeem units in the Fund at the request of investors and dispose of such money market instruments at short notice accordingly. There must also be a precise and reliable valuation system that can determine the net assets value of money market instruments or is based on market data or valuation models, such as systems that extrapolate acquisition costs. The liquidity criterion is considered to have been met for money market instruments if these are admitted to or included in an organised market within or outside the EEA, provided that BaFin has approved the choice of this market.
- New issued of shares if their terms of issue specify:
  - their admission to trading on a stock exchange in an EU Member State or another State party to the EEA Agreement, or their admission to or inclusion in an organised market of an EU Member State or another State party to the EEA Agreement, must be applied for in accordance with their terms of issue, or
  - their admission to trading on a stock exchange or their admission or inclusion on an organised market that is not in an EU Member State or in a State party to the EEA Agreement must be applied for in accordance with their terms of issue, provided this choice of stock exchange or organised market has been approved by BaFin,

if the admission or inclusion thereof takes place within one year of their issue.

- Borrower's note loans that can be assigned at least twice after being acquired for the Fund and have been granted by one of the following bodies:
  - a) the German Federal Government, an investment fund of the German Federal Government, a German federal state, the EU or an OECD Member State;
  - b) another domestic authority or a regional government or local authority of another EU Member State or another State party to the EEA Agreement, if the claim can be treated according to the regulations on prudential requirements for credit institutions and securities companies in the same way as one against the central government in whose sovereign area the regional government or authority is located,
  - c) other corporations or institutions under public law with their registered offices in Germany, another EU Member State or another state party to the EEA Agreement,
  - d) companies that issue transferable securities that are admitted to trading on an organised market within the EEA or on another regulated market that meets the essential requirements for regulated markets as defined in the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive as amended, or
  - e) other debtors, provided one of the bodies referred to in subsections a to c above has guaranteed the payment of interest and repayment of principal.

### **Investment units**

The Fund may be fully invested in target fund units provided these are open-ended domestic and foreign investment funds.

The Company selects the target fund to be acquired based on either said target fund's terms and conditions of investment or investment focus, or its most recent annual or semi-annual report. It may acquire all permitted types of units in domestic investment funds and investment corporations with variable capital and units in EU UCITS and open-ended investment funds (which are not EU UCITS) managed by EU management companies or foreign management companies. The Company is not restricted in its selection with regard to the target fund's origin or location.

The target funds may invest a maximum of up to 10% in units of other open-ended investment funds in accordance with their terms and conditions of investment. For AIF units, the following requirements must also be met:

- The target fund must have been approved in accordance with legal provisions that place it under effective public supervision in order to protect investors, and there must be adequate provision for ensuring cooperation between the supervisory authorities.
- The investors' protection level must be equivalent to that of an investor in a domestic UCITS, particularly with regard to the segregation of management and custody of assets, borrowing, lending and the short selling of transferable securities and money market instruments.
- The business operations of the target fund must be the subject of annual and semi-annual reports that permit an assessment to be made of the assets and liabilities, income and transactions arising during the reporting period.
- The target fund must be a public fund for which there is no limit as to the number of units and the investors have a right to redeem said units.

No more than 20% of the Fund's assets may be invested in units of a single target fund. No more than 30% of the Fund's overall assets may be invested in AIFs. The Company may not acquire on behalf of the Fund more than 25% of the units issued by a target fund.

Target funds may temporarily suspend the redemption of units within the statutory framework. In this case, the Company may not return the units in the target fund to the management company or custodian or a target fund against payment of the redemption price (refer also to the section entitled "Risk information - Risks associated with investing in investment units"). The Company's website (http://www.universal-investment.com) provides information as to whether and to what extent the Fund holds units of target funds that have currently suspended the redemption of units.

## Derivatives

As part of its investment strategy, the Company may conduct derivative transactions on behalf of the Fund. In addition to using derivative transactions for hedging purposes, they may be used for effective portfolio management and generating additional income, i.e. also for speculative purposes. As a result, the risk of loss for the Fund may increase, at least temporarily. Derivatives are instruments whose prices depend on the price fluctuations/expectations of other assets (underlying instrument). The information below applies both to derivatives and to financial instruments with derivative components (hereinafter collectively referred to as 'derivatives').

Using derivatives must not more than double the Fund's market risk (market-risk limit). 'Market risk' is the risk of loss arising from fluctuations in the market value of assets held in the Fund; these are due to changes in variable market prices and/or rates such as interest rates, exchange rates, equity and commodity prices or changes in an issuer's credit rating. The Company must adhere to its market-risk limit at all times. The Company must determine the extent to which the market-risk limit has been reached on a daily basis, in accordance with legal requirements deriving from the Regulation on risk management and assessment when using derivatives, securities lending and repurchase agreements in investment funds under the Capital Investment Code (hereinafter referred to as 'the Derivatives Regulation').

In order to determine the extent to which the market-risk limit has been reached, the Company uses the simple approach as defined in the Derivatives Regulation. It sums up the attributable amounts of all derivatives that increase the investment rate. The market value of the underlying is used as the basis for the attributable amount for derivatives and financial instruments with derivative components. The sum of the attributable amounts for market risk through the use of derivatives and financial instruments with derivative components must not exceed the value of the Fund's assets.

The Company may acquire derivatives on a regular basis only if it is permitted to acquire the underlyings of such derivatives on behalf of the Fund or if the risks that these underlyings represent could also have arisen through assets in investment funds that the Company may acquire on behalf of the Fund. The Company may, on behalf of the Fund, acquire:

- Basic forms of derivatives
- Combinations of such derivatives
- Combinations of such derivatives with other assets that may be acquired for the Fund.

The Company can accurately capture and measure all market risks in the Fund that arise from the use of derivatives.

The Company may, on behalf of the Fund, acquire the following types of derivatives:

- a) Futures contracts on transferable securities, money market instruments, interest rates, exchange rates or currencies and financial indices that are sufficiently diversified to provide an adequate reference basis for the market to which they relate and published appropriately ("qualified financial indices").
- b) Options or warrants on transferable securities, money market instruments, interest rates, exchange rates or currencies and on futures contracts in accordance with (a) above, as well as qualified financial indices if the options or warrants have the following characteristics:
  - exercise is possible either during the entire term or at the end thereof; and
  - the value of the option at the exercise date is linearly dependent on the positive or negative difference between the underlying price and the market price of the underlying, and becomes zero if the difference has the opposite (plus/minus) sign;

- c) interest rate swaps, currency swaps or interest rate-currency swaps;
- d) options on swaps in accordance with (c), provided that they bear the characteristics described in (b) above (swaptions);
- e) single name credit default swaps.

A negligible share of the investment strategy may be based on a "complex strategy". The Company may also invest a negligible share in complex derivatives. A negligible share is assumed if it does not exceed a maximum loss of 1% of the Fund's value.

### **Futures contracts**

Futures contracts are unconditionally binding on both contracting parties; they require them to buy or sell a specific quantity of a certain underlying at a predetermined price and at a specific date (due date) or within a determined time frame. Within the scope of the investment principles, the Company may enter into futures contracts on behalf of the Fund on all assets the Fund may acquire and that may serve as underlying instruments for derivatives in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of Investment.

### **Option contracts**

Option contracts grant a third party the right against payment (option premium) to request the delivery or purchase of assets or the payment of a differential amount or to acquire corresponding option rights at a predetermined price (exercise price) during or at the end of a certain period of time. The Company may trade in options on behalf of the Fund in accordance with the investment principles.

### **Swaps**

Swaps are agreements exchanging the underlying payment flows or risks between the contracting parties. The Company may, on behalf of the Fund and in accordance with the investment principles, enter into

- interest rate swaps
- currency swaps
- interest and currency swaps
- variance swaps
- equity swaps
- credit default swaps.

### **Swaptions**

Swaptions are options on swaps. A swaption is the right, but not the obligation, to enter into a swap, the conditions of which are clearly specified, at a given time or within a given period. The principles listed in connection with option contracts also apply. On behalf of the Fund, the investment company may only conclude swaptions that are composed of the options and swaps described above.

# Credit default swaps

Credit default swaps are credit derivatives which enable a potential credit default volume to be passed on to third parties. The seller of the risk pays a premium to its counterparty in return for taking on the credit default risk. The company may only enter into simple standardised credit default swaps on behalf of the Fund; these are used to hedge individual credit risks within the Fund. In other respects, the information regarding swaps applies mutatis mutandis.

# **Total return swaps**

The Company is authorised to invest in total return swaps for the Fund. Total return swaps are derivatives in which all returns and fluctuations in value of an underlying asset are exchanged for an agreed fixed interest payment. One counterparty, the collateral buyer, transfers all the credit and market risk from the underlying asset to the other counterparty, the collateral provider. In exchange, the collateral buyer pays a premium to the collateral provider.

Total return swaps can be used for the Fund in order to hedge against price losses and risks from the underlying asset. All Fund assets deemed permissible under § 197 KAGB can be the object of a total return swap. The Company does not, however, currently intend to invest in total return swaps for the Fund.

# Securitised financial instruments

The Company may also acquire the financial instruments described above if they are securitised. In so doing, the transactions involving these financial instruments may be only partially contained in transferable securities (e.g. warrant-linked bonds). The statements regarding opportunities and risks apply mutatis mutandis to such securitised financial instruments, but on condition that the risk of loss for securitised financial instruments is limited to the value of the transferable security.

# **OTC derivative transactions**

The Company may, on behalf of the Fund, enter into derivative transactions that are admitted to trading on a stock exchange or admitted to or included in another organised market, as well as OTC transactions. The Company may enter into derivative transactions neither admitted to trading on a stock exchange nor included in another organised market except only with suitable credit or financial services institutions on the basis of standardised framework agreements. For OTC derivatives, the counterparty risk for a contracting party is limited to 5% of the Fund's assets. If the contracting party is a credit institution with its registered office in an EU Member State, in another state party to the EEA Agreement or a third country with an equivalent level of supervision, the counterparty risk may be up to 10% of the Fund's assets. OTC derivatives concluded with a central clearing house of a stock exchange or another organised market as the contracting partner are not included when determining counterparty risk limits if the derivatives are subject to a daily valuation at market prices with a daily margin settlement. However, any claims the Fund may have against an intermediary must be included when determining the limits, even if the derivatives involved are traded on a stock exchange or another organised market.

# **Collateral strategy**

Within the scope of derivative transactions, the Company shall accept collateral on behalf of the Fund. The collateral serves to eliminate or partially reduce the risk of default of the contracting party to these transactions.

#### Permitted types of collateral

For derivative transactions, the Company accepts the following assets as collateral:

- Bank deposits
- Transferable securities
- Money market instruments

#### Scope of collateral provided

Derivative transactions must be sufficiently collateralised to ensure that the attributable amount of the relevant counterparty's default risk does not exceed 5% of the Fund's assets. If the counterparty is a credit institution with its registered office in an EU Member State or in another State party to the EEA Agreement or in a third country in which equivalent prudential rules apply, the attributable value of the default risk may be up to 10% of the Fund's assets.

#### Valuation discount strategy (haircut strategy)

In order to use certain valuation discounts, the Company pursues a haircut strategy on assets accepted as collateral. This covers all assets that are permitted as collateral.

#### Investment of cash collateral

Cash collateral in the form of bank deposits may be held in blocked accounts with the Custodian of the Fund or, subject to the Custodian's consent, other credit institutions. They may only be reinvested in high-quality government bonds or in money market funds with short maturity structures.

#### Custody of securities as collateral

The Company may accept securities as collateral on behalf of the Fund as part of derivatives transactions. If these securities are transferred as collateral, they must be kept by the Custodian. Reuse of the securities is not permitted.

## Borrowing

Taking out short-term loans for the joint account of investors shall be admissible for up to 10% of the Fund's assets, provided the terms of the loan are in line with the market and the Custodian agrees to the loan.

# Leverage

Leverage denotes any method used by the Company to increase the Fund's investment rate. These methods include borrowing and acquiring derivatives with embedded leverage. The Company may apply these methods for the Fund within the limits set out in this Sales Prospectus. For the rules on using derivatives, see "Derivatives" under the section entitled "Investment instruments in detail". The borrowing option is explained in the preceding paragraph.

The use of derivatives must not more than double the market risk (see the "Derivatives" sub-section in Section 12 "Investment instruments in detail"). The Company expects that the Fund's leverage arising from the use of derivatives will, as a rule, be less than 3.

Leverage is calculated by dividing the Fund's total exposure by the net asset value. Total exposure is calculated by adding together the net asset value of the Fund and the nominal values of all derivative transactions included therein. Any effects of reinvesting collateral in the case of securities lending transactions and repurchase agreements are taken into account. However, depending on market conditions, the leverage may fluctuate; as a result, the targeted level may be exceeded, despite ongoing monitoring by the Company. The Company may use derivatives for a number of purposes, such as hedging or optimising returns. Nonetheless, overall exposure is always calculated the same way, regardless of the purpose for which they are used. For this reason, the total nominal values do not indicate the potential risks involved for the Fund.

# Exception: Investments made in the absence of the Asset Management Company

If the Asset Management Company is no longer available to manage the Fund's portfolio (see rights of termination and their impacts under Section 6 "Asset Management Company"), the Company may terminate management of the Fund subject to a legal notice period of six months. By the end of the period of notice, the Company will cease pursuit of the investment policy described in Section 11 "Investment objective, investment principles and investment policy" and will instead invest the Fund's assets exclusively in bank deposits and money market instruments, provided this is permitted by the investment guidelines.

# 13. Valuation

# General rules for the valuation of assets

## Assets admitted to a stock exchange or traded on an organised market

Assets admitted to trading on a stock exchange or admitted or included in another organised market, as well as subscription rights for the Fund, are valued at their most recently available tradable price, unless the "Specific rules for the valuation of individual assets" specify otherwise.

# Assets not listed on a stock exchange or traded on organised markets, or those with no tradable price

Assets neither admitted to trading on stock exchanges nor admitted to or included in another organised market or for which no tradable price is available are valued at the current market value deemed appropriate on the basis of a careful assessment using suitable valuation models and taking current market conditions into account, unless the "Specific rules for the valuation of individual assets" specify otherwise.

# Specific rules for the valuation of individual assets

## Unlisted bonds and borrower's note loans

Bonds neither admitted to trading on a stock exchange nor admitted to or included in another organised market (e.g. unlisted bonds, commercial papers and certificates of deposit) and borrower's note loans are valued on the basis of prices agreed for comparable bonds and borrower's note loans and, if applicable, the market value of bonds issued by comparable issuers with similar terms and interest rates, if necessary at a discount to offset the reduced saleability.

## **Options and futures contracts**

Options belonging to the Fund and the liabilities from those granted to a third party that are admitted to trading on a stock exchange or admitted to or included in another organised market are valued at their last available tradable price which ensures a reliable valuation.

This also applies to claims and liabilities from futures contracts sold on behalf of the Fund. Margins charged to the Fund shall be added to the value of the Fund, taking into consideration the valuation gains and losses determined on the trading day.

#### Bank deposits, time deposits and units in investment funds

Bank deposits are, in principle, valued at par value plus accrued interest.

Fixed-term deposits are valued at the market value, provided they can be terminated at any time and are not refunded at par value plus interest when terminated.

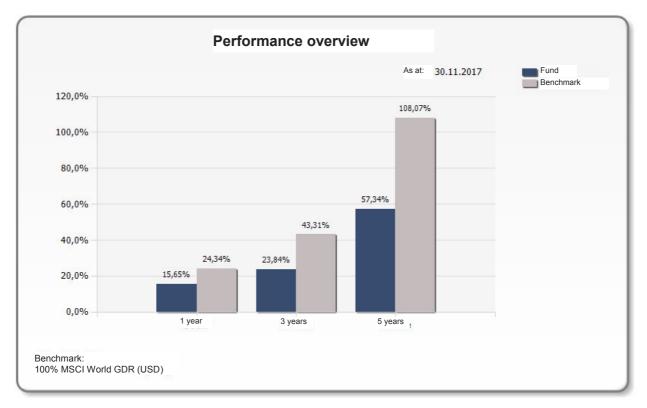
Investment units (in target funds) are valued, in principle, at their most recently determined redemption price or the latest available trading price that ensures a reliable valuation. Should these values be unavailable, investment fund units are valued at their current market value deemed appropriate on the basis of a careful assessment using suitable valuation models and taking current market conditions into account.

