# Prospectus of SCOTTISH WIDOWS OVERSEAS GROWTH INVESTMENT FUNDS ICVC

(an investment company with variable capital incorporated with limited liability and registered by the Financial Services Authority (which has since been succeeded by the Financial Conduct Authority) under registered number IC000164) FCA Product Reference ("PRN"): 196727

Important: if you are in any doubt about the contents of this Prospectus you should consult your financial adviser.

This document constitutes the Prospectus for Scottish Widows Overseas Growth Investment Funds ICVC ("the Company") and has been prepared in accordance with the rules contained in the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("the FCA Rules") issued by the Financial Conduct Authority pursuant to the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

The authorised corporate director of the Company, Scottish Widows Unit Trust Managers Limited ("the ACD"), is the person responsible for the information contained in this Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the ACD (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained herein does not contain any untrue or misleading statement or omit any matters required by the FCA Rules to be included in it. It accepts responsibility accordingly.

A copy of this Prospectus has been sent to each of the Financial Conduct Authority and State Street Trustees Limited.

No person has been authorised by the Company to give any information or to make any representations in connection with the offering of Shares other than those contained in this Prospectus or any Simplified Prospectus or key features leaflet or key investor information document or supplementary investor information document prepared by the ACD and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied on as having been made by the Company. The delivery of this Prospectus (whether or not accompanied by any reports) or the issue of Shares shall not, under any circumstances, create any implication that the affairs of the Company have not changed since the date hereof.

The distribution of this Prospectus and the offering of Shares in certain jurisdictions may be restricted. Persons into whose possession this Prospectus comes are required by the Company to inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions. This Prospectus does not constitute an offer or solicitation by anyone in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not authorised or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation.

Potential investors should not treat the contents of this Prospectus as advice relating to legal, taxation, investment or any other matters and are recommended to consult their own professional advisers concerning the acquisition, holding or disposal of Shares.

The provisions of the Company's Instrument of Incorporation are binding on each of its Shareholders (who are taken to have notice of them). This Prospectus has been approved for the purpose of section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 by the ACD.

The Shares which are described in this Prospectus have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, the United States Investment Company Act of 1940 or the securities laws of any of the states of the United States of America and may not be directly or

indirectly offered or sold in the United States of America to or for the account or benefit of any U.S. Person, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the United States Securities Act of 1933, the United States Investment Company Act of 1940 and similar requirements of such state securities laws

Neither the Company nor the Funds have been or will be registered under the United States Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

Investment in Shares by or on behalf of US Persons is not permitted.

This Prospectus is dated, and is valid as at 30 June 2020. This Prospectus may at any time be replaced by a new Prospectus or extended by a supplement issued by the Company; investors should, therefore, check with the ACD that this is the most recently published Prospectus and that they have all (if any) supplements to it issued by the Company.

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## **Definitions**

In this Prospectus each of the words and expressions in the left-hand column of the table set out below has the meaning set opposite it in the right-hand column of that table:-

"ACD" the authorised corporate director of the Company, being Scottish

Widows Unit Trust Managers Limited;

"ACD Agreement" the Agreement dated 8 May 2002 as amended by which the ACD

was appointed by the Company to act as such;

"Act" the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 as amended or

replaced from time to time;

"Class" a class of Share relating to a Fund;

"COBS" the Conduct of Business Sourcebook published by the FCA as

part of their Handbook of rules made under the Act;

"Company" Scottish Widows Overseas Growth Investment Funds ICVC;

"Dealing Day" Monday to Friday (except for a bank holiday in England and

Wales and other days at the ACD's discretion) being a day on which the London Stock Exchange is open for trading and other

days at the ACD's discretion;

"Depositary" the depositary of the Company, being State Street Trustees

Limited:

"EEA State" a state which is a contracting party to the agreement on the

European Economic Area signed at Oporto on 2 May 1992, as it

has effect for the time being;

"FCA" the Financial Conduct Authority;

"FCA Rules" the rules contained in the Collective Investment Schemes

Sourcebook ("COLL") published by the FCA as part of their Handbook of rules made under the Act as amended or replaced from time to time which shall, for the avoidance of doubt, not include guidance or evidential provisions contained in the said

Sourcebook;

"Fund" a sub-fund of the Company (being a part of the Scheme Property

which is pooled separately from each other part) to which specific assets and liabilities of the Company may be allocated and which is invested in accordance with its own investment

objective;

"Group" means the group of companies consisting of the ultimate holding

company of the ACD from time to time and each of the

subsidiaries of that holding company from time to time;

"holding company" the meaning ascribed thereto in the Companies Act 2006;

"HMRC" means Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs;

"ICVC" investment company with variable capital;

"Investment Adviser" Schroder Investment Management Limited, the investment

adviser appointed by the ACD;

"Instrument of Incorporation" the Instrument of Incorporation of the Company;

"Net Asset Value" the value of the Scheme Property of the Company (or of any

Fund or Class of Shares as the context requires) less the liabilities of the Company (or of the Fund or Class of Shares concerned) as calculated in accordance with the FCA Rules and the Instrument of Incorporation (the relevant provisions of which are set out below under "Calculation of the Net Asset Value" in Appendix

C);

"OEIC Regulations" The Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 as

amended or replaced from time to time;

"Prospectus" a prospectus of the Company prepared pursuant to the

requirements of the FCA Rules, including a prospectus consisting of an existing version of a prospectus as extended by a

supplement issued by the Company;

**"Register"** the register of Shareholders kept on behalf of the Company;

"Registrar" the registrar of the Company, being Scottish Widows Unit Trust

Managers Limited;

**"Scheme Property"** the property of the Company subject to the collective investment

scheme constituted by the Company or (as the context may require) the part of that property attributable to a particular Fund;

"SDRT" Stamp duty reserve tax;

"Share" a share in the Company (including both a larger and a smaller

denomination share);

"Shareholder" the holder of a Share (whether in registered or bearer form);

"subsidiary" the meaning ascribed thereto in the Companies Act 2006;

"Switch" exchange of Shares for either Shares of another Class relating to

the same Fund or for Shares relating to another Fund or (as the

context may require) the act of so exchanging;

"UCITS Directive" means Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of

the Council of 13 July 2009 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities as amended by Directive 2014/91/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 as regards depositary functions,

remuneration policies and sanctions;

"UCITS Regulation" means Commission Delegated Regulation version (C2015) 9160

final of 17.12.2015;

"US"

"US Person"

the United States of America (including any states thereof and the District of Columbia), its territories, possessions and all other areas subject to its jurisdiction;

unless otherwise determined by the ACD:

- (i) a resident of the US;
- (ii) a partnership, limited liability company, corporation or other entity organised in or under the laws of the US or any state or jurisdiction thereof or any entity taxed as such or required to file a tax return as such under the US Federal income tax laws;
- (iii) any estate of which any executor or administrator is a US Person:
- (iv) any trust of which any trustee, beneficiary or, if the trust is revocable, any settlor is a US Person;
- (v) any agency or branch of a foreign entity located in the US;
- (vi) any discretionary or non-discretionary account or similar account (other than an estate or trust) held by a dealer or fiduciary for the benefit or account of a resident of the US;
- (vii) any discretionary account or similar account (other than an estate or trust) held by a dealer or other fiduciary organised or incorporated in the US, or (if an individual) a resident of the US;
- (viii) any employee benefit plan unless such employee benefit plan is established and administered in accordance with the laws of a country other than the US and the customary practices and documentation of such country;

and

(ix) any person or entity whose ownership of Shares or solicitation for ownership of Shares the ACD through its officers or directors shall determine may violate any securities laws or banking laws of the US or any state or other jurisdiction thereof.

Except that a US Person shall not include corporations, partnerships or other entities which are organised or incorporated under the laws of any non-US jurisdiction, unless such corporation, partnership or other entity was formed by such US Person principally for the purpose of investing in securities not registered under the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

# 1. The Company and its Structure

Scottish Widows Overseas Growth Investment Funds ICVC is an investment company with variable capital incorporated in Great Britain, and having its head office in Scotland, under registered number IC000164 and authorised by the Financial Services Authority (which has since been succeeded by the FCA) with effect from 14 March 2002. The Company has been certified by the FCA as complying with the conditions necessary for it to enjoy rights conferred by the EU Directive on Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities.

The head office of the Company is at 15 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh EH16 5WL, which is also the address of the place in the United Kingdom for service on the Company of notices or other documents required or authorised to be served on, or given to, it (including any such notice or document to be given to the Company pursuant to the Instrument of Incorporation). Any such notice or document must be given to or served on the Company in hard copy by delivering it or by sending it by post to that address, unless otherwise specified in this Prospectus in relation to any specific notice or document.

The ACD is the sole director of the Company.

The Company is a UCITS scheme which is structured as an umbrella so that the Scheme Property of the Company may be divided among two or more Funds. The assets of each Fund will be treated as separate from those of every other Fund and will be invested in accordance with the investment objective and investment policy applicable to that Fund. New Funds may be established from time to time by the ACD with the approval of the FCA and the agreement of the Depositary. If a new Fund is introduced, a new Prospectus will be prepared to set out the required information in relation to that Fund.

The only Funds which have been established are:-

American Growth Fund European Growth Fund European Select Growth Fund Global Growth Fund Global Select Growth Fund Japan Growth Fund Pacific Growth Fund

Each Fund would, if it were a separate investment company with variable capital, be a UCITS scheme.

The assets of a Fund belong exclusively to that Fund and shall not be used or made available to discharge (directly or indirectly) the liabilities of, or claims against, any other person or body, including the Company and any other Fund and shall now be available for such purpose.

Subject to the above, each Fund will be charged with the liabilities, expenses, costs and charges of the Company attributable to that Fund. Within the Funds, charges will be allocated between Classes in accordance with the terms of issue of Shares of those Classes. Any expenses specific to a Class will be allocated to that Class. Any assets, liabilities, expenses, costs or charges not attributable to a particular Class within a Fund or to a particular Fund (as the case may be) may be allocated by the ACD in a manner which is fair to the Shareholders generally but they will normally be allocated to all Classes within a Fund or all Funds (as the case may be) pro rata to their Net Asset Values.

The base currency of the Company is Sterling, but a Class of Shares in respect of any Fund may be designated in any currency other than Sterling.

The Shares have no par value and, therefore, the share capital of the Company will at all times equal the sum of the Net Asset Values of each of the Funds. The minimum share capital of the Company will be £100 and the maximum share capital will be £100,000,000,000.

Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

# 2. Management and Administration

#### **Authorised Corporate Director**

The authorised corporate director of the Company is Scottish Widows Unit Trust Managers Limited, a private company limited by shares which was incorporated in England and Wales on 19 April 1982. Its ultimate holding company is Lloyds Banking Group plc, which is incorporated in Scotland.

The registered office of the ACD is Charlton Place, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1RE and the head office of the ACD is 15 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh EH16 5WL. The issued share capital of the ACD is 50,000 ordinary shares of £1 each all of which are fully paid up. Its principal business activity is acting as ACD to authorised open ended investment companies.

The ACD is an authorised person for the purposes of the Act to carry on investment business in the United Kingdom and is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

The ACD is responsible for managing and administering the Company's affairs in compliance with the FCA Rules.

The appointment of the ACD has been made on the terms of the ACD Agreement dated 8 May 2002 between the Company and the ACD. The ACD Agreement provides that the appointment of the ACD may be terminated (a) after a three year initial period by the Company giving 12 months' written notice to the ACD or (b) by the ACD giving 12 months' written notice to the Company, although in certain circumstances the ACD Agreement may be terminated by the Depositary or the Company forthwith by notice in writing to the ACD or by the ACD forthwith by notice in writing to the Company. Termination cannot take effect until the FCA has approved the change of director.

The ACD is entitled to its pro rata fees and expenses to the date of termination and any additional expenses necessarily incurred in settling or realising any outstanding obligations. No compensation for loss of office is provided for in the ACD Agreement. To the extent permitted by the OEIC Regulations and the FCA Rules, the ACD Agreement provides indemnities to the ACD other than for matters arising by reason of its negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in the performance of its duties and obligations.

The ACD may delegate investment management, administration and marketing functions in accordance with the FCA Rules. Notwithstanding such delegation the ACD remains responsible for any functions so delegated. At present, certain functions are delegated as detailed below.

The ACD is under no obligation to account to the Company, the Depositary or the Shareholders for any profit it makes on the issue or re-issue of Shares or cancellation of Shares which it has redeemed. The fees to which the ACD is entitled are set out in Part 7 below.

The ACD is authorised to enter into stock lending and repo transactions in relation to the Funds but does not currently do so in respect of any of the Funds.

Appendix E sets out the details of the capacity, if any, in which the ACD acts in relation to any other collective investment schemes and the name of such schemes.

The names of the directors of Scottish Widows Unit Trust Managers Limited, together with a note of any significant activities of the directors not connected with the business of the ACD, are set out in Appendix G.

#### The Depositary

The depositary of the Company is State Street Trustees Limited, a private company limited by shares (registered number 2982384) which was incorporated in England and Wales on 24 October 1994. The registered office of the Depositary is at 20 Churchill Place, London E14 5HJ. Its Head Office (and the address which should be used for correspondence) is Quartermile 3, 10 Nightingale Way, Edinburgh EH3 9EG. The Depositary is an authorised person for the purposes of the Act and is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

The appointment of the Depositary was effected under the Depositary Agreement dated March 2016 between the Company, the ACD and the Depositary.