#### Assets denominated in foreign currencies

Assets denominated in foreign currencies shall be converted (on the same day) into euro at their exchange rate determined on the basis of The WM Company fixing at 17:00 (CET).

## 14. Performance

## Unit class T

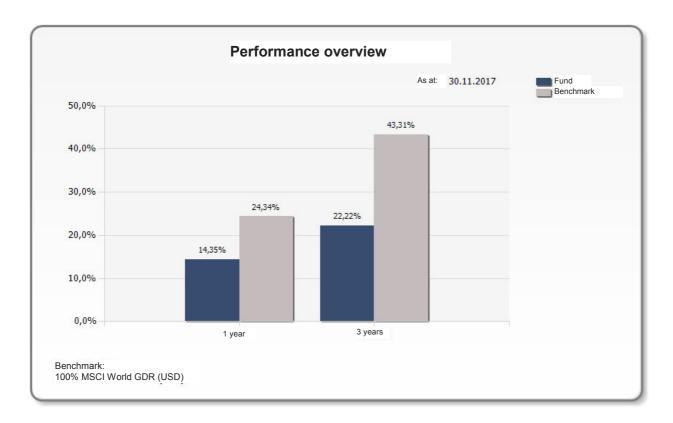


**Note:** Until 31/08/2015, the following benchmark index was used: MSCl<sup>®</sup> World GDR (EUR). Since 01/09/2015, the following benchmark index has been used: MSCl<sup>®</sup> World GDR (USD).

Performance using the BVI method (excluding issuing surcharges). Past performance is no guarantee of similar results in the future. It is not possible to predict these. Current performance details are published in the annual and semi-annual reports and on the Company's website at http://www.universal-investment.com.

## Unit class A

**Note:** Until 31/08/2015, the following benchmark index was used: MSCI<sup>®</sup> World GDR (EUR). Since 01/09/2015, the following benchmark index has been used: MSCI<sup>®</sup> World GDR (USD).



Performance using the BVI method (excluding issuing surcharges). Past performance is no guarantee of similar results in the future. It is not possible to predict these. Current performance details are published in the annual and semi-annual reports and on the Company's website (http://www.universal-investment.com).

In general, the past performance of a fund is no indicator of its future performance.

# 15. Sub-investment funds

The Fund is not a sub-investment fund under an umbrella structure.

## 16. Units

Investors' rights are securitised solely in collective certificates when the Fund is launched. These collective certificates are held in custody by a central securities depository. Investors are not entitled to the physical delivery of unit certificates. Units may only be purchased if they are held in custody. The unit certificates are bearer certificates. When a unit certificate is transferred, the rights vested therein are also transferred.

## Issue and redemption of units

## Issue of units

In principle, there is no limit to the number of units that may be issued. The units can be acquired from the Custodian, which issues them at the issue price which is equal to their net asset value per unit ("unit value") plus an issuing surcharge. The acquisition may also be conducted via third parties;

this may involve additional costs. The Company reserves the right to cease the issue of units temporarily or permanently, in full or in part.

# If minimum investment amounts are specified for individual unit classes, these can be found be found in Section C "Overview of the unit classes".

## **Redemption of units**

Investors may request the redemption of units on any valuation date, provided the Company has not temporarily suspended the redemption of units (see "Suspension of unit redemption"). Redemption orders must be placed with the Custodian or the Company. The Company is required to redeem units at the redemption price valid on the settlement date, which is equal to the unit value calculated on that date, less a redemption fee, if applicable. The redemption may also be carried out via third parties; this may involve additional costs.

#### Settlement of unit issue and redemption

The Company observes the principle of treating all investors equally, by ensuring that no investors can gain advantages by buying or selling units at already known unit values. There is therefore a daily cut-off time for accepting orders. Issue and redemption orders received by the Custodian or Company before the cut-off time for orders will be settled no later than the valuation date following receipt of said orders (= settlement date) at their unit value then determined. Orders received by the Custodian or Company after the cut-off time will not be settled until the next valuation date plus one (= settlement date) at their unit value then determined. Details of the cut-off time for this Fund are available from the Custodian. This can change at any time.

Third parties, e.g. the institution maintaining the securities account, may also act as intermediaries with regard to the issue and redemption of units. These may take longer to settle. The Company has no influence with regard to the various settlement procedures of the institutions maintaining the securities accounts.

## Suspension of unit redemption

The Company may temporarily suspend the redemption of units should extraordinary circumstances arise which make such suspension appear necessary in the interests of investors. Such extraordinary circumstances include: the unscheduled closing of a stock exchange on which a significant portion of the Fund's transferable securities is traded; assets cannot be disposed of; or the Fund's assets cannot be valued. Moreover, BaFin may instruct the Company to suspend the redemption of units if this is deemed necessary in the interests of the investors or the public.

The Company reserves the right to redeem or exchange units at the price valid at the time after promptly disposing of the Fund's assets, provided that the interests of all investors are upheld. Temporary suspension may be immediately followed by dissolution of the fund without resumption of unit redemption (see also the Section entitled "Liquidation, transfer and merger of the Fund").

The Company shall notify investors that it is suspending and resuming the redemption of units by publishing notices in the German Federal Gazette and also on the Company's website

(http://www.universal-investment.com). In addition, investors shall be informed via a durable medium, such as in electronic or written form, by the institutions maintaining their securities accounts.

The Company does not allow market timing or other trading strategies geared towards short-term profits. Should the Company have reason to believe that such short-term strategies are being used for speculative purposes, it reserves the right to reject applications to subscribe/redeem units in the Fund.

## **Exchange of units**

Units cannot be exchanged between individual unit classes. Should the Company liquidate a unit class, it is not obliged to offer investors units in another one (details concerning the liquidation of a unit classes can be found under the Section entitled "Liquidation, transfer and merger of the Fund").

## Liquidity management

The Company has laid down written rules and procedures for the Fund which enable it to monitor the Fund's liquidity risks and ensure that the liquidity profile of the Fund's investments covers its underlying liabilities.

Subject to the investment strategy described in Section 11 "Investment objective, investment principles and investment policy", the Fund's liquidity profile is as follows:

- The Fund aims to invest in assets that can be almost fully liquidated within a week, in the opinion of the Asset Management Company at the time of this Sales Prospectus going to print.
- The Company shall, in the manner described below, monitor liquidity risks that may arise at fund level, at asset level or as a result of increased redemption orders from investors:
  - The Company must implement a liquidity management system during the course of its business activities for each fund and ensure that investment strategies, liquidity profiles and redemption principles are consistent.
  - The Company's liquidity management system is available in a reasonably documented form, revised at least once a year and updated if necessary.
  - The implemented liquidity management system ensures, as a general rule, that the liquidity level of a given fund covers its underlying liabilities, with the relative liquidity of its assets being valued, inter alia, on the basis of the duration and price at which assets are disposed of.
  - The liquidity level of each fund is also monitored in terms of its key obligations and liabilities as well as the marginal contribution of each individual asset. To this end, the Company considers (inter alia) the profile of the Fund's investor base, the type of investors, the relative size of investments in the Fund and their redemption terms and conditions. If the Fund's assets are invested in other undertakings for collective investment, the approach to liquidity management followed by the asset managers of said other undertakings for collective investment is monitored and checks are regularly made to see if the redemption terms and conditions have been changed.
  - The Company employs reasonable liquidity measurement precautions and procedures in order to determine the quantitative and qualitative risks of the Fund's individual assets. It does so

based on reasonable knowledge and experience with regard to the liquidity of individual assets as well as with regard to the related trading volume, price sensitivity and spread under normal and extraordinary liquidity conditions.

- As part of its liquidity management, the Company ensures that the processes and instruments necessary for managing liquidity risks are implemented. It does so by identifying the normal and extraordinary circumstances under which these instruments and precautionary measures may be used, with all investors being treated equally. The Company has suitable escalation processes for managing existing and potential liquidity problems or other emergency situations within the Fund.
- The Company sets individual liquidity limits, taking into account the nature, scope and complexity of each individual managed fund. These limits, which are continuously monitored, reflect the underlying liabilities and redemption principles; reasonable steps are taken to improve the liquidity situation if they are or may be exceeded. When setting these limits, the Company refers to the liquidity management guidelines, the appropriateness of the liquidity profile of the Fund's assets and the impact of atypical redemption requests. Periodic fluctuations are possible.
- The Company conducts regular stress tests with which it can assess the Fund's liquidity risks. The Company conducts stress tests based on current reliable quantitative or, if this is inadequate, qualitative information available. These may include investment strategies, redemption periods, payment obligations and deadlines within which assets may be disposed of, as well as information regarding general investor behaviour and market developments. The stress tests simulate a situation of a lack of liquidity of assets in the Fund, as well as atypical redemption requests. These are performed with a frequency appropriate for the Fund (at least once a year) and take into consideration the Fund's investment strategy, liquidity profile, investor structure and redemption rules.

Redemption rights under normal and extraordinary circumstances and the suspension of redemption are set out under "Issue and redemption of units" and "Suspension of unit redemption" in Section 16 "Units". The risks involved are explained in Section 7 "Risk information", sub-section "Fund investment risks" ("Suspension of unit redemption" and "Risks of limited or increased liquidity of the Fund (liquidity risk)").

## Stock exchanges and markets

Fund units are not admitted to trading on stock exchanges by the Company. However, the Company has noted that Fund units are being traded on the following markets:

- Hamburg stock exchange ("Fondsbörse Deutschland" segment).

The possibility cannot be ruled out that Fund units may also be traded on other markets.

The market price underlying stock market dealings or trading on other markets is not determined exclusively by the value of the assets held in the Fund, but also by supply and demand. Said market price can therefore differ from the unit price.

# Fair treatment of investors and unit classes

The Fund consists of various unit classes. Units with different characteristics shall be issued. Units with the same characteristics form a unit class.

The unit classes differ in terms of the use of income, the issuing surcharge, the currency of the unit value including use of currency hedging transactions, the management fee, the custodian fee, the fee of the investment consultancy firms or asset management companies, the fee for managing derivatives transactions and collateral for derivative transactions, the distributor, the minimum investment amount or a combination of these characteristics. Unit classes shall be listed individually in the Sales Prospectus and in the annual and semi-annual reports. The characteristics of the unit classes are described in detail in the Sales Prospectus and the annual and semi-annual reports. For details of the ways in which the unit classes of the Fund may differ, see Section 16 "Units", subsections "Issue and redemption of units" and "Issue and redemption prices", Section 17 "Management fees and other costs" and Section 19 "Calculation and use of income; financial year".

# An overview of the unit classes and their issue dates can be found in Part C "Overview of the unit classes".

Due to the different characteristics, the financial results achieved by investors by investing in the Fund may vary, depending on the unit class of the units acquired. This applies to both pre-tax and post-tax returns achieved by the investor.

The unit value is calculated separately for each unit class by attributing the costs and fees (including any taxes to be paid out of the Fund's assets) that apply to a given unit class, including any income equalisation, exclusively to that unit class.

Assets may only be acquired for the Fund as a whole, not for individual unit classes or groups of unit classes.

Pursuant to § 4(1) of the Special Terms and Conditions of Investment, other unit classes may be created. The Company may, at its discretion, launch new unit classes in the future. However, the rights of investors who have acquired units in existing unit classes shall not be affected. The costs associated with launching a new unit class may only be charged to the investors of the new unit class.

The Company must treat investors in the Fund in a fair manner. When managing liquidity risks and the redemption of units, it may not put the interests of any particular investor or group of investors ahead of those of any other investor or group of investors.

For details on how the Company ensures the fair treatment of investors, see "Settlement of unit issue and redemption" and "Liquidity management" above.

# Issue and redemption prices

To calculate the issue and redemption prices for the units, the Company shall on each valuation date – under the supervision of the Custodian – calculate the value of the assets held by the Fund less its liabilities ("net asset value"). The value of each unit ("unit value") is calculated by dividing the net asset value thus obtained by the number of units issued.

The value of the units in the Fund is published on all trading days. The Company and Custodian are not required to determine the value on statutory public holidays within the scope of the KAGB which are trading days or on 24 or 31 December of each year. At present, unit prices are not calculated on New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Easter Monday, May Day, Ascension Day, Whit Sunday, Whit Monday, Corpus Christi, the Day of German Unity, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, December 26 and New Year holidays.

The value of a unit class shall be calculated when the units are first issued on the basis of the value determined for the entire Fund, pursuant to § 168(1) KAGB.

The value of a unit class is derived from the total change in the Fund's net value proportionally attributable for that unit class compared with the preceding valuation date and the value of that unit class on the preceding valuation date. The value of a unit class shall be determined every trading day, except on the days stated above. The value of a unit in a unit class is equal to the value of the unit class divided by the number of units issued for said unit class.

The income equalisation shall be calculated for each unit class.

## Suspension of the calculation of the issue and redemption prices

The Company may temporarily suspend the calculation of the issue and redemption prices under the same conditions as the redemption of units. These are explained in more detail under "Suspension of unit redemption" in Section 16 "Units".

#### Issuing surcharge

When determining the issue price, an issuing surcharge is added to the unit value. The issuing surcharge is equal to 5.00% of the unit value. The Company may charge a reduced issuing surcharge, or not charge one at all, for the Fund or one or more unit classes. This issuing surcharge can reduce or even completely erode performance, particularly in the case of shorter investment periods. The issuing surcharge is essentially a fee for distributing units of the Fund. The Company may pass on the issuing surcharge to any intermediaries as remuneration for distribution services.

# For details of the current issuing surcharge for the individual unit classes, see Section C "Overview of the unit classes".

## **Redemption fee**

No redemption fee is charged.

## Publication of the issue and redemption prices

The issue and redemption prices are published on each trading day on the Company's website at http://www.universal-investment.com.

# 17. Costs

# Costs relating to the issue and redemption of units

Units may be issued and redeemed via the Company and the Custodian at the issue price (unit value plus issuing surcharge) or the redemption price (unit value) without any additional costs.

If units are redeemed via third parties, costs may be incurred when redeeming said units. If units are sold via third parties, costs higher than the issuing price may also be charged.

## Management fees and other costs

Fees to which the Company is entitled from the Fund:

In return for managing the Fund, the Company receives a fee (payable quarterly) amounting to 0.40% p.a. of the Fund's average value, which is calculated by taking the values on each valuation date. The Company may charge a reduced fee, or not charge one at all, for the Fund or one or more unit classes. The Company shall specify the management fee for each unit class in the Sales Prospectus and the annual and semi-annual reports.

Should any disputed claim be settled in or out of court on behalf of the Fund, the Company may charge a fee of up to 5% of the amounts obtained for the Fund, after deducting and settling the costs the Fund incurs in connection with such proceedings.

The fees to be paid out of the UCITS investment fund to third parties are as follows:

The Company may call upon the services of an investment consultancy firm or asset management company when implementing its investment strategy. In this case, the investment consultancy firm or asset management company shall receive a fee (payable quarterly) in the amount of 1.50% p.a. of the UCITS investment fund's average value, calculated by taking the values on each valuation date. The investment consultancy firm or asset management company may charge a reduced fee or waive the fee for the Fund or one or more unit classes. This fee is not covered by the management fee; as a result, the Company charges it to the Fund.

The Company may employ the services of third parties for the purposes of or when managing derivative transactions and collateral for said transactions. In this case, these third parties as a whole shall receive a fee (payable quarterly) in the amount to 0.12% p.a. of the Fund's average value, calculated by taking the values on each valuation date. The Company may charge a reduced fee, or not charge one at all, for the Fund or one or more unit classes. These fees are not covered by the management fee; as a result, the Company charges them to the Fund. The Company shall specify the fees paid to third parties for each unit class in the Sales Prospectus and the annual and semi-annual reports.

The amount withdrawn from the Fund annually to manage the Fund and in fees paid to investment consultancy firms or asset management companies, and for fees paid to third parties for managing derivatives transactions and collateral for derivatives transactions, may be up to 2.02% p.a. of the Fund's average value, calculated based on the values of each valuation date.

In return for the performance of its duties, the Custodian shall receive a fee (payable quarterly) in the amount of 0.10% p.a. (at least EUR 27,500.00 p.a.) of the Fund's average value, calculated by taking the values on each valuation date. The Custodian may charge a reduced fee, or not charge one at all, for the Fund or one or more unit classes.

At the expense of the Fund, the Company or asset management company may also (for each unit issued) receive a performance fee in the amount of 10% of the amount by which the unit value performance exceeds the income on a benchmark money market investment during the accounting period by 5% p.a. as a threshold value; however, this amount shall be no more than 5% of the average value of the Fund or any unit classes in that accounting period. The benchmark is the EURIBOR® 1M TR (EUR)4. Such a fee is only charged on that proportion of the increase in value that also exceeds both the highest unit value achieved at the end of the last preceding five accounting periods (high water mark). The first high water mark (starting value for the calculation) is the unit value as at 29 June 2013 or, for a unit class launched at a later date, the respective value as at the launch date. The Company or Asset Management Company may charge a reduced performance fee or waive the performance fee for the Fund or one or more unit classes.

The accounting period begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December of each calendar year. The first accounting period began on 30 June 2013 and ended on 31 December 2014.

The performance fee is determined by comparing the performance of the EURIBOR® 1M TR (EUR) with that of the unit value, which is calculated using the BVI method5, during the accounting period and taking the high water mark into consideration.

Based on the outcome of a daily comparison, any performance fee incurred is set aside within the UCITS investment fund per unit issued and eliminated once again if the agreed increase in value or the high water mark has not been reached. The deferred performance fee existing at the end of the accounting period may be withdrawn.

# An overview of the fees currently charged for each individual unit class can be found in Part C "Overview of the unit classes".

In addition to the fees due to the Company, the Custodian and the investment consultancy firm or asset management company, the following expenses will also be charged to the Fund:

- standard custodian and account fees, including any standard bank costs for the custody of foreign assets abroad;
- costs of printing and dispatching statutory sales documentation intended for investors (annual and semi-annual reports, Sales Prospectus, KIID);
- costs of publishing the annual and semi-annual reports, the issue and redemption prices and, if applicable, the distributions or reinvestments and the liquidation report;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> EURIBOR<sup>®</sup> is a registered trademark of EMMI a.i.s.b.l. (formerly Euribor EBF a.i.s.b.l.).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> An explanation of the BVI method is published on the website of BVI Bundesverband Investment und Asset Management e.V. (www.bvi.de).

- costs of setting up and using a durable medium, except in the case of information concerning fund mergers and measures in connection with investment limit infringements or calculation errors when ascertaining the unit value;
- costs of auditing the Fund by its auditor;
- costs of publishing the bases for taxation and certifying that the tax information has been drawn up pursuant to German tax regulations;
- costs of enforcing and implementing legal claims by the Company on behalf of the Fund, as well defending claims raised against the Company at the cost of the Fund;
- fees and costs charged by government bodies with respect of the Fund;
- costs of legal and tax advice in connection with the Fund;
- costs and any charges that may arise in connection with the acquisition and/or use or designation of a benchmark or financial index;
- costs of appointing proxies;
- costs of analysing the Fund's investment performance by third parties;
- taxes incurred in connection with both the fees payable to the Company, Custodian and third parties as well as the aforementioned expenses, including taxes arising in connection with management and custody activities.

In addition to the above-mentioned fees and expenses, costs arising in connection with the acquisition and disposal of assets will be charged to the Fund.

The following explanations in terms of the amounts to be charged to the Fund can be made for the aforementioned expenses:

- The fee for the auditor in return for auditing the Fund is composed of a basic fee and additional fees that depend in particular on the number of the Fund's segments and unit classes as well as the its volume; the maximum amount of this fee is EUR 15,000 plus VAT.
- The costs of publishing the bases for taxation and certifying that the tax information has been drawn up pursuant to German tax regulations amount to EUR 1,500 per financial year of the Fund.
- In cases in which a court or out-of-court settlement was reached or a ruling was made by a court within the framework of class actions, the appointed law firm may, to this effect, receive a fee amounting to up to 5% of the sums incurred by the Fund. Deviating conditions may apply or be agreed upon for active participation in a class action as a leading plaintiff, for private suits or other court or administrative proceedings. In these cases, the appointed law firm may receive up to 30% of the sums collected.
- BaFin may charge fees or costs covered by the Fund for approving the Fund's Terms and Conditions of Investment, approving the Custodian, amending the Terms and Conditions of Investment as well as for other administrative acts related to the Fund. The amounts of these fees or costs can be found in the Regulation governing the apportionment of costs pursuant to the Fi-

nancial Services Supervision Act [FinDAGKostV], as amended. The applicable version of this regulation is available on BaFin's website (www.bafin.de). For marketing the Fund abroad, the Company estimates costs of up to EUR 3,000 for public bodies per financial year of the Fund. The costs during this period may actually be lower or higher. The amount specified is therefore an estimate.

- The fee for appointing a proxy for the holding of General Meetings amounts to EUR 130 per General Meeting. If the General Meeting is held for several investment funds, a pro rata calculation for the Fund is carried out. The number of general meetings to be held by the proxy for the Fund depends on the latest composition of the portfolio in each case. No maximum amount is established or estimated beforehand.
- For third-party analysis of Fund performance, the Fund may incur costs of up to EUR 5,000 per financial year of the Fund.
- The amount of the costs incurred in the context of the acquisition and disposal of assets depends on the number of transactions actually conducted. For the period of one financial year of the Fund, the Company assumes a maximum amount of 2% of the Fund's average volume. The transaction costs during this period may actually be lower or higher. The aforementioned percentage is therefore an estimate.
- With regard to the other expenses mentioned above, only those that were actually incurred are charged to the Fund. Since the amount of these expenses depends, inter alia, on the volume of the Fund, the portfolio composition or the number of investors in the Fund, no maximum amount for these expenses is established or estimated beforehand.

The Company normally passes some of its management fee on to intermediaries. in consideration for distribution services. This may account for a considerable proportion of said fee. The Custodian and investment consultancy firm or asset management company may use some of the fees they receive to support the distribution activities of intermediaries; said fees are usually based on the level of mediation involved.

The Company, Custodian and investment consultancy firm or asset management company may, at their discretion, agree with individual investors regarding the partial repayment to these investors of fees received. This applies in particular if institutional investors invest large amounts directly and on a long-term basis.

The Company may use non-cash benefits in connection with transactions conducted on behalf of the Fund (broker research, financial analyses, market and price information systems), which are used when making investment decisions in the interests of the unitholders. The Company does not receive any refunds from fees and expenses paid from the Fund to the Custodian and third parties. Please also refer to the corresponding annual reports.

#### Details and costs with regard to the acquisition of investment units

In addition to its fee for managing the Fund, the Company also charges a management fee for units in investment funds (target funds) held in the Fund.

If the Fund invests a considerable portion of its value in investment units, all management fees are taken into account when calculating the total expense ratio (see below).

Investors should also bear in mind that when acquiring other investment units, the Fund may be charged issuing surcharges and/or redemption fees. In addition to such costs, there are also fees, costs, taxes, commissions and other expenses in connection with investment units in which the Fund invests; these are to be borne directly by investors in the Fund. The Fund may also invest in investment units with a different fee structure (e.g. flat fee, performance fee) or for which additional types of fees may be charged.

If a target fund is directly or indirectly managed by the Company or by another company with which the Company is affiliated through a significant direct or indirect shareholding, the Company or the other company may not charge the Fund any issuing surcharge or redemption fee for the acquisition or redemption of investment units in the target funds.

The issuing surcharges and redemption fees charged to the Fund for the acquisition and redemption of units in other investment funds shall be stated in the annual and semi-annual reports. In addition, the fee that has been charged to the Fund (in the form of a management fee for the units held therein) by a domestic or foreign capital management company or a capital management company associated with the Company by way of a shareholding will be published.

## **Total expense ratio**

Management costs charged to the Fund shall be published in the annual report and shown as a proportion of the Fund's average volume ('total expense ratio'). This comprises the fee for managing the Fund, the Custodian's fee and expenses which may be additionally charged to the Fund (see above). It does not include any ancillary costs or costs incurred in acquiring and disposing of assets (transaction costs). The total expense ratio is published in the key investor information documents as "current costs".

#### **Differing cost statements from Distributors**

If the investor receives advice or brokerage services from third parties in the acquisition of units, these third parties shall show any costs or expense ratios not congruent with the cost indications in this Sales Prospectus and the key investor information documents which may exceed the total expense ratio specified here. One reason for this may be a mark-up for the costs of the activities of the third party (e.g. brokerage, consultancy or custodianship). In addition, this also includes one-off costs such as issuing surcharges and generally uses other calculation methods or also estimates of the expenses incurred at Fund level, including, in particular, the transaction costs of the Fund.

Deviations in cost statements may also occur in information prior to conclusion of an agreement and in regular expense information on existing fund assets in the context of a long-term client relationship.

## 18. Remuneration policy

The Company is subject to the prudential requirements applicable to capital management companies as regards the structuring of its remuneration system. The Company has detailed the characteristics in a remuneration policy that aims to ensure a sustainable remuneration system that avoids misplaced incentives to take excessive risks.

The Company's remuneration system is examined at least once a year by the Company's remuneration committee for its suitability and compliance with all statutory provisions. It includes fixed and variable remuneration elements. Setting ranges for overall remuneration ensures that there is no significant dependence on variable remuneration and that the ratio between variable and fixed remuneration is reasonable.

Specific rules apply to Company executives and employees whose activities have a significant influence on the Company's overall risk profile and on the investment funds managed by it ("risk takers"). For these risk-relevant employees, at least 40% of the variable remuneration must be deferred for a minimum period of three years. During this period, the deferred portion of the remuneration is riskdependent, i.e. it may be reduced if the employee or the Company makes negative profit contributions. At the end of each year of the waiting period, the deferred remuneration portion becomes proportionally vested and is paid out on the respective payment deadline.

Further details concerning the Company's current remuneration policy are published on the website http://www.universal-investment.com/de/Verguetungspolitik-D. This includes a description of the calculation methods for remunerations and payments to specific employee groups, as well as information on the persons responsible for allocation including the members of the remuneration committee. On request, the information shall be made available in hard copy free of charge.

# 19. Calculation and use of income; financial year

The Fund may generate income from interest, dividends and income on investment units accrued during the financial year and not used to cover costs. Other income may be generated from disposing of assets held on behalf of the Fund.

## Income equalisation procedure

The Company uses an income equalisation procedure for the Fund. This means that the pro rata income accrued during the financial year, which the buyer of units must pay as part of the issue price and which the seller of units receives as part of the redemption price, shall be settled on an ongoing basis. Accrued expenses are taken into account when calculating the income equalisation.

The income equalisation procedure is used to balance out fluctuations in the relationship between income and other assets that are caused by net inflows or outflows of funds due to the sale or redemption of units. Otherwise, every net inflow of liquid funds would reduce the proportion of income in the net asset value of the Fund, whilst every outflow would increase it.

As a result, the income equalisation procedure ensures that the income per unit stated in the annual report for accumulating unit classes is not affected by the number of units in circulation and that the distribution amount per unit for distributing unit classes is not affected by the unpredictable performance of the Fund or the units in circulation. It is thus accepted that investors who, for example, acquire units shortly before the distribution date will get back the part of the issue price attributable to income in the form of a distribution, even though their paid-in capital did not contribute to generating the income.

# Use of income

For distributing unit classes, the Company shall in principle and on behalf of the Fund, distribute to investors the interest, dividends and income accrued during the financial year from investment units and not used to cover costs – provided they are attributable to these unit classes – within four months of the financial year end. Realised capital gains – taking the relevant income equalisation into account – may also be distributed on a pro rata basis.

Interim distributions are permissible.

If the units are held by the Custodian in a securities account, its branches will credit distributions free of charge. Additional costs may be incurred if the securities account is maintained with another bank or savings bank.

For accumulating unit classes, the income attributable to such unit classes is not distributed. Instead, it is reinvested in the Fund.

Information concerning the use of income for each unit class can be found in Section C "Overview of unit classes".

## **Financial year**

The financial year of the Fund starts on 1 January and ends on 31 December.

# 20. Liquidation, transfer and merger of the Fund

## Conditions for the liquidation of the Fund

Investors are not entitled to demand that the Fund be liquidated. The Company may terminate its right to manage the Fund subject to at least six months' notice via publication of a notice in the German Federal Gazette, as well as in the annual or semi-annual report. Investors shall also be informed of the termination by the institution maintaining their securities account via a durable medium, i.e. in hard copy or electronic form. The right of the Company to manage the Fund shall expire on the date on which termination takes effect.

Moreover, the right of the Company to manage the Fund ceases if insolvency proceedings are opened against the Company's assets or following a court order rejecting the opening of insolvency proceedings due to insufficiency of assets.

When the Company loses its authority to manage, the right to dispose of the Fund shall pass to the Custodian, who shall liquidate the Fund and distribute the proceeds to investors or – subject to BaFin approval – transfer the management to another capital management company.

#### Procedure for liquidation of the Fund

When the right to dispose of the Fund passes to the Custodian, the issue and redemption of units will cease and the Fund will be liquidated.

The proceeds from disposing of the Fund's assets (less the costs still to be borne by the Fund and the costs incurred with the liquidation) shall be distributed to investors, who shall be entitled to the liquidation proceeds in proportion to their number of units held in the Fund.

On the day its management right expires, the Company shall draw up a liquidation report that meets the requirements for an annual report. This liquidation report shall be published in the German Federal Gazette no later than three months after the Fund is liquidated. While the Custodian is liquidating the Fund, it shall draw up reports annually, as well as on the day the liquidation has been completed, which meet the requirements for an annual report. These reports must be published in the German Federal Gazette no later than three months after the relevant date.

## Fund transfer

The Company may transfer the right to manage and dispose of the Fund to another capital management company. Transfers are subject to prior approval by BaFin. Approved transfers shall be published in the German Federal Gazette and in the Fund's annual or semi-annual report. Investors shall also be informed about a planned transfer by the agent maintaining their securities account via a durable medium, i.e. in hard copy or electronic form. The date on which the transfer becomes effective is determined by the contractual agreements between the Company and the absorbing capital management company. Transfers shall become effective at the earliest three months after they are published in the German Federal Gazette. Other rights and obligations of the Company with respect to the Fund are then transferred to the absorbing capital management company.

## Conditions for the merger of the Fund

All the assets of this Fund may – subject to BaFin approval – be transferred to another investment fund, be it existing or newly created by the merger, that must meet the requirements for a UCITS that was established in Germany or another EU or EEA member state. All of the Fund's assets may be transferred to a domestic investment corporation with variable capital, be it existing or newly created by the merger.

Such transfer shall take effect from the end of the financial year of the Fund (transfer date), unless another transfer date is determined.

## Rights of investors upon merger of the Fund

Investors have up to five working days before the planned transfer date to either redeem their units without further costs (except for the costs deducted to cover the liquidation costs) or – if possible – to exchange their units for those in another open-ended public investment fund that is also managed by the Company or a company in the same group and has a similar investment policy as the Fund.

Before the planned transfer date, the Company shall inform investors in the Fund of the reasons for the merger, the potential impact on the investor, their rights in relation to the merger and the decisive aspects of the procedure, by a durable medium, such as in hard copy or electronic form. Investors shall also receive the key investor information documents for the investment fund to which the Fund's assets will be transferred. Investors must receive the aforementioned information at least 30 days before the end of the period for redemption or conversion of their shares.

On the transfer date, the net asset values of the Fund and the absorbing investment fund shall be calculated, the exchange ratio determined and the entire exchange process audited by the auditor. The conversion ratio will be based on the ratio of the net asset values of each unit in the Fund and in the absorbing investment fund at the time of transfer. Investors shall receive the number of units in the absorbing investment fund corresponding to the value of their units in the Fund.

Investors who do not exercise their right of redemption or conversion will become investors in the absorbing investment fund on the transfer date. Where appropriate, the Company may also agree with the management company of the absorbing investment fund that investors of the absorbed fund are paid up to 10% of the value of their units in cash. The Fund will cease to exist upon transfer of all of its assets. If the transfer is made during the current financial year of the Fund, the Company must draw up a report on the transfer date that meets the requirements for an annual report.

The Company shall announce in the German Federal Gazette, and also in the electronic media specified in this Sales Prospectus, when the Fund has been merged with another investment fund managed by the Company and the merger has become effective. If the Fund is to be merged with another investment fund that is not managed by the Company, the company managing the absorbing or newly established investment fund will be responsible for announcing that the merger has become effective.

# 21. Brief information on tax regulations

Statements concerning tax regulations apply only to investors who are subject to unlimited tax liability<sup>6</sup> in Germany. We recommend that foreign investors<sup>7</sup> consult their tax advisers prior to acquiring units in the Fund described in the Sales Prospectus in order to discuss any possible tax implications in their country of residence arising from the acquisition of units.