#### **Depositary's Functions**

The Depositary has been entrusted with following main functions:

- ensuring that the sale, issue, repurchase, redemption and cancellation of Shares are carried out in accordance with applicable law and the Instrument of Incorporation.
- ensuring that the value of the Shares is calculated in accordance with applicable law and the Instrument of incorporation.
- carrying out the instructions of the ACD unless they conflict with applicable law and the Instrument of Incorporation.
- ensuring that in transactions involving the assets of a Fund any consideration is remitted within the usual time limits.
- ensuring that the income of a Fund is applied in accordance with applicable law and the Instrument of Incorporation.
- monitoring of the Funds' cash and cash flows
- safe-keeping of the Funds' assets, including the safekeeping of financial instruments to be held in custody and ownership verification and record keeping in relation to other assets.

#### Depositary's Liability

In carrying out its duties the Depositary shall act honestly, fairly professionally, independently and solely in the interests of the Company and its Shareholders.

In the event of a loss of a financial instrument held in custody, determined in accordance with the UCITS Directive, and in particular Article 18 of the UCITS Regulation, the Depositary shall return financial instruments of identical type or the corresponding amount to the Fund without undue delay.

The Depositary shall not be liable if it can prove that the loss of a financial instrument held in custody has arisen as a result of an external event beyond its reasonable control, the consequences of which would have been unavoidable despite all reasonable efforts to the contrary pursuant to the UCITS Directive.

In case of a loss of financial instruments held in custody, the Shareholders may invoke the liability of the Depositary directly or indirectly through the ACD provided that this does not lead to a duplication of redress or to unequal treatment of the Shareholders.

The Depositary will be liable to the Company for all other losses suffered by or in respect of a Fund as a result of the Depositary's negligent or intentional failure to properly fulfil its obligations pursuant to the UCITS Directive.

The Depositary shall not be liable for consequential or indirect or special damages or losses, arising out of or in connection with the performance or non-performance by the Depositary of its duties and obligations.

#### **Delegation**

The Depositary has full power to delegate the whole or any part of its safe-keeping functions but its liability will not be affected by the fact that it has entrusted to a third party some or all of the assets in its safekeeping. The Depositary's liability shall not be affected by any delegation of its safe-keeping functions under the Depositary Agreement.

Information about the safe-keeping functions which have been delegated and the identification of the relevant delegates and sub-delegates are contained in Appendix H to the Prospectus.

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

The Depositary is part of an international group of companies and businesses that, in the ordinary course of their business, act simultaneously for a large number of clients, as well as for their own account, which may result in actual or potential conflicts. Conflicts of interest arise where the Depositary or its affiliates engage in activities under the Depositary Agreement or under separate contractual or other arrangements. Such activities may include:

- (i) providing nominee, administration, registrar and transfer agency, research, agent stock lending, investment management, financial advice and/or other advisory services to the Company;
- (ii) engaging in banking, sales and trading transactions including foreign exchange, derivative, principal lending, broking, market making or other financial transactions with the Company either as principal and in the interests of itself, or for other clients.

In connection with the above activities the Depositary or its affiliates:

- (i) will seek to profit from such activities and are entitled to receive and retain any profits or compensation in any form and are not bound to disclose to, the Company or the ACD, the nature or amount of any such profits or compensation including any fee, charge, commission, revenue share, spread, mark-up, mark-down, interest, rebate, discount, or other benefit received in connection with any such activities;
- (ii) may buy, sell, issue, deal with or hold, securities or other financial products or instruments as principal acting in its own interests, the interests of its affiliates or for its other clients;
- (iii) may trade in the same or opposite direction to the transactions undertaken, including based upon information in its possession that is not available to the Company or the ACD;
- (iv) may provide the same or similar services to other clients including competitors of the Company and/or the ACD;

(v) may be granted creditors' rights by the Company which it may exercise.

Potential conflicts that may arise in the Depositary's use of sub-custodians include four broad categories:

- (1) conflicts from the sub-custodian selection and asset allocation among multiple sub-custodians influenced by (a) cost factors, including lowest fees charged, fee rebates or similar incentives and (b) broad two-way commercial relationships in which the Depositary may act based on the economic value of the broader relationship, in addition to objective evaluation criteria;
- (2) sub-custodians, both affiliated and non-affiliated, act for other clients and in their own proprietary interest, which might conflict with clients' interests;
- (3) sub-custodians, both affiliated and non-affiliated, have only indirect relationships with clients and look to the Depositary as its counterparty, which might create incentive for the Depositary to act in its self-interest, or other clients' interests to the detriment of clients; and
- (4) sub-custodians may have market-based creditors' rights against client assets that they have an interest in enforcing if not paid for securities transactions.

In carrying out its duties the Depositary shall act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and solely in the interests of the Company and its Shareholders.

The Depositary has functionally and hierarchically separated the performance of its depositary tasks from its other potentially conflicting tasks. The system of internal controls, the different reporting lines, the allocation of tasks and the management reporting allow potential conflicts of interest and the Depositary issues to be properly identified, managed and monitored. Additionally, in the context of the Depositary's use of sub-custodians, the Depositary imposes contractual restrictions to address some of the potential conflicts and maintains due diligence and oversight of sub-custodians to ensure a high level of client service by those agents. The Depositary further provides frequent reporting on clients' activity and holdings, with the underlying functions subject to internal and external control audits. Finally, the Depositary internally separates the performance of its custodial tasks from its proprietary activity and follows a Standard of Conduct that requires employees to act ethically, fairly and transparently with clients.

The Investment Adviser may use an affiliate of the Depositary to execute foreign exchange, spot or swap transactions for the account of one or more of the Funds. In such instances the affiliate shall be acting in a principal capacity and not as a broker, agent or fiduciary of the Fund. The affiliate will seek to profit from these transactions and is entitled to retain and not disclose any profit to the Company, the ACD or the Investment Adviser. The affiliate shall enter into such transactions on the terms and conditions agreed with the Investment Adviser for the account of the relevant Fund.

Where cash belonging to a Fund is deposited with an affiliate being a bank, a potential conflict arises in relation to the interest (if any) which the affiliate may pay or charge to such account and the fees or other benefits which it may derive from holding such cash as banker and not as trustee.

The ACD may also be a client or counterparty of the Depositary or its affiliates.

Up-to-date information on the Depositary, its duties, any conflicts that may arise, the safe-keeping functions delegated by the Depositary, the list of delegates and sub-delegates and any conflicts of interest that may arise from such a delegation will be made available to Shareholders on request.

The Depositary Agreement provides that where the ACD and Depositary of the Company are members of the respective parent groups of the current ACD and Depositary, the Depositary Agreement shall not be terminated until the expiry of a fixed term of approximately five years. Subject to that fixed term, the Depositary Agreement may be terminated by the Company or the Depositary giving not less than twelve months' written notice where the ACD remains a member of

its current parent group or not less than 3 months' written notice in any other circumstances. It also provides that in certain circumstances, the Depositary Agreement can be terminated forthwith on giving notice. No notice of termination shall take effect until the appointment of a successor depositary. The Depositary Agreement provides indemnities to the Depositary (except (a) in respect of the negligence, fraud, wilful default, certain breaches of the Depositary Agreement or failure to exercise due care and diligence by the Depositary, or any of its officers, directors, employees or associates or, in certain circumstances, agents or delegates and (b) where recovery is made from another person) and (to the extent permitted by the OEIC Regulations and the FCA Rules) exempts it from, inter alia, liability for special, indirect or consequential loss or damage and any loss in connection with any assets of the Company where it has exercised due care and diligence and has not committed fraud or wilful default.

The fees to which the Depositary is entitled are set out in Part 7 below.

#### The Fund Accountant

The Fund Accountant is State Street Bank & Trust Company ("SSBTC").

#### The Investment Adviser

Schroder Investment Management Limited is the Investment Adviser of the Funds, providing investment management and advice to the ACD. The registered office and correspondence address of the Investment Adviser is One London Wall Place, London, EC2Y 5AU. Its principal business activity is investment management. The Investment Adviser is authorised and regulated by the FCA.

The significant activities of the Investment Adviser, other than providing services to the Company as investment adviser, are providing investment management services to various clients including openended investment companies, unit trusts, investment trusts, insurance companies, pension funds, charities, off-shore and specialist funds, together with providing marketing and administration services in connection with such investment management services.

The Investment Adviser's services are currently provided pursuant to an investment management agreement dated 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 (the "**Investment Management Agreement**"). The appointment is for an initial term of 5 years ("**Initial Term**") but will continue beyond that Initial Term subject to certain termination provisions.

The ACD may terminate the Investment Management Agreement during the Initial Term by giving 12 months' written notice to the Investment Adviser on payment of a break fee or alternatively, without charge terminate for certain fault based reasons such as persistent or material breach, insolvency or if change of control would result in the Investment Adviser becoming a material competitor. The ACD also has a right to withdraw certain assets for convenience, without charge. Otherwise, the ACD may terminate the Investment Management Agreement for convenience on 12 months written notice. The Investment Management Agreement is governed by the laws of England and Wales and may be enforced by the ACD in the English courts.

During the Initial Term, the Investment Management Agreement may be terminated by the Investment Adviser in event of non-payment of their fee by the ACD or where required by a regulator. The Investment Adviser may also terminate for convenience after the Initial Term by giving 18 months' notice.

The Investment Adviser has responsibility for (and full discretion in making) all investment decisions in relation to each of the Funds subject to and in accordance with its investment objectives and policies and the instrument of incorporation of the Company (as may be varied from time to time). In

addition to the Fund documentation, The Investment Adviser's responsibility and discretion in making investment decisions will also be limited by the provisions of the instrument of incorporation, the FCA Rules and any specific directions or instructions given from time to time by the ACD (whether set out in the Investment Management Agreement or other agreed format). The ACD shall be responsible for any specific directions or instructions that it provides to the Investment Adviser.

The Investment Adviser is in compliance with the UK Stewardship Code in the exercise of voting rights in the investments it holds in relation to the Funds on behalf of the ACD. Details of the Stewardship Policy are available on request from the Investment Adviser.

The Investment Management Agreement is treated as a material outsourcing agreement and therefore contains various controls to enable the ACD to manage the arrangements with the Investment Adviser appropriately in accordance with regulatory guidelines.

No dealing or other commission is payable to the Investment Adviser for any deal done or which could be done on behalf of the Company. Instead, the fee payable to the Investment Adviser will be calculated in accordance with a scale of charges agreed from time to time between the Investment Adviser and the ACD. Those fees will be paid by the ACD and will not be charged to the Company.

#### Registrar

The ACD has been appointed to act as the registrar of the Company (in this capacity "the Registrar").

The Register and any plan registers are maintained by the Registrar at its office at 15 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh EH16 5WL and may be inspected at that address during normal business hours by any Shareholder or any Shareholder's duly authorised agent.

#### **Transfer Agency and Other Administration Services**

The ACD has, under an administration services agreement, appointed Diligenta to provide the services of a transfer agent. Diligenta is a UK-based subsidiary of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and is authorised and regulated by the FCA (firm reference number (438831). The services undertaken by Diligenta include the processing of applications for buying and selling Shares, the servicing of certain investor requests and other administration services relating to the Company.

Additionally, the ACD has delegated certain other administration functions to Scottish Widows Administration Services Limited.

The administration address is SWUTM Administration, P.O. Box 28015, 15 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh, EH16 5WL.

#### **Marketing**

The drawing up and distribution of marketing literature is not outsourced to a third party and is carried out by Scottish Widows marketing department (part of Scottish Widows Services Limited, a group company).

#### **Auditors**

The Auditors of the Company are PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Erskine House, 68-73 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 4NH.

#### Custodian

The Depositary has delegated the custody of the assets of the Funds to State Street Bank and Trust Company. The arrangements prohibit State Street Bank and Trust Company as such Custodian from releasing documents evidencing title to such assets into the possession of a third party without the consent of the Depositary.

#### **Conflicts of Duty or Interest**

The ACD, the Investment Adviser and other companies within the Lloyds Banking Group may, from time to time, act as investment managers or advisers to other collective investment schemes (or subfunds thereof), which follow similar investment objectives, policies or strategies to those of the Company or the Funds. It is therefore possible that the ACD and/or the Investment Adviser may in the course of its business have potential conflicts of duty or interest with the Company or a particular Fund. The ACD, Investment Adviser and other companies within the Lloyds Banking Group maintain and operate effective organisational and administrative arrangements with a view to taking all reasonable steps to prevent conflicts of interest as detailed in the FCA Handbook from constituting or giving rise to a material risk of damage to the interests of its clients.

Each of the ACD and the Investment Adviser will have regard in such event to its obligations under the ACD Agreement and the Investment Management Agreement respectively and, in particular, to its obligation to act in the best interests of the Company so far as practicable, having regard to its obligations to other clients when undertaking any investment where potential conflicts of interest may arise.

Further details relating to the ACD's conflicts of interest policy are available by contacting the ACD.

#### **Best Execution and Client Order Handling**

The ACD is required to ensure Shareholders' best interests are served when it, or the Investment Adviser, executes decisions to deal in the context of portfolio management or places orders to deal with securities dealings firms. The Investment Adviser on behalf of the ACD monitors the quality of the execution and client order handling arrangements they maintain with the brokers they use and promptly make any changes where they identify a need to do so. Further details relating to the ACD's policy are available by contacting the ACD.