In principle, as a special-purpose fund, the Fund is exempt from corporation and trade tax. It is however partially liable to corporation tax on its domestic capital gains and other domestic income in line with the limited income tax liability with the exception of proceeds from the sale of units in companies with limited liability. The tax rate is 15%. If the taxable income is taxed under the capital gains tax deduction, the tax rate of 15% already includes the solidarity surcharge.

However, for private investors, investment income is liable to income tax as income from capital assets if, combined with other investment income, it exceeds the currently applicable flat-rate allow-ance<sup>8</sup>.

Income from capital assets is, in principle, subject to a 25% tax deduction (plus solidarity surcharge and, where applicable, church tax). Income from capital assets also includes income from investment funds (investment income), i.e. distributions from the Fund, advance lump sum amounts and proceeds from the sale of shares.

- <sup>7</sup> Foreign investors are investors who do not have unlimited tax liability. They are hereinafter referred to as "non-residents for tax purposes".
- <sup>8</sup> Since 2009, flat-rate allowance has been EUR 801 for single filers and EUR 1,602 for joint filers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Investors with unlimited tax liability are hereinafter referred to as "residents for tax purposes".

In principle, for the private investor, the tax deduction acts as a final payment (flat rate withholding tax), meaning that, as a rule, income from capital assets does not need to be declared on the income tax return. In principle, when deducting the tax, the institution maintaining the securities account will have already offset losses and foreign withholding taxes resulting from direct investments.

However, the tax deduction does not act as a final payment if the personal tax rate is lower than the 25% withholding tax rate. In this case, income from capital assets may be declared in the income tax return. The tax authorities then apply the lower personal rate of tax and offset the aforementioned tax deduction against the personal tax liability (favourable tax treatment).

If income from capital assets was not subject to tax deduction (e.g. gains from the disposal of fund units were generated in a foreign securities account), said income must be declared in the tax return. As part of the assessment, income from capital assets is also subject to the withholding tax rate of 25% or the personal tax rate, whichever is lower.

If units are held as operating assets, the income is considered taxable as operating income.

## Units held as personal assets (residents for tax purposes)

## Distributions

Fund distributions are in principle taxable.

Taxable distributions are generally subject to a tax deduction of 25% (plus the solidarity surcharge and church tax, if applicable).

The tax deduction need not be applied if the investor is a resident for tax purposes and presents an exemption order, provided that the taxable income component does not exceed the currently applicable flat-rate allowance<sup>9</sup>.

This also applies when providing a certificate for persons that are not expected to be subject to income tax (hereinafter "non-assessment certificate").

If a domestic investor keeps units in a domestic securities account, the institution maintaining the securities account (as the paying agent) will not deduct tax if, before the date set for distribution, it receives an exemption order for a sufficient amount and issued in accordance with the official template or a non-assessment certificate issued by the tax authorities for a maximum period of three years. In this case, the investor will be credited for the full amount of the distribution.

#### Advance lump sum amounts

The advance lump sum is the amount by which the distributions from the Fund within a calendar year fall below the basic income for that calendar year. The basic income is calculated by multiplying the redemption price of the unit at the start of a calendar year by 70% of the base rate, derived from the long-term returns attainable from public bonds. The basic income is limited to the difference between the first and last redemption price recorded of the calendar year plus the distributions within the cal-

<sup>9</sup> Since 2009, flat-rate allowance has been EUR 801 for single filers and EUR 1,602 for joint filers.

endar year. In the year the units are acquired, the advance lump sum amount is reduced by one twelfth for each full month prior to its acquisition. The advance lump sum amount shall be deemed to have accrued on the first working day of the following calendar year.

As a rule, advance lump sum amounts are taxable.

As a rule, taxable advance lump sum amounts are subject to a 25% tax deduction (plus solidarity surcharge and, where applicable, church tax).

The tax deduction need not be applied if the investor is a resident for tax purposes and presents an exemption order, provided that the taxable income component does not exceed the currently applicable flat-rate allowance<sup>10</sup>.

This also applies when providing a certificate for persons that are not expected to be subject to income tax (hereinafter "non-assessment certificate").

If a domestic investor keeps units in a domestic securities account, the institution maintaining the securities account (as the paying agent) will not deduct tax if, before the time of accrual, it receives an exemption order for a sufficient amount and issued in accordance with the official template or a non-assessment certificate issued by the tax authorities for a maximum period of three years. In this case, no tax will be paid. Otherwise, investors must make the amount of the tax to be paid available to the domestic institution maintaining their securities account. For this purpose, the institution that maintains the securities accounts may debit the amount of the payable tax from an account it maintains in the name of the investor without the consent of the investor if the investor does not object before the advance lump sum amount accrues, provided this does not use any overdraft facility agreed with the investor for this account. If the investor has not complied with his obligation to make the amount of the tax to be paid available to the domestic institution must report them to the competent tax authorities. In this case, the investor must include the advance lump sum amount in his income tax return.

#### Capital gains at investor level

If Fund units are sold after 31 December 2017, the capital gains shall be subject to a withholding tax of 25%. This shall apply to units acquired before 1 January 2018 and considered sold by 31 December 2017 and repurchased on 1 January 2018, as well as units acquired after 31 December 2017.

It should be noted, with regard to proceeds from the sale of units acquired before 1 January 2018 and considered sold on 31 December 2017 and repurchased on 1 January 2018, that at the time of the actual sale, the proceeds from the notional sale on 31 December 2017 are taxable if the units were actually acquired after 31 December 2008.

If the units are held in a domestic securities account, the institution maintaining the securities account will apply the tax deduction taking any partial exemptions into account. The 25% tax deduction (plus solidarity surcharge and, where applicable, church tax) may be waived following submission of a sufficient exemption order or non-assessment certificate. If such units are sold by a private investor at a loss, the loss may be offset against other positive income from capital assets. If the units are

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Since 2009, flat-rate allowance has been EUR 801 for single filers and EUR 1,602 for joint filers.

held in a domestic securities account and positive income was generated from capital assets with the same institution maintaining the securities account in the same calendar year, said institution will offset the losses.

In principle, the proceeds arising after 31 December 2017 from a sale of Fund units acquired before 1 January 2009 that takes place after 31 December 2017 shall be tax-exempt up to an amount of EUR 100,000 for private investors. The allowance can only be claimed if these proceeds are declared to the investor's competent tax authority.. Changes in value between the purchase date (acquisition before 1 January 2009) and 31 December 2017 shall be tax-exempt.

When calculating the capital gains, the advance lump sum amounts recognised during the holding period shall be deducted from the gains.

In the event of loss on disposal, the loss is not deductible from the amount of the partial exemption to be applied at investor level.

## Units held as operating assets (residents for tax purposes)

## Refund of corporation tax charged to the Fund

If the investor is a domestic corporation, association of individuals or corporate fund which, according to its articles of association, act of formation or other by-laws and according to its effective management exclusively and directly serves charitable, non-profitable or religious purposes or is a foundation under public law that exclusively and directly serves charitable, non-profitable or religious purposes or is a legal entity under public law that exclusively and directly serves religious purposes, capital gains tax (corporation tax) accruing at Fund level may be reimbursed to it; this does not apply if the units are held in a commercial business. The same applies to comparable foreign investors with registered offices and central management in a foreign state providing mutual assistance for the recovery of taxes. For the refund, the investor must have been the beneficial owner of the units and their owner under civil law for at least three months prior to accrual of the income liable to corporation tax and there must be no obligation to transfer the units to another person. Furthermore, reimbursement in respect of capital gains tax on German dividends and income from German near-equity participation rights accruing at Fund level essentially requires that German equities and German nearequity participation rights are held by the Fund as the beneficial owner for an uninterrupted period of 45 days before and after the maturity date of the capital gains and that over these 45 days the risk of a change in the minimum value remains at a constant 70%.

Evidence of tax exemption and a statement on the investment units held issued by the institution maintaining the securities account must be enclosed with the application. The statement on the investment units held is an official certificate drawn up on the number of units held by the investor throughout the calendar year and the dates and volumes of unit acquisition and disposal over the calendar year.

Due to the high level of complexity of the regulations, it is advisable to consult a tax adviser.

#### Distributions

In principle, distributions from the Fund are liable to income, corporation and/or trade tax.

As a rule, distributions are subject to a 25% tax deduction (plus solidarity surcharge).

### Advance lump sum amounts

The advance lump sum is the amount by which the distributions from the Fund within a calendar year fall below the basic income for that calendar year. The basic income is calculated by multiplying the redemption price of the unit at the start of a calendar year by 70% of the base rate, derived from the long-term returns attainable from public bonds. The basic income is limited to the difference between the first and last redemption price recorded of the calendar year plus the distributions within the calendar year. In the year the units are acquired, the advance lump sum amount is reduced by one twelfth for each full month prior to its acquisition. The advance lump sum amount shall be deemed to have accrued on the first working day of the following calendar year.

In principle, advance lump sum amounts are liable to income, corporation and/or trade tax.

As a rule, advance lump sum amounts are subject to a 25% tax deduction (plus solidarity surcharge).

## Capital gains at investor level

In principle, proceeds from the sale of units are subject to income, corporation and/or trade tax. When calculating the capital gains, the advance lump sum amounts recognised during the holding period shall be deducted from the gains.

Proceeds from the sale of units are generally not liable to tax deduction.

In the event of loss on disposal, the loss is not deductible from the amount of the partial exemption to be applied at investor level.

## Liquidation tax

While the Fund is being liquidated, distributions only qualify as income to the extent that they include capital growth for a calendar year.

## Taxation summary for common investor groups in the sector

	Distributions	Advance lump sum amounts	Capital gains
Domestic investors			
Sole proprietorships	Capital gains tax:   Capital gains tax:     25% (partial exemption of 30% applied for equity funds and 15% for mixed funds)   Capital gains tax:		
	Material taxation: Income tax and trade tax, with any applicable partial exemption (equity fund: 60% for income tax and 30% for trade tax; mixed fund: 30% for income tax and 15% for trade tax)		
Corporations subject to standard taxation [Regelbesteuerung]	Not applicable for banks, otherwise 25% (partial exemption of 30% Not applicable g] for equity funds and 15% for mixed funds)		
(typically industrial companies; banks, provided units are not part of the trading portfolio; property insurers)			
Life and health insurance companies and pension funds in			
which the fund units are attributable to the capital investments	<u>Material taxation:</u> Corporation and trade tax, if no provision is made for premium refunds on the commercial balance sheet, which must also be recognised for tax purposes with any applicable partial exemption (equity fund: 30% for corporation tax and 15% for trade tax; mixed fund: 15% for corporation tax and 7.5% for trade tax)		
Banks which hold Capital gains tax:   units of the Fund in Not applicable			
the trading portfolio	Material taxation: Corporation tax and trade tax, with any applicable partial exemption (equity fund: 30% for corporation tax and 15% for trade tax; mixed fund: 15% for corporation tax and 7.5% for trade tax)		
Tax-exempt charita- ble, benevolent or church investors (in	Capital gains tax: Not applicable		
particular churches and charitable foundations)   Material taxation: Tax-exempt – in addition, the corporate tax incurred at the Fund level may be refunded o capital gains tax deduction may be waived if the requirements under § 10 InvStG are met			
Other tax-exempt investors (in particular pension	Capital gains tax: Not applicable		
funds, death benefit funds, and provident funds, provided they meet the conditions of corporation tax law).	Material taxation: Tax-free		

Subject to being held in a domestic custody account. An additional deduction in the form of a solidarity surcharge will be levied on the capital gains tax, income tax and corporation tax. It may be necessary to submit certificates to the institution maintaining the securities account on time in order to avoid the deduction of capital gains tax.

# Non-residents for tax purposes

If a non-resident for tax purposes holds Fund units in a securities account with a domestic institution that maintains securities accounts, no tax will be deducted on distributions, advance lump sum amounts or proceeds from the sale of units if this party demonstrates its foreign status. Should the institution maintaining the securities account not be informed of the investor's foreign status or if such evidence is not provided in a timely manner, the foreign investor must apply for reimbursement of the deducted tax pursuant to the German Fiscal Code<sup>11</sup> [AO]. The competent tax authority is responsible for the institution maintaining the securities account.

# Solidarity surcharge

A solidarity surcharge in the amount of 5.5% shall apply to the tax deduction on distributions, advance lump sum amounts and proceeds from the sale of units. The solidarity surcharge may be offset against income tax and corporation tax.

# **Church tax**

If income tax is already being collected by means of tax withheld by a domestic institution maintaining a custody account (withholding agent), church tax applicable to this income will be collected as a regular surcharge to the tax deduction, calculated using the rate of church tax for the religious group to which the person subject to church tax belongs. The deductibility of church tax as an extraordinary expense is taken into account during the tax deduction.

# Foreign withholding tax

Withholding tax on the Fund's foreign income is, in some cases, levied in the country of origin. This withholding tax cannot be used by investors to reduce the tax amount.

# Impact of the merger of investment funds

The merger of a domestic investment fund with another domestic investment fund shall not result in the disclosure of hidden reserves, either at investor level or at the level of the investment funds involved; in other words, this process is tax-neutral. The same applies to the transfer of all assets of a domestic investment fund to a domestic investment corporation with variable capital or a subfund of a domestic investment corporation with variable capital. If the investors in the absorbed investment fund receive a cash payment<sup>12</sup> provided for in the merger plan, this shall be treated as a distribution.

# Automatic information exchange in tax matters

Automatic information exchange to combat cross-border tax fraud and cross-border tax evasion has enjoyed rapid growth internationally in recent years. Therefore, at the request of the G20, the OECD published a global standard in 2014 for the automatic exchange of information on financial accounts in tax matters (the Common Reporting Standard, hereinafter 'CRS'). Over 90 countries (participating

<sup>11</sup> § 37(2) AO.

<sup>12</sup> § 190(2)(2) KAGB.

states) signed on to the CRS under a multilateral agreement. In addition, in late 2014, this was incorporated into Council Directive 2011/16/EU in relation to the mandatory automatic exchange of information in the area of taxation, by means of Council Directive 2014/107/EU of 9 December 2014. In principle, the participating countries (all EU member states, plus many other countries) have applied the CRS since 2016, with mandatory reporting from 2017. Only a few countries (such as Austria and Switzerland) were permitted to implement the CRS one year later. Germany transposed the CRS into German law through the Financial Account Information Exchange Act [FkAustG] of 21 December 2015 and implemented it in 2016.

The CRS requires reporting financial institutions (essentially credit institutions) to collect certain information on their clients. If the clients (natural persons or legal entities) are persons subject to reporting requirements domiciled in another participating state (not including clients such as exchange-listed capital companies or financial institutions), their accounts and deposits are classified as accounts subject to reporting requirements. In such cases, the reporting financial institutions provide certain information to their domestic tax authorities for every account subject to reporting requirements. These authorities then forward this information to the domestic tax authorities of the client.

The information to be provided essentially comprises the personal details of the client subject to reporting requirements (name, address, tax ID number, date of birth and place of birth (for natural persons), country of domicile) and information on the accounts and deposits (such as account number, account balance or value, gross sum total of income from interest, dividends or distributions from investment funds), gross total proceeds from the sale or redemption of financial assets (including fund units).

Specifically, this concerns the following investors subject to reporting requirements with an account and/or securities account with a credit institution domiciled in a participating country. Therefore, German credit institutions report information on investors domiciled in other participating countries to the German Federal Central Tax Office, which in turn forwards the information to the relevant tax authorities in the country of domicile. Similarly, credit institutions in other participating countries report information on investors domiciled in Germany to their domestic tax authorities, which forward this information to the German Federal Central Tax Office. Finally, it is conceivable that credit institutions domiciled in other participating countries may report information on investors domiciled in different participating countries to their domestic tax authorities, which in turn will forward the information to the tax authorities in the countries of domicile.

# 22. Outsourcing

The Company has assigned the following tasks to other companies:

- Operation of IT systems (IT and EDP)
- Internal audit
- Portfolio management

The portfolio management of the Fund has been outsourced to I.C.M. Investment Bank AG.

The following conflicts of interest may arise from this outsourcing:

- The bank does not act exclusively for the Company and the investors and may also provide portfolio management services for other investment funds and their investors.
- Within the framework of its investment strategy, the Company may also (in principle) acquire for the investment fund own issues or other investment funds managed or advised by it.
- In principle, the bank is not prevented from conducting trading activities itself or through affiliated companies.

# 23. Conflicts of interest

The following conflicts of interest may arise whilst managing the Fund.