# 3. Investment Objectives and Policies of the Funds

Investment of the assets of each Fund must be in accordance with the investment objective and policy of the relevant Fund and must comply with the investment restrictions and requirements set out in the FCA Rules. Details of the investment objectives and policies are set out in Appendix D in respect of each Fund and the eligible securities and derivatives markets through which the Funds may invest are set out in Appendix A. A summary of the general investment and borrowing restrictions and the extent to which the Company may invest in derivatives is set out in Appendix B. Such investment in derivatives is not intended to increase the risk profile of the Funds.

Whilst it is intended that each Fund will normally remain fully invested, the Investment Adviser will, subject to the FCA Rules, increase the level of liquidity of any Fund in the short term where it considers that market conditions so require.

It is not at present intended that the Company will have an interest in any immovable property (e.g. its office premises) or tangible movable property (e.g. office equipment).

### 4. Shares and Classes

More than one Class of Share may be issued in respect of each Fund. The ACD may make available the following Classes of Share in respect of each Fund:-

Class A net accumulation shares Class A net income shares (together "Class A Share Classes")

All Class A Share Classes share the following feature:-

• designated in Sterling.

Class B net accumulation shares Class B net income shares (together "Class B Share Classes")

All Class B Share Classes share the following features:-

- designated in Sterling; and
- not available to any person other than:-
  - (a) a person who acquires Shares of this Class pursuant to the terms of any scheme of conversion, amalgamation or reconstruction of a unit trust but only to the extent that that person acquires such Shares pursuant to the terms of any such scheme; or
  - (b) a person, not being a person of the type referred to in the preceding paragraph (a), to whom the ACD at its entire discretion has decided that such Shares may be made available.

Class G net accumulation shares Class G net income shares (together "Class G Share Classes")

All Class G Share Classes share the following feature:

• Designated in Sterling.

Class I net accumulation shares Class I net income shares (together "Class I Share Classes")

All Class I Share Classes share the following feature:-

• designated in Sterling.

Class P net accumulation shares Class P net income shares (together "Class P Share Classes")

All Class P Share Classes share the following features: -

- designated in Sterling; and
- not available to any person other than: -
  - (a) a holder of: Class A Shares in the European Select Growth Fund; Class A or Class B Shares in the American Growth Fund, European Growth Fund, Global Select Growth Fund, Japan Growth Fund or Pacific Growth Fund; or Class A, Class B or Class G Shares in the Global Growth Fund, who subscribes amounts to any such Fund by way

of a new or additional subscription made at or following 20 February 2017. These amounts subscribed will include (a) lump sum contributions made on or after 20 February 2017; (b) regular savings arrangements which commence on or after 20 February 2017, including any subsequent increases made to them; and (c) increases which are made on or after 20 February 2017 to any existing regular savings arrangements, and do not include any amounts subscribed as a result of switches from any other funds and/or products provided by any member of the Group; or

- (b) a person who subscribes amounts to any Fund by way of a new or additional subscription made at or following 20 February 2017. These amounts subscribed will include (a) lump sum contributions made on or after 20 February 2017; and (b) regular savings arrangements which commence on or after 20 February 2017, including any subsequent increases made to them, and do not include any amounts subscribed as a result of switches from any other funds and/or products provided by any member of the Group; or
- (c) a person, not being a person of the type referred to in the preceding paragraphs (a) and (b), to whom the ACD at its entire discretion has decided that such Shares may be made available.

Class X net accumulation shares Class X net income shares (together "Class X Share Classes")

All Class X Share Classes share the following features:-

- designated in Sterling; and
- not available to any person other than:-
  - (a) a company which is in the Group of companies consisting of the ultimate holding company of the ACD and each of the subsidiaries of that holding company; or
  - (b) a person, not being a company of the type referred to in the preceding paragraph (a), to whom the ACD at its entire discretion has determined that such Shares may be made available.

Appendix D contains a description of the Classes currently available (or currently intended to be made available at a later date) in respect of each of the Funds. New Share Classes (including gross accumulation shares and gross income shares) may be established by the ACD from time to time, subject to compliance with the FCA Rules. If a new Class of Share is introduced, a new Prospectus will be prepared to set out the required information in relation to that Class.

Where a Fund has different Classes, each Class may attract different charges and expenses and so monies may be deducted from Classes in unequal proportions. In these circumstances the proportionate interests of the Classes within a Fund will be adjusted in accordance with the terms of issue of Shares of those Classes. Also, each Class may have its own investment minima or other features, at the discretion of the ACD. Any such different charges or features are set out above and in Appendix D in relation to each of the funds.

A net income Share is one where income is distributed periodically to Shareholders net of any tax deducted or accounted for by the Fund. A net accumulation Share is one in respect of which income (net of any tax deducted or accounted for by the Fund) is credited periodically to capital within the relevant Fund. A gross income Share (if available) is one in respect of which income is distributed periodically to shareholders but, in accordance with UK tax law, is distributed without deduction by the Fund of any UK basic rate income tax. A gross accumulation Share (if available) is one in respect of which income is credited periodically to capital of the relevant Fund but, in accordance with UK tax law, is credited without deduction by the Fund of any UK basic rate income tax.

Holders of income Shares of a Fund are entitled to be paid the income of that Fund which is attributed to such Shares on the relevant interim and annual allocation dates. Holders of accumulation Shares are not entitled to be paid the income attributable to such Shares, but that income is automatically added to (and retained as part of) the capital assets of the relevant Fund on the relevant interim and/or annual allocation dates.

Shareholders are entitled (subject to certain restrictions) to Switch all or part of their Shares of one Class for Shares of another Class in respect of the same Fund or to Switch all or part of their Shares in relation to one Fund for Shares in relation to a different Fund. Details of this Switching facility and the restrictions are set out below under "Switching" in Part 6 below.

The Instrument of Incorporation provides the power to issue bearer Shares. However, currently the Company does not issue bearer Shares. If these were to be issued, they would be issued subject to the discretion of the ACD and subject to such conditions as the ACD may from time to time decide.

Note: The references to Gross and Net in any share class names refer to the regime before 6 April 2017 where distributions could be paid net or gross of United Kingdom tax. Please see Section 9: Taxation for explanation of the tax relating to distributions.

# 5. Pricing of Shares

The price of each Share of any Class will be calculated by reference to the proportion attributable to a Share of that Class of the Net Asset Value of the Fund to which it relates by:-

- taking the proportion attributable to the Shares of the Class concerned of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund as at the relevant valuation point of that Fund;
- dividing the result by the number of Shares of the relevant Class in issue immediately before the valuation point concerned; and
- increasing or decreasing the result by any dilution adjustment determined by the ACD (as described on pages 21 & 22)

The Net Asset Value of each Fund will be calculated as at the valuation point (being 8.00 am) on each Dealing Day in respect of that Fund. The ACD may at any time carry out an additional valuation if the ACD considers it desirable to do so. There will only be a single price for any Share as determined from time to time by reference to the valuation point.

In the event that, for any reason, the ACD is unable to calculate the Net Asset Value of any Fund at the normal time, the prices effective from that time will be calculated using the earliest available valuation thereafter.

Information regarding the calculation of the Net Asset Value of each Fund and the apportionment of that Net Asset Value between each Class of Shares in relation to that Fund is set out below in Appendix C.

Shares of each Class in relation to each Fund will be sold and redeemed on the basis of forward prices, being prices calculated by reference to the next valuation point after the sale or redemption is agreed.

The amount payable on the purchase of a Share will equal the sum of the price of the Share calculated on the basis set out above, any preliminary charge, and any SDRT provision. The amount received on the redemption of a Share will equal the price per Share calculated on the basis set out above less the aggregate of any redemption charge and any SDRT provision.

Information regarding the preliminary charge, redemption charge, dilution adjustment and SDRT provision is set out below under "Dealing Charges, Dilution Adjustment and SDRT" in Part 6 below.

The prices of each Class of the Class A, Class B, Class G and Class P Share Classes in relation to each Fund will be published daily on the Scottish Widows website at <a href="www.scottishwidows.co.uk">www.scottishwidows.co.uk</a> and on such other media that the ACD shall in its discretion decide in accordance with the FCA Rules. Prices of all Share Classes are also available daily by telephoning the ACD on lo-call number 0845 300 2244. Further details of where the prices are published are available from the ACD. Shares are, however, issued on a forward pricing basis and not on the basis of the published prices.

# 6. Sale, Redemption, Switching of Shares and Other Dealing Information

The dealing office of the ACD is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. (UK time) on each Dealing Day in respect of a Fund to receive requests for the sale, redemption and Switching of Shares in relation to that Fund. The ACD may, in accordance with the FCA Rules, identify a point in time in advance of a valuation point ("a cut-off point") after which it will not accept instructions to sell or redeem Shares at that valuation point. For requests made by telephone or electronic platform, dealing on the last working day before Christmas Day and New Year's Day will cease at 12.00 noon.

Shares may not be issued other than to a person who is resident in the UK (unless the ACD agrees otherwise) and who shall, to the ACD, (a) represent that they are not a US Person and are not purchasing the Shares for the account or benefit of a US Person and (b) agree to notify the ACD promptly if, at any time while they remain a holder of any shares, they should become a US Person or shall hold any Shares for the account or benefit of a US Person.

#### Sale of Shares

Shares can be bought either by sending a completed application form to the ACD at 15 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh EH16 5WL, by telephoning the ACD on 0845 845 0066 or through approved electronic dealing platforms available to certain types of investor. Application forms may be obtained from the ACD. The ACD may in future introduce further facilities to apply for Shares on-line.

The ACD has the right to reject, on reasonable grounds relating to the circumstances of the applicant, any application for Shares in whole or part and in this event the ACD will return any application monies sent, or the balance of such monies, at the risk of the applicant. The ACD is also not obliged to sell Shares where payment is not received with an application for shares.

Any application monies remaining after a whole number of Shares has been issued will not be returned to the applicant. Instead, smaller denomination shares will be issued in such circumstances. Each smaller denomination share is equivalent to one thousandth of a Share.

A contract note giving details of the Shares purchased and the price used will be issued by the end of the business day following the later of receipt of the application to purchase Shares or the valuation point by reference to which the purchase price is determined, together with, where appropriate, a notice of the applicant's right to cancel.

If payment has not already been made, settlement will be due on receipt by the purchaser of the contract note.

Share certificates will not be issued in respect of Shares. Ownership of Shares will be evidenced by an entry on the Register. Periodic statements issued once a year will show the number of Shares held by the recipient. Individual valuations of a Shareholder's Shares will also be issued at any time on request from the registered Shareholder.

Details of the minimum initial lump sum investment in each Class of each Fund and the minimum amount of any lump sum addition to a holding in the same Class of the same Fund are set out in Appendix D (in the sections "Minimum Initial Investment" and "Minimum Subsequent Investment" respectively) but the ACD may, at its absolute discretion, accept investments lower than the relevant minimum. These minimum limits are modified where there is a regular savings arrangement (in respect of which see below). If the value of a Shareholder's holding of Shares of a Class falls below the minimum holding (which is set out in Appendix D in respect of each Fund), his entire holding in that Class may be redeemed compulsorily by the ACD.

#### Market Timing

The ACD may refuse to accept applications for subscriptions or switches of Shares in a Fund which it knows or in its absolute discretion considers to be associated with market timing activities.

In general terms, market timing activities are strategies which may include frequent purchase and sales of Shares with a view to profiting from anticipated changes in market prices between valuation points or arbitraging on the basis of market price changes subsequent to those used in the valuation of a Fund.

Such market timing activities are disruptive to fund management, may lead to additional dealing charges which cause losses/dilution to a Fund and may be detrimental to performance and to the interests of long term Shareholders.

Accordingly, the ACD may its absolute discretion reject any application for subscription or switching of Shares from applicants that it considers to be associated with market timing activities.

#### Cancellation Rights

An investor entering into a contract to purchase Shares from the ACD will have a 30-day period to cancel their contract. Investors opting to cancel their contract may receive less than their original investment if the Share price has fallen subsequent to their initial purchase.

#### Regular Savings

Monthly contributions of £50 or more are payable under regular savings arrangements operated by the ACD in respect of certain Classes of Share within certain of the Funds (as specified below) by direct debit each month and, subject to the minimum monthly contribution of £50 per Class per month (and a minimum increase to those monthly contributions of not less than £10 per Class per month), can be varied or terminated at any time by the investor notifying the ACD.

However, the ACD reserves the right on termination of the arrangements or cessation of monthly contributions for any reason other than termination of the arrangements to repurchase the Shares held under the arrangements, if the then total value of such Shares is less than the minimum holding specified in Appendix D in respect of the relevant Class of Shares. The ACD may, at its absolute discretion, accept monthly contributions lower than the minima stated above. An additional lump

sum contribution of no less than the "Minimum Subsequent Investment" figure set out in Appendix D in respect of the relevant Class may be made at any time.

Shares under a regular savings arrangement will be purchased (on a forward price basis) on the day on which the direct debit operates. Where this falls on a Saturday, Sunday, public holiday or other non-Dealing Day or any other day on which the Net Asset Value of the Fund is not calculated, the price will be the next price calculated on the first working day thereafter. Twice every year, a communication detailing contributions and new Shares allocated will be sent to all investors under such a regular savings arrangement. Further, every year (but not necessarily at the same time as the communication referred to in the foregoing sentence), a tax certificate detailing allocations of income will be sent to all investors under such a regular savings arrangement.

In respect of each Fund, Class A net accumulation shares and Class P net accumulation shares are available for regular savings arrangements. The other share classes (if any) of each Fund will not normally be available for regular savings arrangements (except for Class G net accumulation shares in Global Growth Fund which will be available for regular savings arrangements).