The interests of investors may conflict with:

• the interests of the Company, other companies in the same group as the Company, the Company's management and/or staff, external companies and persons to whom the Company is contractually bound, and other third parties

and

• the interests of the investment funds managed by the Company and insourcing mandates, investors and clients of the Company

or

• the interests of investors and clients of the Company amongst themselves

or

• the interests of investors and of the investment funds managed by the Company

or

• the interests of the various investment funds managed by the Company.

Circumstances and relationships that may give rise to conflicts of interest include in particular:

- Incentive systems for managing directors or employees of the Company, other companies in the same group as the Company or external companies that are contracted to provide services to enable collective portfolio management
- Personal transactions, involving assets held in the Fund managed by the Company, of managing directors or employees of the Company or managing directors or employees of companies that the Company has contracted to provide services to enable collective portfolio management
- Transactions between the Company and the investment funds or individual portfolios managed by the Company and/or transactions between investment funds and/or individual portfolios managed by the Company
- Combining a number of orders (block trades)
- Frequent trading

- Setting the cut-off time
- IPO allocations
- Delegating one or more functions to another company
- Exercising voting rights in respect of the shares held in the Fund
- Duties of the Custodian
- The interests of investors who wish to recover their investments and investors who wish to continue investing in the Fund
- Defining objectives when managing investments, investing in illiquid assets and the redemption principles of the Fund.

The Company may receive non-cash benefits in connection with transactions conducted on behalf of the Fund (broker research, financial analyses, market and price information systems), which are used when making investment decisions in the interests of investors.

The Company does not receive any refunds from fees and expenses paid from the Fund to the Custodian and third parties.

The Company pays intermediaries, such as credit institutions, recurring – generally annual – brokerage fees (trail fees).

The Company may charge a fee for its brokerage services, if investment assets brokered by the Company, which may in particular include those managed by the Company, are acquired in the Fund.

The Company takes the following organisational measures to address, detect, prevent, control, monitor and disclose conflicts of interest:

- Setting up a remuneration system that does not provide any incentive to put personal interests over those of the investment funds managed by the Company or investors or clients
- companies Investment consultancy firms and asset management are contractually bound to avoid conflicts of interest.
- Rules on personal transactions that are continuously monitored by the Compliance department, and a blacklist that prohibits personal transactions involving certain assets, to address potential conflicts of interest
- Rules on disclosing and dealing with accepting and granting donations
- Continuous monitoring of the transaction frequency within investment funds managed by the Company, in order to prevent said investment funds from being redeployed to the detriment of investors
- Implementing measures to prevent boosting fund performance near cut-off dates (window dressing) in investment funds managed by the Company
- Not engaging in transactions on its own account with investment funds managed by the Company or individual portfolios, and conducting transactions between different investment funds managed by the Company merely to achieve better trading results, without adversely affecting any of the investment funds involved

- Multiple orders (block trades) are combined on the basis of a uniform allocation principle
- Investors shall be notified when closely affiliated companies or persons (particularly shareholders) are appointed to act as, for example, asset managers, consultants, brokers or custodians.
- Taking internal measures to monitor the adverse market impact on the Fund as a result of major individual investments
- Prohibiting managing directors and employees of the Company from engaging in frequent trading by establishing rules on personal transactions and monitoring the investment funds managed by the Company
- Agreeing cut-off times with custodians to counteract speculation against the investment funds managed by the Company
- Standardised internal allocation principles for IPO allocations
- Delegating one or more functions to other companies so as to broaden the range of services provided by the Company
- Voting rights within the Fund's portfolio are exercised on the basis of recommendations from a neutral external investment consultancy firm in accordance with the analysis guidelines of BVI Bundesverband Investment und Asset Management e.V.
- The Fund's Custodian acts independently of the Company and is contractually bound to act exclusively in the interests of investors.
- The interests of investors who wish to recover their investments and those who wish to keep investing in the Fund are taken into account during internal liquidity management
- The same applies with regard to conflicts between defining objectives when managing investments, investing in illiquid assets and the redemption principles of the Fund.

## 24. Annual/semi-annual reports, auditor, service providers

The annual and semi-annual reports are available from the Company and the Custodian.

The task of auditing the Fund and the annual reports has been entrusted to KPMG AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Frankfurt / Main. The auditor audits the annual reports of the Fund. When conducting its audits, the auditor shall also verify whether the Fund has complied with the provisions under the KAGB and the Terms and Conditions of Investment. The auditor shall summarise its findings in a special note, the full text of which shall be included in the annual report. The auditor shall submit its audit report for the Fund to BaFin upon request.

Companies to which the Company has outsourced duties are listed under Section 22 "Outsourcing". The Company has also appointed the following service providers:

Legal advisers: the Company employs the services of the following law firms to provide legal advice with regard to class actions and private suits: Diaz Reus Rolff & Targ LLP, DRRT Limited, Motley Rice LLC and Sturman LLC. These firms are involved primarily in representing the Company and/or Fund in class actions in the USA and in private suits. Appointing law firms does not establish legal relationships between said firms and investors in the Fund.

# 25. Payments to unit-holders; circulation of reports and other information

The appointment of the Custodian ensures that investors receive the dividends due to them and that units can be redeemed. The information for investors mentioned in this Sales Prospectus is available from the Company. These documents can also be obtained from the Custodian. They are also available on the Company's website at http://www.universal-investment.com.

# 26. Other investment funds managed by the Company

The Company also manages the public investment funds listed below, which are not covered by this Sales Prospectus:

## Investment funds pursuant to the UCITS Directive

3.14 Tungsten Long Short Strategy Absolute Return Multi Premium Fonds ACATIS AI Global Equities ACATIS - GANÉ VALUE EVENT FONDS UI ACATIS AKTIEN EUROPA FUND UI ACATIS AKTIEN GLOBAL FUND UI Acatis Asia Pacific Plus Fonds UI ACATIS Datini Valueflex Fonds ACATIS Fair Value Bonds UI ACATIS Global Value Total Return UI ACATIS IfK Value Renten UI **ACATIS India Value Equities** ACEVO Global Healthcare Absolute Return UI AF Value Invest UI AG Ostalb Global Fonds **AHF Global Select** AHP Aristoteles Fonds UI Aktien Opportunity UI Aktien Südeuropa UI ALL-IN-ONE Allevia Fund Alpamayo Credit Fund UI Alpora Innovation Select ANOBA Aktiv L/S Apo Dänische Pfandbriefe UI apo StrukturPortfolio Ausgewogen apo VV Defensiv – Privat apo VV Renten - Privat ART Alpha Opportunities UI ART CapaMi UI ART Global Fixed Income UI ART Metzler Global Currency Management ART Top 50 Convertibles UI **ASSETS Defensive Opportunities UI ASSETS Special Opportunities UI** ATHENA UI AURETAS strategy balanced (D) AURETAS strategy defensive (D) AURETAS strategy growth (D) AvH Emerging Markets Fonds UI Belvoir Global Allocation II Universal

Berenberg DyMACS Volatility Premium Berenberg Emerging Markets Bond Selection Berenberg Emerging Markets Equity Selection Berenberg Euro Enhanced Liquidity Berenberg Euro Financial Bond Selection Berenberg Euro Government Bond Selection Berenberg European Equity Selection Berenberg Global Bond Selection Berenberg Global Equity Selection Berenberg Strategy Allocation BERENBERG-1590-AKTIEN MITTELSTAND BERENBERG-1590-FLEXIBLE ALLOKATION BERENBERG-1590-SUBSTANZ-UNIVERSAL Beta Opportunities UI BfS Nachhaltigkeitsfonds Ertrag BfS Nachhaltigkeitsfonds Green Bonds BFS Nachhaltigkeitsfonds Aktien I BFS Nachhaltigkeitsfonds Aktien II BIB Nachhaltigkeit Aktien Global **BKC** Aktienfonds **BKC Emerging Markets Renten BKC Treuhand Portfolio BKP Classic Fonds UI BKP** Dachfonds UI Böhke & Compagnie Vermögensverwaltungsfonds **Börsebius TopMix Börsebius TopSelect BRW Balanced Return BRW Balanced Return Plus BW-RENTA-UNIVERSAL-FUND** CCA European Opportunities UI CHOM CAPITAL Active Return Europe UI CHOM CAPITAL High Conviction Europe UI **COLLEGIUM Portfolio I COLLEGIUM Portfolio II** CONCEPT Aurelia Global CONVERTIBLE GLOBAL DIVERSIFIED UI CYD Diversified Commodities CYD Diversified Commodities ex - AL Degussa Aktien Universal-Fonds DEGUSSA BANK-UNIVERSAL-RENTENFONDS Future funds Degussa Renten Universal-Fonds Deutsche Postbank Europafonds Aktien Deutsche Postbank Europafonds Plus Deutsche Postbank Europafonds Renten Deutsche Postbank Global Player di exclusive Linus global **DUI** Wertefinder Earth Exploration Fund UI Earth Gold Fund UI EB - Sustainable Corporate Bond Invest UI EB - Sustainable European Bond Fund UI EB - Sustainable European Equity Fund UI Elite Plus UI EMCORE COP Estlander & Partners Trend Fund UI Felspar Multi Asset UI FIAG-UNIVERSAL-DACHFONDS FIDUKA Dynamic UI FIDUKA-UNIVERSAL-FONDS I

**FINCA Active Duration** FIVV-MIC-Mandat-China FIVV-MIC-Mandat-Offensiv FIVV-MIC-Mandat-Rendite FIVV-MIC-Mandat-Rohstoffe FIVV-MIC-Mandat-Wachstum FO Vermögensverwalterfonds Fokus Fund Germany + FVM-Stiftungsfonds GAP Portfolio UI GF Global UI GLS Bank Aktienfonds **GLS Bank Klimafonds** Goyer & Göppel Smart Select Universal Goyer & Göppel Zins-Invest alpha Universal **GR** Dynamik GR Noah GSP Aktiv Portfolio UI H&A-UNIVERSAL-KURZINVEST HannoverscheBasisInvest HannoverscheMaxInvest HannoverscheMediumInvest HanseMerkur Strategie ausgewogen HanseMerkur Strategie chancenreich HanseMerkur Strategie sicherheitsbewusst Hansen & Heinrich Universal Fonds HaRa-Invest UI Heidelberger Vermögen - Ausgewogen Heidelberger Vermögen - Konservativ HMT Euro Aktien Solvency HMT Euro Aktien defensiv HMT Global Antizyklik HMT Global Aktien Infrastruktur HNC Advisors Diversified Multi-Asset-Class UI HP&P Euro Select UI Fonds **HVB** Select Alpha HWG-FONDS Julius Baer Germany - Focus Fund Balanced Julius Baer Germany - Focus Fund Growth JRS-INTERNATIONAL-UNIVERSAL-FONDS KJL Capital Absolute Return I UI L&H Multi Strategie UI LAM-EURO-CORPORATE HYBRIDE LAM-EURO-CORPORATES-UNIVERSAL LAM-EURO-RENTEN-UNIVERSAL LAM-EURO-SMALL CAPS-UNIVERSAL LAM-MULTI ASSET L/S LAM-RENTEN GLOBAL LAM-STIFTERFONDS-UNIVERSAL Lampe Ausgewogen Lampe Dividende Europa Aktiv Lampe Dynamik Lampe Rendite Spezial Lampe Solid Lampe Strategie Lampe Wachstum LBBW Pro-Fund Credit I Lebenswerte Zukunft Rentenfonds UI Leonardo UI Mandelbrot Europe Mandelbrot Market Neutral Germany

Mandelbrot Market Neutral US Technology Maneris Select UI Markus Alt Rentenstrategie Nr. 1 MARS 10 UI Mayence Fair Value Bond Fonds MC 1 Universal Mehrwertphasen Balance UI Meisterwert Perspektive MellowFund Bond Select MellowFund Global Equity Merck Finck Stiftungsfonds UI Merck Finck Vario Aktien Renten UI Merck Finck Vario Spezial UI MFI Rendite Plus UI morgen Aktien Global UI MYRA European Equity Fund Multi Asset Comfort Multi Asset Global Vision Multi Asset Value Invest Mundo I Invest Nixdorf Quant 1 nordIX Basis UI nordIX Treasury plus nova Steady HealthCare Oberbanscheidt Global Flexibel UI Oberbanscheidt Global Stockpicker **OVID** Infrastructure HY Income UI P & S Renditefonds PARAGON UI PERPRO-Universal AA2 Primus low eVaR Global Prisma Aktiv UI Prisma Asianavigator UI ProfitlichSchmidlin Fonds UI PSM Growth UI PSM Value Strategy UI PTAM Global Allocation UI quantumX Global UI R + P UNIVERSAL-FONDS Renten Global Opportunities **RP** Gamma **RSI** International UI RW Portfolio Strategie UI Sal. Oppenheim WertKonzept S4A EU Pure Equity S4A Pure Equity Germany S4A US Long Sarasin-FairInvest-Bond-Universal-Fonds Sarasin-FairInvest-Universal-Fonds SEB Aktienfonds SEB BKW SEB EuroCompanies SEB Europafonds SEB Total Return Bond Fund SEB Zinsglobal sentix Fonds Aktien Deutschland sentix Risk Return -Asentix Total Return -defensivsentix Total Return -offensiv-SIGAVEST Vermögensverwaltungsfonds UI SK Spezial

**SKALIS Evolution Defensive** SKALIS Evolution Flex Solution Rendite Plus Spiekermann & CO Strategie I StarCapital Bondvalue UI Stiftungsfonds Spiekermann & CO Stoikos UI Strategie H&H SWuK Renten Flexibel UI Sydbank Vermögensverwaltung Dynamisch Sydbank Vermögensverwaltung Klassisch TAM Fortune Rendite Tiger German Opportunities UI **Tinzenhorn Fonds** Top 25 S TRENDCONCEPT-UNIVERSAL-FONDS-AKTIEN-EUROPA TREND-UNIVERSAL-FONDS-GLOBAL TriStone UI Tungsten PARITON UI Tungsten SHY Synthetic High Yield UI Tungsten VEGAMIND UI Universal Floor Fund Universal-Shareconcept-BC V/A® Stiftungsfonds UI Value Partnership Vario Deutschland UI Veermaster Flexible Navigation Fund UI Velten Strategie Deutschland Vermögensmanagement – Fonds Universal Vermögensmandat Strategie Chance Vermögensmandat Strategie Ertrag Vermögensmandat Strategie Stabil Vermögensmandat Strategie Wachstum Voba Pforzheim Premium A Fonds UI VR Bank KT EuroProtect UI Währungsfonds UI WAVE Total Return Fonds Dynamic WAVE Total Return Fonds Wells Fargo Renten International WM AKTIEN GLOBAL UI-FONDS WM AKTIEN GLOBAL US\$ UI-FONDS World Market Fund WWK-Rent Zindstein Werte-Sammler Zindstein Opportunitäten-Sammler Zukunftsportfolio Nachhaltigkeit

#### Alternative investment funds (AIF)

#### • Mixed investment funds

AktivBalance AktivBasis AktivChance AM Fortune Fund Defensive AM Fortune Fund Offensive BERENBERG-1590-STRATEGIE-UNIVERSAL BERENBERG-1590-ERTRAG-UNIVERSAL BERENBERG-1590-STIFTUNG BERIAN-UNIVERSAL-FONDS D&J Alpha UI D&J Beta UI Deutsche Postbank Best Invest Wachstum EMW-UNIVERSAL-FONDS FIMAX Vermögensverwaltungsfonds UI Fondspicker Global UI FP ERFOLGSSTRATEGIE DYNAMIK UI FVM-Classic UI HeLa UI Kirchröder Vermögensbildungsfonds 1 AMI MasterFonds-VV Ausgewogen MasterFonds-VV Ertrag MasterFonds-VV Wachstum NILUS-UNIVERSAL-FONDS Pfau-StrategieDepot UI R+P Rendite Plus UI RBV – VV AMI Stiftungsfonds Westfalen Thesi-Universal-Fonds UI Alsterstrategie I UNIKAT Premium Select Fonds Varios Flex Fonds UI Voba Pforzheim Premium R Fonds UI ZinsPlus Fonds UI ZSBalance ZSDefensiv ZSDynamic

#### • Other investment funds

Aktivportfolio-UI Conveo Capital-UI Dynamic Opportunities-UI EB - Sustainable Multi Asset Invest UI Eventus-UI Finiens Futura 1 UI GRAMOS Multi Strategie UI HaRa UI Kapital Plus-UI Optomoni-UI Pollux I-UI pro aurum ValueFlex smart-invest LINDOS AR

#### • Old-age provision investment funds

SEB GenerationPlus

At present, there are also 472 special AIFs.