The preceding paragraphs give only a brief summary of the regular savings arrangements offered by the ACD. Further details and an application form are available from the ACD on request.

#### **Redemption of Shares**

Subject as mentioned below under "Suspension of Dealings in Shares" in this Part 6, every Shareholder has the right on any Dealing Day in respect of a particular Fund to require that the Company redeems all or (subject as mentioned below) some of his Shares of a particular Class in relation to that Fund.

Requests to redeem Shares must be made to the ACD by telephone on 0845 845 0066 (in which case the identification procedures and controls required by the ACD from time to time must be satisfied), in writing signed by the Shareholder (or, in the case of joint Shareholders, each of them) sent to the ACD at 15 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh EH16 5WL or through approved electronic dealing platforms available to certain types of investor and, in each case, must specify the number and Class of the Shares to be redeemed and the Fund to which they relate. The ACD may in future introduce further facilities to request the redemption of Shares on-line.

Where the Shareholder wishes to redeem some only of those Shares, the ACD may decline to redeem those Shares (and the Shareholder may, therefore, be required to redeem his entire holding of those Shares) if either (1) the number or value of Shares which he wishes to redeem would result in the Shareholder holding Shares in a Fund with a value less than the minimum holding specified in Appendix D in respect of that Fund or (2) the value of the Shares in a Fund which the Shareholder wishes to redeem is less than the minimum partial redemption (if any) specified in Appendix D in respect of that Fund.

Not later than the end of the business day following the later of the receipt of the written redemption request or the telephone or electronic redemption request and the valuation point by reference to which the redemption price is determined, a contract note giving details of the number, Class and price of the Shares redeemed will be sent to the redeeming Shareholder (or the first-named, in the case of joint Shareholders) together with (if sufficient written instructions have not already been given) a form of renunciation for completion and execution by the Shareholder (or, in the case of joint Shareholders, by all of them).

Payment of the redemption monies will be made:-

- (a) in the case of a written redemption request, within four business days after the later of (1) receipt by the ACD of the written redemption request and (2) the valuation point following receipt by the ACD of the request to redeem; and
- (b) in the case of a telephone or electronic redemption request, within four business days of the telephone conversation or electronic message and confirmation from the ACD that payment monies will be released.

Please note however that the ACD reserves the right to request additional information or proof of identity, in order to validate elements of the transaction and to comply with any relevant money laundering regulations. This may delay the despatch of any redemption proceeds to the shareholder. Until this proof is provided the ACD reserves the right to refuse to redeem shares or to delay processing and/or withhold any payments due to investors in respect of their investment and to discontinue any deals it is conducting on behalf of those investors.

The ACD will attempt to contact the Shareholder(s) to keep them informed of any additional information requirements by either telephone, email, text message or in writing.

Payment will be made by cheque or by direct credit via the BACS system.

The ACD will advise the Shareholder via text message, email or telephone call if there is a change in the timescale for payment of monies as was notified to the Shareholder by the ACD at the time of the redemption request.

#### **Switching**

A holder of Shares may, subject as mentioned below, at any time Switch all or some of those Shares (the "Original Shares") for Shares of another Class in relation to the same Fund or for Shares in relation to another Fund (in either case, the "New Shares"). No Switch will be effected during any period when the right of Shareholders to require the redemption of their Shares is suspended.

Switching requests must be made to the ACD by telephone on 0845 845 0066 (in which case the identification procedures and controls required by the ACD from time to time must be satisfied) or in writing sent to the ACD at 15 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh EH16 5WL and must specify (1) the number and Class of the Original Shares to be Switched, (2) the Fund to which the Original Shares relate and (3) the Class of the New Shares and the Fund to which they relate. Switching requests made by telephone must be confirmed in writing sent to the ACD at the address stated in this paragraph. Switching forms may be obtained from the ACD and the Shareholder may be required to complete a Switching form (which, in the case of joint Shareholders, must be signed by all the joint holders) and receipt by the ACD of a duly completed and signed Switching form may be required by the ACD before the Switch will be effected. The ACD may in future introduce the facility to request a Switch on-line.

Subject as mentioned above, a Switch will be effected as at the valuation point next following the time at which the Switching request or (if required by the ACD) the duly completed and signed Switching form is received by the ACD or as at such other valuation point as the ACD may agree at the request of the Shareholder. Where the Switch is between Shares of Funds that have different valuation points, the cancellation or redemption of the Original Shares shall take place at the next valuation point of the Fund to which the Original Shares relate following receipt (or deemed receipt) by the ACD of the Switching request or (if required by the ACD) the duly completed and signed Switching form and the issue or sale of the New Shares shall take place at the next subsequent valuation point of the Fund to which the New Shares relate.

On a Switch between Funds the ACD may at its discretion charge a fee, which is described below under "Switching Fee". There is currently no fee on a Switch between Classes in relation to the same Fund but the ACD reserves the right to introduce such a fee, at its discretion, in the future, subject always to compliance with the FCA Rules.

If the Switch would result in the Shareholder holding a number of Original Shares or New Shares of a value which is less than the minimum holding specified in Appendix D in respect of the Fund concerned, the ACD may, if it thinks fit, convert the whole of the Shareholder's holding of Original Shares into New Shares or refuse to effect the requested Switch of the Original Shares. The ACD shall refuse to effect a requested switch by a shareholder if any other conditions attached to the purchase or holding of New Shares are not satisfied with respect to that shareholder.

The number of New Shares to which the Shareholder will become entitled on a Switch will be determined by reference to the respective prices of New Shares and Original Shares at the valuation point applicable at the time the Original Shares are cancelled or redeemed or, where the Switch is between Shares of Funds that have different valuation points, by reference to the price of Original Shares at the valuation point applicable at the time the Original Shares are cancelled or redeemed and by reference to the price of New Shares at the valuation point applicable at the time of the issue or sale of the New Shares.

The ACD may at its discretion adjust the number of New Shares to be issued to reflect the imposition of any Switching fee (see below) together with any other charges or levies (including for the avoidance of doubt dilution adjustment) or SDRT provision in respect of the issue or sale of the New Shares or repurchase or cancellation of the Original Shares as may be permitted pursuant to the FCA Rules and this Prospectus.

A Switch of Shares in one Fund for Shares in another Fund is treated as a redemption and sale and will, for persons subject to United Kingdom taxation, be a realisation for the purposes of capital gains taxation.

A Shareholder who Switches Shares in one Fund for Shares in another Fund will not, in any circumstances, be given a right by law to withdraw from or cancel the transaction.

Switches from Class G Shares to Class A Shares are not permitted.