# C. Overview of the unit classes

## Initial issue date

Unit class T	15 October 2007
Unit class A	25 February 2013

## Initial issue price

Unit class T	EUR 100.00 plus issuing surcharge
Unit class A	EUR 100.00 plus issuing surcharge

## Issuing surcharge

Unit class T	currently 0.00%
Unit class A	currently 3.00%

## Minimum investment amount

Unit class T	none
Unit class A	none

#### Management fee

Unit class T	currently 0.235% <sup>13</sup> p.a.
Unit class A	currently 0.26% <sup>14</sup> p.a.

## **Custodian fee**

Unit class T	currently 0.025% p.a.
Unit class A	currently 0.025% p.a.

### Asset management fee

Unit class T	currently 1.40% p.a.
Unit class A	currently 1.40% p.a.

#### **Performance fee**

Unit class T Up to 10% of the return generated by the Fund during the accounting period exceeding the benchmark (Euribor<sup>®</sup> 1M TR (EUR)) plus a threshold

<sup>13</sup> Calculation of the management fee is based on a volume-dependent scale. As a result, different fee rates apply depending on the Fund volume.

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value of 5% p.a., but only if the unit value reaches a new high water mark<sup>15</sup>

Unit class A Up to 10% of the return generated by the Fund during the accounting period exceeding the benchmark (Euribor<sup>®</sup> 1M TR (EUR)) plus a threshold value of 5% p.a., but only if the unit value reaches a new high water mark<sup>16</sup>

### Currency

Unit class T	EUR
Unit class A	EUR

## Benchmark

Unit class T	MSCI World GDR (USD)17
Unit class A	MSCI World GDR (USD)18

### Use of income

Unit class T	Distributed
Unit class A	Distributed

### Securities ID No/ISIN:

Unit class 1	A0MYG1 / DE000A0MYG12
Unit class 2	A1J9EP / DE000A1J9EP5

<sup>15</sup> Cf. management fees and other costs in this Sales Prospectus.
<sup>16</sup> Cf. management fees and other costs in this Sales Prospectus.
<sup>17</sup> MSCI World<sup>®</sup> is a registered trademark of MSCI Inc.
<sup>18</sup> See above.

# D. List of sub-custodians

Country list:

## As at: 24/01/2017

The country list attached includes all sub-custodians assigned by the Custodian. Not all the sub-custodians included in the country list are assigned for the UCITS.

Sub-custodians do not have further sub-custodians, except for international central depositories Clearstream Banking S.A. Luxembourg and Euroclear Bank S.A. Brussels.

The following securities are held in custody with the sub-custodians:

- o Shares
- $\circ$  Bonds
- $\circ$  Warrants
- o Subscription rights
- $\circ$  Convertible bonds
- Fund units.

Country	Name of the sub-custodian
Egypt	Citibank N.A. Egypt
Argentina	Euroclear Bank S.A. — Indirect via HSBC Bank Argentina S.A. for equities
Australia	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A.
Bahrain	HSBC Bank Middle East Ltd
BANGLADESH	Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp Limited
Belgium	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A.
Benin	Standard Chartered Bank Côte D'Ivoire SA
Bermuda	Bank of Bermuda (HSBC Group)
Botswana	Standard Chartered Bank of Botswana Ltd
Brazil	Banco BNP Paribas Brasil SA
Bulgaria	Unicredit Bulbank A.D.
Burkina Faso	Standard Chartered Bank Côte D'Ivoire SA
Chile	Banco de Chile (Citibank N.A)
China (People's Republic)	BNP PARIBAS CHINA LTD — limited to the Fixed Income Product traded on the China Interbank bond Market
	HSBC Bank (China) Company Limited

Costa Rica	Banco BCT S.A.
Denmark	Nordea Bank Danmark AB (publ)
Germany	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A.
Ivory Coast	Standard Chartered Bank Côte D'Ivoire SA
Estonia	AS SEB Pank
Finland	Nordea Bank AB (publ)
France	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A.
Ghana	Standard Chartered Bank of Ghana Ltd
Greece	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A.
Guinea – Bissau	Standard Chartered Bank Côte D'Ivoire SA
Hong Kong SAR	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A.
India	BNP Paribas
Indonesia	Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp Limited, Jakarta
International central depositary	Clearstream Banking S.A.
International central depositary	Euroclear Bank S.A.
Ireland	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A.
Iceland	Islandsbanki
Israel	Citibank N.A. Israel
Italy	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A.
Japan	Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp Limited, Tokyo
Canada	Royal Bank of Canada (Investor & Treasury Services)
Kazakhstan	JSC Citibank Kazakhstan
Kenya	Standard Chartered Bank PLC
Columbia	BNP Paribas Securities Services Sociedad Fiduciaria Bogota
Korea (Republic of)	Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp Limited, Seoul
Croatia	Unicredit Bank Austria AGVienna – Indirect via Zagrebacka Banka d.d., Zagreb
Kuwait	HSBC Bank Middle East Ltd
Latvia	AS SEB Banka
Lithuania	AB SEB Bankas
Malaysia	HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad, Kuala Lumpur
Mali	Standard Chartered Bank Côte D'Ivoire SA

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Malta	Clearstream Banking SA
Morocco	Banque Marocaine pour le Commerce et l'industrie
Mauritius	Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp Limited, Port-Louis
Mexico	Banco Nacional De Mexico (Citibanamex)
Namibia	Standard Bank of Namibia Limited
New Zealand	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A.
Netherlands	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A.
Niger	Standard Chartered Bank Côte D'Ivoire SA
Nigeria	Stanbic IBTC Bank
Norway	Nordea Bank AB (publ)
Austria	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A.
Oman	HSBC Bank Oman Saog
Pakistan	Citibank N.A. Karachi
Peru	BNP Paribas Securities Services Sociedad Fiduciaria Bogota
Philippines	Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp Limited, Manila
Poland	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A.
Portugal	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A.
Qatar	HSBC Bank Middle East Ltd
Romania	Citibank Europe PLC Bucharest Branch
Russia	AO Citibank (Joint Stock Company Commercial Bank Citi- bank)
Zambia	Standard Chartered Bank Plc
Saudi Arabia	HSBC Saudi Arabia Limited
Senegal	Standard Chartered Bank Côte D'Ivoire SA
Sweden	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ)
Switzerland	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A.
Serbia	Unicredit Bank Austria AG, Vienna – Indirect via UniCredit Bank Srbija d.d., Belgrad
Singapore	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A. – Indirect via United Overseas Bank Ltd for government bonds
Slovak Republic	Citibank Europe Plc Bratislava Branch
Slovenia	Unicredit Banka Slovenija D.D. Ljubljana

Spain	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A.
Sri Lanka	Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp Limited, Colombo
South Africa	Standard Bank of South Africa Limited
Taiwan, ROC	HSBC Bank (Taiwan) Limited
Tanzania	Stanbic Bank Tanzania Limited
Thailand	Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp Limited, Bangkok
Тодо	Standard Chartered Bank Côte D'Ivoire SA
Czech Republic	Citibank Europe PLC Prague Branch
Turkey (subsidiary)	TEB Securities Services
Tunisia	Union Internationale Des Banques (SGSS)
Uganda	Standard Chartered Bank Uganda Limited
United Arab Emirates (Abu Dhabi)	HSBC Bank Middle East Ltd
United Arab Emirates (Dubai)	HSBC Bank Middle East Ltd
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A.
Hungary	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A.
Uruguay	Banco Itau Uruguay S.A.
USA	BNP Paribas New York Branch
Vietnam	HSBC Bank (Vietnam) Ltd
Zimbabwe	Standard Chartered Bank Zimbabwe Limited
Cyprus	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A.

# E. Purchaser's right of revocation

## **Right of revocation**

Should units in open-ended investment funds be purchased on the basis of oral negotiations outside the normal place of business of the party that sold or arranged the sale of the units, the purchaser will have two weeks to revoke the purchase agreement in writing, such as by post, fax or email, without having to give reasons. This right of revocation also applies if the party that sold the units or arranged their sale does not have established business premises.

The revocation period shall not begin until the copy of the application to conclude the contract has been handed over to the buyer or the buyer has been sent a purchase invoice that contains instructions regarding the right of revocation and meets the requirements of sentences 2 and 3 of Article 246(3) of the Introductory Act to the BGB [Einführungsgesetz zum Bürgerlichen Gesetzbuch]. Timely dispatch of the revocation shall be deemed sufficient for compliance with the deadline. Should there be any dispute as to when the revocation period began, the seller bears the burden of proof. Notice of revocation must be given in writing, stating the name of the person making the declaration as well as his signature; no justification is required.

Notice of revocation must be sent to

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Fax: +49 (069) 7 10 43-700 E-mail: info@universal-investment.com

The right of revocation shall not apply if the seller can prove either that the buyer is not a consumer within the meaning of § 13 BGB or that the former contacted the latter for the purpose of negotiations which led to the purchase of the units on the basis of a previous order under § 55(1) of the German Trade Regulations [Gewerbeordnung].

## **Revocation implications**

If the offer has been effectively revoked and the buyer has already made payments, the Company shall reimburse said party, against a retransfer of the units acquired, the costs paid plus an amount equal to the value of the units paid for on the day after the notice of revocation was received. If need be, the reimbursement shall be made in instalments. The right of revocation cannot be waived.

Should the investor sell the units, the statements above apply mutatis mutandis.

# F. General Terms and Conditions of Investment

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF INVESTMENT

## governing the legal relationship between the investors

and

#### UNIVERSAL-INVESTMENT-GESELLSCHAFT MBH,

Frankfurt am Main,

(hereinafter referred to as the "Company")

#### for the directive-compliance investment funds managed

## pursuant to the UCITS Directive, only in conjunction

## with the Special Terms and Conditions of Investment set up for the respective

## **UCITS** investment

#### company.

## § 1 General provisions

- (1) The Company is a UCITS capital management company and is subject to the provisions of the KAGB.
- (2) The Company invests the capital deposited with it in its own name and for the collective account of the investors, but separately from its own assets in the form of a UCITS investment fund. It invests this capital, pursuant to the principle of risk diversification, in assets permitted under the KAGB. It issues collective certificates in respect of the rights of the investors resulting therefrom.
- (3) The purpose of the UCITS investment fund is limited to investing in accordance with a specified investment strategy within the framework of collective asset management, using the funds deposited with it; the UCITS investment fund does not have an operating function or active business management of the assets held.
- (4) The legal relationship between the Company and the investor is governed by the General Terms and Conditions of Investment and Special Terms and Conditions of Investment of the UCITS investment fund and the KAGB.

## § 2 Custodian

- (1) The Company shall appoint a credit institution as the Custodian of the UCITS investment fund; it shall act independently of the Company and exclusively in the interest of investors.
- (2) The duties and obligations of the Custodian are governed by the Custodian Agreement entered into with the Company, the KAGB, and the Terms and Conditions of Investment.

- (3) The Custodian may outsource custodian duties to another company (sub-custodian) in accordance with § 73 KAGB. Further information regarding this matter can be found in the Sales Prospectus.
- (4) The Custodian shall be liable vis-à-vis the UCITS investment fund or vis-à-vis the investors for the loss of a financial instrument according to § 72(1), point 1 KAGB held by the Custodian or a sub-custodian to whom custody of financial instruments was outsourced pursuant to § 73(1) KAGB. The Custodian shall not be liable if it can prove that the loss is attributable to external events, the consequences of which were unavoidable despite all appropriate countermeasures. Further claims resulting from the provisions of civil law on the basis of agreements or tort remain unaffected. The depositary is also liable vis-à-vis the UCITS or the investors for all other losses suffered by them as a result of the depositary's negligent or intentional failure to properly fulfil its obligations pursuant to the provisions of the KAGB. The liability of the Custodian shall not be affected by any transfer of custodian duties referred to in the first sentence of (3) above.

## § 3 Fund management

- (1) The Company shall acquire and manage the assets in its own name for the joint account of the investors with the due skill, honesty, care and diligence. It shall act independently of the Custodian and solely in the interests of investors when carrying out its duties.
- (2) The Company is authorised to acquire and resell assets with the money deposited by investors, and to invest the proceeds elsewhere; it is also authorised to perform all other legal acts resulting from the management of the assets.
- (3) The Company may neither lend money nor enter into obligations resulting from a contract of surety or a guarantee agreement for the joint account of investors; it may not sell assets referred to in §§ 193, 194 and 196 KAGB that do not belong to the UCITS investment fund at the time of the transaction. § 197 KAGB remains unaffected.

## § 4 Investment principles

The UCITS investment fund shall directly or indirectly invest in accordance with the principle of risk diversification. The Company shall only acquire assets for the UCITS investment fund that are expected to generate income and/or growth. It stipulates the assets that can be acquired on behalf of the UCITS investment fund in the Special Terms and Conditions of Investment.

## § 5 Transferable securities

Provided the Special Terms and Conditions of Investment do not contain any additional restrictions, the Company may – subject to § 198 KAGB – only acquire any transferable securities on behalf of the UCITS investment fund if:

- a) they are admitted to trading on a stock exchange in an EU Member State or another State party to the EEA Agreement or are admitted to or included in another organised market in any of these states,
- b) they are exclusively admitted to trading on a stock exchange in a state outside the EU or EEA, or are admitted to or included in another organised market in one of these states, provided this choice of stock exchange or organised market has been approved by BaFin<sup>19</sup>;
- <sup>19</sup> The stock market list is published on BaFin's website (www.bafin.de).

- c) their admission to trading on a stock exchange in an EU Member State or in another State party to the EEA Agreement or their admission or inclusion on an organised market in an EU Member State or in another State party to the EEA Agreement must be applied for in accordance with their terms of issue, provided these transferable securities are admitted or included within one year of being issued;
- d) their admission to trading on a stock exchange or their admission or inclusion on an organised market that is not in an EU Member State or in a State party to the EEA Agreement must be applied for in accordance with their terms of issue, provided these transferable securities are admitted or included within one year of being issued;
- e) they are shares to which the UCITS investment fund is entitled in the event of a capital increase from company funds;
- f) they are acquired by exercising subscription rights held by the UCITS investment fund;
- g) they are units in closed-end funds that meet the criteria under § 193(1) first sentence point 7 KAGB,
- h) they are financial instruments that meet the criteria under § 193(1) first sentence point 8 KAGB.

The purchase of transferable securities pursuant to (a)–(d) above shall only be allowed if the conditions of § 193(1) second sentence KAGB have also been met. Subscription rights with underlying securities that can be acquired under this § 5 may be acquired.

## § 6 Money market instruments

(1) Unless additional restrictions are imposed by the Special Terms and Conditions of Investment, the Company may – subject to § 198 KAGB – acquire, on behalf of the UCITS investment fund, instruments which are normally traded on the money market, as well as interest-bearing transferable securities, which at the time of acquisition for the UCITS investment fund, have a residual maturity not exceeding 397 days, the interest rate of which is, according to the terms of issue, regularly adjusted to market conditions over their entire term (or at least once every 397 days) or the risk profile of which is similar to the risk profile of such transferable securities (money market instruments).

Money market instruments may only be acquired for the UCITS investment fund if they are

- a) admitted to trading on a stock exchange in an EU Member State or another State party to the EEA Agreement or are admitted to or included in another organised market in any of these states;
- exclusively admitted to trading on a stock exchange in a state outside the EU or EEA, or are admitted to or included in another organised market in one of these states, provided this choice of stock exchange or organised market has been approved by BaFin<sup>20</sup>;
- c) issued or guaranteed by the EU, the Federal Republic of Germany, a German federal government fund, a German federal state, another EU Member State or another national, regional or local authority or the central bank of an EU Member State, the European Central Bank or European Investment Bank, a third country or, if in the case of a Federal State, by one of the members making up the federation, or by a public international body to which one or more EU Member States belong;
- d) issued by an undertaking whose transferable securities are traded on the markets stated in (a) and (b);
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- e) issued or guaranteed by a credit institution subject to prudential supervision in accordance with criteria defined by EU law, or by a credit institution which is subject to and complies with prudential rules considered by BaFin to be at least as stringent as those laid down by EU law; or
- f) issued by other issuers and meet the requirements of § 194(1), first sentence point 6 KAGB.
- (2) Money market instruments within the meaning of (1) may only be acquired if they meet the relevant requirements of § 194(2) and (3) KAGB.

## § 7 Bank deposits

The Company may, on behalf of the UCITS investment fund, hold bank deposits with a maximum term of 12 months. The deposits to be kept in blocked accounts may be held with a credit institution with its registered office in an EU Member State or a State party to the EEA Agreement; deposits may also be held by a credit institution with its registered office in a third country, whose prudential rules considered by BaFin to be at least as stringent as those laid down by EU law. Unless otherwise specified in the Special Terms and Conditions of Investment, bank deposits may also be denominated in a foreign currency.

## § 8 Investment fund units

- (1) Unless otherwise specified in the Special Terms and Conditions of Investment, the Company may acquire units in investment funds pursuant to Directive 2009/65/EC on behalf of the UCITS investment fund. Units in other domestic investment funds and investment corporations with variable capital and units in open-ended EU AIFs and foreign open-ended AIFs may be acquired if they meet the requirements of § 196(1)(2) KAGB.
- (2) The Company may only acquire units in domestic investment funds and investment corporations with variable capital, in EU AIFs and foreign open-ended AIFs if the terms and conditions of investment or the articles of association of the capital management company, the investment corporation with variable capital, the EU investment fund, the EU management company, the foreign AIF or the foreign AIF management company stipulate that no more than 10% of the value of their assets may be invested in units in other domestic investment funds, investment corporations with variable capital, open-ended EU investment funds or foreign open-ended AIFs.

#### § 9 Derivatives

(1) In managing the UCITS investment fund, the Company may use derivatives as per § 197(1), point 1 KAGB and financial instruments with derivative components as per § 197(1), point 2 KAGB, unless the Special Terms and Conditions of Investment stipulate otherwise. In order to ascertain the degree of market risk, the limit of which is established in accordance with § 197(2) KAGB, for the use of derivatives and financial instruments with derivative components, the Company may – depending on the type and scope of the derivatives and financial instruments with derivative components used – use either the simple or qualified approach within the meaning of the Regulation on risk management and risk measurement in the use of derivatives, securities lending and repurchase agreements in investment funds pursuant to the Capital Investment Code (DerivateV), enacted in accordance with § 197(3) KAGB; for further details, please refer to the Sales Prospectus.

(2) Should the Company use the simple approach, it may regularly use only basic forms of derivatives, financial instruments with derivative components or combinations of such derivatives, financial instruments with derivative components plus underlying instruments permissible under § 197(1), first sentence KAGB. Only a negligible share of complex derivatives comprised of underlying instruments permissible under § 197(1), first sentence KAGB may be used. The attributable amount to be calculated for the UCITS investment fund in accordance with the provisions of § 16 DerivateV may not exceed the investment fund's value at any time.

Basic forms of derivatives are:

- a) futures contracts on underlying instruments as per § 197(1) KAGB, except investment units as per § 196 KAGB;
- b) options or warrants on underlying instruments as per § 197(1) KAGB, except investment units as per § 196 KAGB, and on future contracts under (a), if they have the following characteristics:
  - aa) exercise is possible either during the entire term or at the end of the term; and
  - (bb) the value of the option at the exercise date is linearly dependent on the positive or negative difference between the underlying price and the market price of the underlying, and becomes zero if the difference has the opposite (plus/minus) sign;
- c) interest rate swaps, currency swaps or interest rate-currency swaps;
- d) options on swaps in accordance with (c), provided that they bear the characteristics described in (aa) and (bb) above (swaptions);
- e) single name credit default swaps.
- (3) Should the Company use the qualified approach, it may invest in any financial instruments with derivative components or in derivatives derived from an underlying instrument permissible under § 197(1) first sentence KAGB, provided it maintains an appropriate risk management system. The potential VaR for the market risk attributable to the UCITS investment fund may never exceed double the potential VaR of the relevant benchmark assets pursuant to § 9 DerivateV. Alternatively, the VaR may never exceed 20% of the value of the UCITS investment fund.
- (4) Under no circumstances may the Company deviate from the investment principles and limits specified in the Terms and Conditions of Investment or in the Sales Prospectus in relation to such transactions.
- (5) The Company will use derivatives and financial instruments with derivative components for hedging purposes, efficient portfolio management and in order to generate additional income, if and to the extent it considers this to be in the interests of investors.
- (6) When calculating the market-risk limit for the use of derivatives and financial instruments with derivative components, the Company may at any time switch from the simple to the qualified approach pursuant to § 6 (3) DerivateV. Switching does not require BaFin approval; however, the Company must promptly notify BaFin of the switch and publish it in the subsequent semi-annual or annual report.
- (7) When using derivatives and financial instruments with derivative components, the Company shall comply with the DerivateV.

### § 10 Other investment instruments

Unless specified otherwise in the Special Terms and Conditions of Investment, the Company may invest, on behalf of said UCITS investment fund, up to 10% of such fund's assets in "Other Investment Instruments" pursuant to § 198 KAGB.

### § 11 Issuer limits and investment limits

- (1) In its management activities, the Company shall comply with the investment limits and restrictions specified in the KAGB, the DerivateV and the Terms of Contract.
- (2) Up to 5% of the value of the UCITS investment fund may be invested in transferable securities and money market instruments (including transferable securities purchased under agreements to resell and money market instruments of a single issuer). However, up to 10% of the value of the UCITS investment fund may be invested in these transferable securities and money market instruments, if this is stipulated in the Special Terms and Conditions of Investment and the total value of the transferable securities and money market instruments of these issuers does not exceed 40% of the value of UCITS investment fund.
- (3) The Company may invest up to 35% of the UCITS investment fund's value each in bonds, borrower's note loans and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by the Federal Republic of Germany, a German federal state, the EU, an EU Member State or its local bodies, a State party to the EEA Agreement, a third country or an international organisation to which at least one EU Member State belongs.
- (4) The Company may invest up to 25% of the value of the UCITS investment fund each in mortgage bonds, public-sector bonds and bonds issued by credit institutions with their registered offices in an EU Member State or another State party to the EEA Agreement. This is subject to the following: said credit institutions are subject by law to special public supervision designed to protect the holders of such bonds; funds acquired through the issue thereof are invested (in accordance with the law) in assets that sufficiently cover the liabilities arising from these bonds during their entire term; and said funds are primarily used to repay the principal and pay interest, should the issuer default. Should the Company invest more than 5% of the value of the UCITS investment fund in bonds of a single issuer in accordance with the previous sentence, the total value of those bonds must not exceed 80% of the UCITS investment fund's value.
- (5) The limit in (3) above may be exceeded for transferable securities and money market instruments of a single issuer in accordance with § 206(2) KAGB, if permitted by the Special Terms and Conditions of Investment with regard to the issuers named therein. In such cases, the transferable securities and money market instruments held on behalf of the UCITS investment fund must originate from at least six different issues, and no single issue may exceed 30% of the UCITS investment fund's value.
- (6) The Company may not invest more than 20% of the UCITS investment fund's value in bank deposits as per § 195 KAGB at a single credit institution.
- (7) The Company must ensure that a combination of
  - a) transferable securities or money market instruments issued by a single institution,
  - b) deposits with such institution and
  - c) attributable amounts for the counterparty risk of transactions entered into with that body,

do not exceed 20% of the value of the UCITS investment fund. The previous sentence applies to those issuers and guarantors stated in (3) and (4) above, with the stipulation that the Company must ensure that a combination of the assets and attributable amounts stated in the first sentence does not exceed 35% of the value of the UCITS investment fund. In both cases, the respective individual maximum limits remain unaffected.

- (8) The bonds, borrower's note loans and money market instruments referred to in (3) and (4) above are not taken into account when applying the 40% limit referred to in (2) above. Notwithstanding the provisions of (7), the limits referred to in (2)–(4) and (6)–(7) of this section may not be accumulated.
- (9) The Company may only invest up to 20% of the value of the UCITS investment fund in units of any one investment fund as per § 196(1) KAGB. The Company may only invest up to 30% of the value of the UCITS investment fund in units of investment funds in accordance with § 196(1), point 2 KAGB. The Company may, on behalf of the UCITS investment fund, not acquire more than 25% of the units issued by another open-ended domestic, EU or foreign investment fund that are invested (in accordance with the principle of risk diversification) in assets within the meaning of §§ 192–198 KAGB.

## § 12 Mergers

- (1) Pursuant to §§ 181–191 KAGB, the Company may
  - a) transfer all assets and liabilities of this UCITS investment fund to another existing or newly-formed investment fund, or to an EU UCITS or a UCITS investment corporation with variable capital;
  - b) absorb all assets and liabilities of another open public investment fund in this UCITS investment fund.
- (2) Any merger is subject to approval by the relevant competent supervisory authority. Details of the procedure can be found in §§ 182–191 KAGB.
- (3) The UCITS investment fund may only be merged with an investment fund that is not a UCITS if the absorbing or newly-formed public investment fund will continue be a UCITS. EU UCITS may also be merged with the UCITS investment fund in accordance with Article 2(1)(p)(iii) of Directive 2009/65/EC.

## § 13 Transferable securities lending

(1) The Company may, on behalf of the UCITS investment fund, grant a transferable securities loan, which can be called at any time, to a securities borrower in return for market-rate compensation after the transfer of sufficient collateral in accordance with § 200(2) KAGB. The market value of the securities to be transferred, together with the market value of the securities already transferred as a securities loan on behalf of the UCITS investment fund to the same securities borrower, including companies in the same group within the meaning of § 290 of the German Commercial Code [Handelsgesetzbuch – HGB], may not exceed 10% of the value of the UCITS investment fund.

- (2) Should the securities borrower's collateral for the transferred securities be provided in the form of credit, said credit must be kept in blocked accounts pursuant to § 200(2), third sentence, point 1 KAGB. Alternatively, the Company may exercise the option to invest this credit (in its currency) in the following assets:
  - a) in high-quality bonds issued by the Federal Republic of Germany, a German federal state, the EU, an EU Member State or its local authorities, a State party to the EEA Agreement or a third country,
  - b) in money market funds with a short maturity structure corresponding to the guidelines issued by BaFin on the basis of § 4(2) KAGB, or
  - c) by way of a reverse repurchase agreement with a credit institution that guarantees the repayment of the accrued credit at any time.

The UCITS investment fund shall be entitled to the income from investing the collateral.

- (3) The Company may also make use of a system for brokering and processing securities loans – organised by a securities clearing and deposit bank or another companystated in the Special Terms and Conditions of Investment, whose corporate purpose of said company is to process international securities transactions for others – whichdeviates from the requirements of §§ 200 and 201 KAGB, provided the conditions of such system guarantee that the interests of investors are protected and there is no deviation from the right of termination at any time in accordance with (1) above.
- (4) Unless otherwise specified in the Special Terms and Conditions of Investment, the Company may also allow transferable securities loans in connection with money market instruments and investment units, provided that the UCITS investment fund is permitted to acquire such assets. The provisions of (1)–(3) shall apply mutatis mutandis.

#### § 14 Repurchase agreements

- (1) The Company may, on behalf of the UCITS investment fund and in return for a fee, enter into callable securities repurchase agreements, within the meaning of § 340b(2) HGB, with credit institutions or financial services institutions on the basis of standardised framework agreements.
- (2) The repurchase agreements must involve transferable securities that may be acquired for the UCITS investment fund in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of Investment.
- (3) Repurchase agreements shall be limited to a term of 12 months.
- (4) Unless otherwise specified in the Special Terms and Conditions of Investment, the Company may also enter into repurchase agreements in connection with money market instruments and investment units, provided that the UCITS investment fund is permitted to acquire such assets. The provisions of (1)–(3) shall apply mutatis mutandis.

## § 15 Borrowing

The Company may take out short-term loans amounting to up to 10% of the value of the UCITS investment fund, provided that the terms of the loan are in line with the market and the Custodian agrees to the loan.

## § 16 Units

- (1) The unit certificates to be securitised in the form of a collective certificate are issued to bearer.
- (2) Units may have different characteristics, particularly with regard to the use of income, the issuing surcharge, redemption fees, the currency of the unit value, the management fee, the minimum investment amount or a combination of these characteristics (unit classes). For details, please refer to the Special Terms and Conditions of Investment.
- (3) The units are transferable unless otherwise stated in the Special Terms and Conditions of Investment. When a unit is transferred, the rights vested therein are also transferred. The Company shall, in all cases, consider the bearer of the unit to be the beneficiary.
- (4) The rights of investors and the rights of investors in a unit class shall be securitised via a collective certificate. It must bear, at least, the handwritten or duplicated signatures of the Company and the Custodian. There will be no entitlement to individual certificates. Where physical certificates were delivered for the UCITS investment fund in the past and these are not held in collective custody by one of the bodies referred to in § 97(1)(2) KAGB after 31 December 2016, these physical certificates shall become invalid after 31 December 2016. Investor units will instead be securitised in a collective certificate and credited to a segregated account held by the Custodian. If an invalidated physical certificate is submitted to the Custodian, the depositor may request that a corresponding unit be credited to a securities account designated by it and held on its behalf. Physical certificates held in collective safekeeping as at 31 December 2016 by a body referred to in § 97(1), sentence 2 KAGB may be transferred to a collective certificate at any time.

#### § 17 Issue and redemption of units and suspension of redemption

- (1) In principle, there is no limit to the number of units that may be issued. The Company reserves the right temporarily or permanently cease the issuance of units.
- (2) Units may be acquired from the Company or Custodian or via a third party. The Special Terms and Conditions of Investment may stipulate that the units can only be acquired and held by specific investors.
- (3) Investors may request the Company to redeem the units. The Company is obliged to redeem the units at the current redemption price on behalf of the UCITS investment fund. The place of redemption is the Custodian.
- (4) The Company may, however, suspend the redemption of units pursuant to § 98(2) KAGB, should extraordinary circumstances arise which make such suspension appear necessary in the interests of investors.
- (5) The Company shall inform the investors of any suspension pursuant to (4) above and the resumption of redemption via publication of a notice in the German Federal Gazette, as well as a financial or daily newspaper with sufficient circulation or in the electronic media stated in the Sales Prospectus. Following the publication of a notice in the German Federal Gazette, investors must be immediately informed by means of a durable medium of the suspension and resumption of unit redemption.

#### § 18 Issue and redemption prices

- (1) In order to calculate the issue and redemption prices of units, the market value of the assets held by the UCITS investment fund less loans and other liabilities (net asset value) shall be determined and divided by the number of units issued (unit value). Should different unit classes be created for the UCITS investment fund pursuant to § 16(2), the unit value and issue and redemption price shall be calculated separately for each unit class. Assets shall be valued pursuant to §§ 168 and 169 KAGB and the Capital Investment Accounting and Valuation Ordinance [Kapitalanlage-Rechnungslegungs- und Bewertungsverordnung KARBV].
- (2) The issue price equals the value of a unit in the UCITS investment fund, plus (if applicable) an issuing surcharge to be specified in the Special Terms and Conditions of Investment pursuant to § 165(2)(8) KAGB. The redemption price will be equal to the value of a unit in the UCITS investment fund, plus (if applicable) a redemption fee to be specified in the Special Terms and Conditions of Investment pursuant to § 165(2), point 8 KAGB.
- (3) The settlement date for unit purchases and redemption orders shall be no later than the valuation date following receipt of the purchase/redemption order, unless otherwise provided in the Special Terms and Conditions of Investment.
- (4) The issue and redemption prices shall be determined on each trading day. Unless otherwise stipulated in the Special Terms and Conditions of Investment, the Company and Custodian may refrain from calculating the value on statutory public holidays which are trading days or on 24 or 31 December of each year; this is explained in more detail in the Sales Prospectus.

### § 19 Costs

The expenses and fees due to the Company, the Custodian and third parties which may be charged to the UCITS investment fund are stated in the Special Terms and Conditions of Investment. In the case of fees within the meaning of the previous sentence, the Special Terms and Conditions of Investment shall also specify how and in what amount they are to be paid, and how they are to be calculated.

#### § 20 Accounting

- (1) No later than four months after the end of the UCITS investment fund's financial year, the Company shall issue an annual report, including a profit and loss account pursuant to § 101(1), (2) and (4) KAGB.
- (2) No later than two months after the middle of the financial year, the Company shall issue a semi-annual report pursuant to § 103 KAGB.
- (3) If, during the financial year, the right to manage the UCITS investment fund is transferred to another capital management company or the UCITS investment fund is merged with another UCITS investment fund, a UCITS investment corporation with variable capital or an EU UCITS investment fund, the Company shall draw up, on the transfer date, an interim report that meets the requirements of an annual report as per (1) above.
- (4) Should the UCITS investment fund be liquidated, the Custodian shall draw up a liquidation report both annually and on the date on which the liquidation is completed; this report must meet the requirements of an annual report as stated in (1) above.

(5) These reports are available from the Company, the Custodian and other agents stated in the Sales Prospectus and the KIID; they shall also be published in the German Federal Gazette.

## § 21 Termination and liquidation of the UCITS investment fund

- (1) The Company may cease managing the UCITS investment fund subject to at least six months' notice via publication of a notice in the German Federal Gazette, as well as in the annual or semi-annual report. Investors shall be immediately notified via durable medium of any termination notified pursuant to the previous sentence.
- (2) The right of the Company to manage the UCITS investment fund shall expire on the date on which termination takes effect. In this case, the UCITS investment fund and/or the right to dispose of it shall be transferred to the Custodian, which shall liquidate it and distribute the proceeds to investors. In return for the performance of its liquidation duties, the Custodian shall be entitled to a fee as well as to the reimbursement of its expenses incurred as a necessary part of the liquidation. With BaFin approval, the Custodian may refrain from the liquidation and distribution, and appoint another asset management company to manage the UCITS investment fund in accordance with the current Terms and Conditions of Investment.
- (3) On the day its management right expires pursuant to § 99 KAGB, the Company shall draw up a liquidation report that meets the requirements for an annual report pursuant to § 20(1) above.

#### § 22 Change of capital management company and custodian

- (1) The Company may transfer the right to manage and to dispose of the UCITS investment fund to another capital management company. Transfers are subject to prior approval by BaFin.
- (2) Approved transfers shall be published in the German Federal Gazette and in the annual or semi-annual report. Investors shall be immediately notified via durable medium of any transfer notified pursuant to the first sentence. Transfers shall become effective at the earliest three months after they are published in the German Federal Gazette.
- (3) The Company may change the custodian for the UCITS investment fund. Any such change is subject to approval by BaFin.

## § 23 Amendments to the Terms and Conditions of Investment

- (1) The Company may amend the Terms and Conditions of Investment.
- (2) Amendments thereto are subject to prior approval by BaFin. If the amendments referred to in (1) above relate to the UCITS investment fund's investment principles, they shall require the prior consent of the Company's Supervisory Board.
- (3) All planned amendments shall be published in the German Federal Gazette, as well as a financial or daily newspaper with sufficient circulation or in the electronic media stated in the Sales Prospectus. Any publication pursuant to the previous sentence shall state the planned amendments and their date of entry into force. Should there be any changes to costs within the meaning of § 162(2), point 11 KAGB, changes to the investment principles of the UCITS investment fund within the meaning of § 163(3) KAGB or changes to the

material rights of investors, the investors must be informed, at the same time as publications in accordance with the first sentence of this paragraph, of what the planned changes to the Terms and Conditions of Investment essentially involve and the reasons therefor, as well as be provided with information regarding their rights under § 163(3) KAGB, in a comprehensible manner and by way of a durable medium pursuant to § 163(4) KAGB.

(4) The amendments shall not enter into force until the day after they are published in the German Federal Gazette or, in the event of amendments to the costs or investment principles, until three months have passed since publication thereof.

## § 24 Place of performance

The place of performance is the Company's registered office.

# G. Special Terms and Conditions of Investment

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#### UNIVERSAL-INVESTMENT-GESELLSCHAFT MBH,

Frankfurt am Main,

#### (hereinafter referred to as the "Company")

for the

investment fund managed by the Company pursuant to the UCITS Directive,

Leonardo UI,

applicable only in conjunction with the

**General Terms and Conditions of Investment** 

drawn up by the Company for this investment fund.

#### INVESTMENT PRINCIPLES AND INVESTMENT LIMITS

#### § 1 Assets

The Company may acquire the following assets for the UCITS investment fund:

- 1. Transferable securities pursuant to § 5 of the General Terms and Conditions of Investment,
- 2. Money market instruments pursuant to § 6 of the General Terms and Conditions of Investment,
- 3. Bank deposits pursuant to § 7 of the General Terms and Conditions of Investment,
- 4. Investment units pursuant to § 8 of the General Terms and Conditions of Investment,
- 5. Derivatives pursuant to § 9 of the General Terms and Conditions of Investment,
- 6. Other investment instruments pursuant to § 10 of the General Terms and Conditions of Investment.

#### § 1a Securities lending and repurchase agreements

Securities lending and repurchase agreements pursuant to §§ 13 and 14 of the General Terms and Conditions of Investment shall not be concluded.

## § 2 Investment limits

- (1) The UCITS investment fund may consist entirely of transferable securities within the meaning of § 1.1.
- (2) The UCITS investment fund may be entirely invested in money market instruments as per § 6 of the General Terms and Conditions of Investment.
- (3) Transferable securities and money market instruments of a single issuer may be acquired in excess of 5% up to a value of 10% of the UCITS investment fund's assets if the total value of the transferable securities and money market instruments of this issuer does not exceed 40% of the Investment Fund's assets.
- (4) The UCITS investment fund may be completely held in bank deposits as specified in § 7, sentence 1 of the General Terms and Conditions of Investment.
- (5) The UCITS investment fund may be entirely held in investment units as per § 8 of the General Terms and Conditions of Investment. The Company selects the investment units to be acquired either in accordance with the UCITS investment fund's Terms and Conditions of Investment or investment focus, or its most recent annual or semi-annual report. It may acquire all permitted types of units in domestic investment funds and investment corporations with variable capital and units in EU UCITS and open-ended investment funds (which are not EU UCITS) managed by EU management companies or foreign management companies. The maximum proportion of the UCITS investment fund that may be held in units of the relevant type is restricted to the limits specified in § 11(9) of the General Terms and Conditions of Investment. Units in feeder funds as per § 1(19), point 11 KAGB are not acquired for the UCITS investment fund.

### § 3 Investment Committee

The Company can be advised by an investment committee in respect of the UCITS investment fund.

#### **UNIT CLASSES**

#### § 4 Unit classes

- (1) For the UCITS investment fund, unit classes may be formed in accordance with § 16(2) of the General Terms and Conditions of Investment. Such unit classes differ in terms of the use of income, the issuing surcharge, the currency of the unit value including the use of currency hedging transactions, the management fee, the Custodian fee, the fee for the investment consultancy firm or asset management company, the performance fee, the fee for managing derivative transactions and collateral for said transactions, the Distributor, the minimum investment amount or a combination of these characteristics. Unit classes may be formed at any time at the Company's discretion.
- (2) Existing unit classes shall be listed individually in the Sales Prospectus and in the annual and semi-annual reports. The characteristics of the unit classes (use of income, the issuing surcharge, the currency of the unit value, the management fee, the Custodian fee, the fee for the investment consultancy firm or asset management company, the performance fee, the fee for managing derivative transactions and collateral for said transactions, the Distributor, the minimum investment amount or a combination of these characteristics) are described in detail in the Sales Prospectus and the annual and semi-annual reports.

- (3) Currency hedging transactions may be concluded exclusively in favour of an individual currency unit class. For foreign currency unit classes that are currency hedged in favour of the currency in which those unit classes are denominated (reference currency), the Company may also notwithstanding the provisions of § 9 of the General Terms and Conditions of Investment use derivatives (within the meaning of § 197(1) KAGB) on exchange rates or currencies so as to avoid losses in unit value resulting from foreign exchange losses relating to assets of the UCITS investment fund that are not denominated in the reference currency for that unit class.
- (4) Unit values are calculated for each unit class separately by taking the costs of creating new unit classes, distributions (including any taxes payable from the Fund's assets), the fees stated in (1) above and the results of currency hedging transactions related to a certain class of units, including any income equalisation, attributed exclusively to that unit class.

## UNITS, ISSUE PRICE, REDEMPTION PRICE, UNIT REDEMPTION AND COSTS

#### § 5 Units

Investors are fractional co-owners of the UCITS investment fund's respective assets in proportion to their number of units.

#### § 6 Issue and redemption prices

- (1) The issuing surcharge is 5.00% of the unit value. The Company may charge a reduced issuing surcharge, or not charge one at all, for the UCITS investment fund or one or more unit classes. The Company shall specify the issuing surcharge for each unit class in the Sales Prospectus and the annual and semi-annual reports.
- (2) The redemption shall be performed at the unit value. No redemption fee is charged.

#### § 7 Costs

- (1) Fees to which the Company is entitled from the UCITS investment fund:
  - a) In return for managing the UCITS investment fund, the Company receives a fee (payable quarterly) amounting to 0.40% p.a. of the UCITS investment fund's average value, which is calculated by taking the values on each valuation date. The Company may charge a reduced fee, or not charge one at all, for the UCITS investment fund or one or more unit classes. The Company shall specify the management fee for each unit class in the Sales Prospectus and the annual and semi-annual reports.
  - b) Should any disputed claim be settled in or out of court on behalf of the UCITS investment fund, the Company may charge a fee of up to 5% of the amounts obtained for said investment fund, after deducting and settling the costs the investment fund incurs in connection with such proceedings.
- (2) The fees to be paid out of the UCITS investment fund to third parties are as follows:
  - a) The Company may call upon the services of an investment consultancy firm or asset management company when implementing its investment strategy. In this case, the investment consultancy firm or asset management company receives a fee (payable quarterly) amounting to 1.50% p.a. of the UCITS investment fund's average value, which is calculated by taking the values on each valuation date. The investment consultancy firm or asset management company may charge a reduced fee, or not charge

one at all, for the UCITS investment fund or one or more unit classes. This fee is not covered by the management fee; as a result, the Company charges it to the UCITS investment fund. The Company shall specify the fee paid to the investment consultancy firm or asset management company for each unit class in the Sales Prospectus and the annual and semi-annual reports.

- b) The Company may call upon the services of third parties for the purposes of or when managing derivative transactions and collateral for said transactions. In this case, these third parties shall jointly receive a fee (payable quarterly) in the amount of 0.12% p.a. of the UCITS investment fund's average value, calculated by taking the values on each valuation date. The Company may charge a reduced fee, or not charge one at all, for the UCITS investment fund or one or more unit classes. These fees are not covered by the management fee; as a result, the Company charges them to the UCITS investment fund. The Company shall specify the fees paid to third parties for each unit class in the Sales Prospectus and the annual and semi-annual reports.
- (3) The amount withdrawn annually from the UCITS investment fund in fees pursuant to paragraphs 1(a) and 2 above may be up to 2.02% p.a. of the UCITS investment fund's average value, calculated based on the values of each valuation date.
- (4) In return for the performance of its duties, the Custodian receives a fee (payable quarterly) amounting to 0.10% p.a. (at least EUR 27,500.00 p.a.) of the UCITS investment fund's average value, which is calculated by taking the values on each valuation date. The Custodian may charge a reduced fee, or not charge one at all, for the UCITS investment fund or one or more unit classes. The Company shall specify the custodian fee for each unit class in the Sales Prospectus and the annual and semi-annual reports.
- (5) At the expense of the UCITS investment fund, the Company or the Asset Management Company may also (for each unit issued) receive a performance fee amounting to 10% of the amount by which the unit value performance exceeds the income on a benchmark money market investment during the accounting period by 5% p.a. as a threshold value; however, this amount shall be no more than 5% of the average value of the Fund or any unit classes in that accounting period. The benchmark is the EURIBOR<sup>®</sup> 1M TR (EUR)<sup>21</sup>. Such a fee is only charged on that proportion of the increase in value that also exceeds both the highest unit value achieved at the end of the last preceding five accounting periods (high water mark). The first high water mark (starting value for the calculation) is the unit value as at 29 June 2013 or, for a unit class launched at a later date, the respective value as at the launch date. The Company or Asset Management Company may charge a reduced performance fee, or not charge one at all, for the UCITS investment fund or one or more unit classes. The Company shall specify the performance fee for each unit class in the Sales Prospectus and the annual and semi-annual reports.

The accounting period begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December of each calendar year. The first accounting period began on 30 June 2013 and ended on 31 December 2014.

The performance fee is determined by comparing the performance of the EURIBOR<sup>®</sup> 1M TR (EUR) with that of the unit value, which is calculated using the BVI method<sup>22</sup>, during the accounting period and taking the high water mark into consideration.

Based on the outcome of a daily comparison, any performance fee incurred is set aside within the UCITS investment fund per unit issued and eliminated once again if the agreed increase in value or the high water mark has not been reached. The deferred performance fee existing at the end of the accounting period may be withdrawn.

- <sup>21</sup> EURIBOR<sup>®</sup> is a registered trademark of EMMI a.i.s.b.l. (formerly Euribor EBF a.i.s.b.l.).
- <sup>22</sup> An explanation of the BVI method is published on the website of BVI Bundesverband Investment und Asset Management e.V. (www.bvi.de).

- (6) In addition to the aforementioned fees, the following expenses are charged to the UCITS investment fund:
  - a) standard custodian and account fees, including any standard bank costs for the custody of foreign assets abroad;
  - b) costs of printing and dispatching statutory sales documentation intended for investors (annual and semi-annual reports, Sales Prospectus, KIID);
  - c) costs of publishing the annual and semi-annual reports, the issue and redemption prices and, if applicable, the distributions or reinvestments and the liquidation report;
  - d) costs of setting up and using a durable medium, except in the case of information concerning fund mergers and measures in connection with investment limit infringements or calculation errors when ascertaining the unit value;
  - e) costs of auditing the UCITS investment fund by the auditor appointed by the Company;
  - f) costs of publishing the bases for taxation and certifying that the tax information has been drawn up pursuant to German tax regulations;
  - g) costs incurred by the Company for asserting and enforcing legal claims on behalf of the UCITS investment fund, as well as for defending claims raised against the Company at the cost of the UCITS investment fund;
  - h) fees and costs charged by public authorities in relation to the UCITS investment fund;
  - i) costs of legal and tax advice with regard to the UCITS investment fund;
  - j) costs and any charges that may arise in connection with the acquisition and/or use or designation of a benchmark or financial index;
  - k) costs of appointing proxies;
  - I) costs of third parties analysing the performance of the UCITS investment fund; and
  - m) taxes incurred in connection with both the fees payable to the Company, Custodian and third parties as well as the aforementioned expenses, including taxes arising in connection with management and custody activities.
- (7) In addition to the above-mentioned fees and expenses, costs incurred in connection with the acquisition and disposal of assets shall be charged to the UCITS investment fund.
- (8) The Company must specify in the annual and semi-annual reports the amount of issuing surcharges and redemption fees charged to the UCITS investment fund during the reporting period for the acquisition and redemption of units and shares within the meaning of § 196 KAGB. Concerning the acquisition of units that are managed directly or indirectly by the Company itself or by another company with which the Company is affiliated through a significant direct or indirect shareholding, the Company or the other company may not charge any issuing surcharge or redemption fee for the acquisition or redemption of units. In its annual and half-yearly reports, the Company shall specify the fee charged to the UCITS investment fund by the Company itself, another management company, an investment company or another company associated with the Company via a substantive direct or indirect holding or a foreign investment company, including its management company, as a management fee for the units or shares held in the UCITS investment fund.

# USE OF INCOME AND FINANCIAL YEAR

### § 8 Income reinvestment

For accumulating unit classes, the Company shall reinvest on a pro rata basis the interest, dividends and other income that, during the financial year, have accrued on behalf of the UCITS investment fund and have not been used to cover costs – taking the relevant income equalisation into account – as well as the realised capital gains in the UCITS investment fund.

## § 9 Distribution

- (1) For distributing unit classes, the Company shall while taking the relevant income equalisation into account – distribute the pro rata interest, dividends and income from investment units which, during the financial year, are allocated to the respective unit class, have accrued on behalf of the UCITS investment fund and have not been used to cover costs. Realised capital gains taking the relevant income equalisation into account may also be distributed on a pro rata basis.
- (2) Distributable pro rata income pursuant to (1) above may be carried over for distribution in subsequent financial years, provided that the total income carried over does not exceed 15% of the value of the UCITS investment fund as at the financial year end. Income from short financial years may be carried over in full.
- (3) Income may be reinvested in the UCITS investment fund on a pro rata basis, either in whole or in part, in the interest of preserving assets.
- (4) Distributions are made annually, within four months after the end of the financial year. Interim distributions may be provided for individual unit classes.

#### § 10 Financial year

The financial year of the UCITS investment fund starts on 1 January and ends on 31 December.

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