The ACD may, upon appropriate notice to affected Shareholders, effect a compulsory conversion of Shares in one Class of a Fund for another Class of the same Fund. Such compulsory conversion shall be conducted as described above in this section. A compulsory conversion will only be undertaken where the ACD reasonably considers it is in the best interests of affected Shareholders. By way of example, the ACD may effect a compulsory conversion where the ACD reasonably believes it is in the best interests of Shareholders to reduce the number of available Classes.

The power to carry out such a compulsory conversion has been used by the ACD to effect a conversion of certain Shares issued between 1 October 2012 and 31 March 2017 in (i) Class A of the American Growth Fund, European Growth Fund, European Select Growth Fund, Global Growth Fund, Global Select Growth Fund, Japan Growth Fund and Pacific Growth Fund to Shares in Class P of such Funds; (ii) Class B of the American Growth Fund, European Growth Fund, Global Growth Fund, Global Select Growth Fund, Japan Growth Fund and Pacific Growth Fund to Shares in Class P of such Funds; and (iii) Class G of the Global Growth Fund, to Shares in Class P of such Fund, all of which took place by 30 September 2017. All impacted Shareholders received appropriate notice of the compulsory Conversion from the ACD.

The ACD may also use the power to carry out such a compulsory Conversion to effect a Conversion of certain Shares issued between 12 November 2012 and 29 September 2017 in Class A and Class B of the Global Growth Fund to Shares in Class P of such Fund, which is proposed to take place by 30 March 2018 or such other date as the ACD and the Depositary shall agree. Such compulsory conversion activity described immediately above also only applies for certain impacted Shareholders whose investment product(s) were arranged and either advised or distributed with no financial advice via a Lloyds Banking Group authorised representative and who have received appropriate notice of the compulsory conversion from the ACD.

#### **Dealing Charges, Dilution Adjustment and SDRT**

Preliminary Charge

The ACD may make (and retain) a preliminary charge on the sale of Shares to be borne by the Shareholders. The current level of the preliminary charge is calculated as a percentage of the amount invested and the maximum level of the preliminary charge is calculated as a percentage of the single price. The current level and the maximum permitted level of the preliminary charge in respect of each Class of each Fund are set out in Appendix D. The ACD may only increase the preliminary charge in accordance with the FCA Rules.

#### Redemption Charge

The ACD may make (and retain) a charge on the redemption of Shares to be borne by the Shareholders. At present no redemption charge is levied.

The ACD may not introduce a redemption charge on the Shares or a change to the rate or method of calculation of a redemption charge once introduced which is adverse to shareholders unless the ACD has given notice in accordance with the FCA Rules and of the date of its commencement to all persons who ought reasonably be known to it to have made an arrangement for the purchase of Shares at regular intervals and has made available a new Prospectus which reflects the introduction (or change) and the date of its commencement.

Any redemption charge introduced will apply only to Shares sold since its introduction.

Switching Fee

On the Switching of Shares for Shares relating to another Fund the ACD may instead of requiring payment of a preliminary charge on the issue of New Shares, impose a Switching fee. Details of the current fee charged upon Switching into each Fund are set out in Appendix D. The fee will not exceed an amount equal to the preliminary charge then applicable to the New Shares being acquired as a result of the Switch. The Switching fee is payable to the ACD.

There is currently no fee charged on a Switch to another Class of Share in the same Fund but the ACD reserves the right to introduce such a fee, at its discretion, in the future, subject always to compliance with the FCA Rules.

#### Dilution Adjustment

To mitigate the effects of dilution the ACD has the discretion to make a "dilution adjustment" on the sale and/or redemption of shares in a Fund. A dilution adjustment is an adjustment to the Share price. If there are net inflows into a Fund the dilution adjustment will increase the share price and if there are net outflows the Share price will be decreased.

The ACD may, at its discretion, make a dilution adjustment on the sale and/or redemption of Shares (including Switches) if, in its opinion, the existing Shareholders (for sales) or remaining Shareholders (for redemptions) might otherwise be materially affected. In particular, the ACD may make a dilution adjustment under the following circumstances:

- on a Fund where there is a net inflow or net outflow on any Dealing Day;
  - in any other case where the ACD believes that the imposition of a dilution adjustment is required to safeguard the interests of continuing shareholders.

On the occasions when the dilution adjustment is not made there may be an adverse impact on the total assets of a Fund.

As dilution is directly related to the inflows and outflows of monies from the relevant Fund it is not generally possible to predict accurately whether dilution will occur at any future point in time. Consequently it is also not generally possible to predict accurately how frequently the ACD will need to make such a dilution adjustment. However, for illustrative purposes, the ACD applied dilution adjustment over the period from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 overall on 1337 occasions, broken down as follows:-

Fund	Frequency of occasions on which dilution adjustment applied over a total of 253 days
American Growth	236
European Select Growth	245
European Growth	247
Pacific Growth	136
Global Select Growth	66
Global Growth	250
Japan Growth	157

The amount of any dilution adjustment may vary over time and may differ for each Fund. Should the ACD at its discretion make a dilution adjustment it is estimated that a typical dilution adjustment to the Share price might range from 0.03% to 0.19% where the dilution relates to net inflows, and range from 0.04% to 0.24% where dilution relates to net outflows. This estimated rate is based on future projections of movements within the Funds, and this can vary with underlying market conditions. Estimates of the amount of dilution adjustment based on securities held can be found in Appendix F.

#### **Other Dealing Information**

#### Money Laundering

As a result of legislation in force in the United Kingdom to prevent money laundering, persons conducting investment business are responsible for compliance with money laundering regulations. Accordingly, in certain circumstances individuals may be asked to provide proof of identity when buying or selling Shares and, until satisfactory proof of identity is provided, the ACD reserves the right to refuse to issue or redeem Shares or to delay processing and/or withhold any payments due to individuals in respect of their investment and to discontinue any deals it is conducting on behalf of those individuals. The ACD also reserves the right to request additional information or proof of identity, in order to validate any element of a transaction(s) and to comply with any relevant money laundering regulations. In applying to buy Shares an individual gives permission to access this information in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

In order to meet this requirement and for the prevention and detection of fraud, the ACD will access information from a credit reference agency\* to confirm an individual's identity. They will authenticate an individual's name and address, which involves checking the details an individual supplies against those held on any databases that the company carrying out the checks on the ACD's behalf (or any similar company) has access to. This includes information from the Electoral Register. The ACD will use scoring methods to authenticate an individual's identity. Any search will not be used by lenders or insurers when assessing lending or insurance risks. Information may also be passed to financial and other organisations involved in money laundering and fraud prevention to protect the ACD and customers from theft and fraud. If false or inaccurate information is given and fraud is suspected, this will be recorded and shared with other organisations.

If an individual provides the ACD with information about another person, the individual providing the information confirms that they have been appointed to act for that person to consent to the processing of their personal data. This means that the other person will have been informed of the ACD's identity and the purpose for which their personal data will be processed, namely to verify their name and address. Where the ACD receives notification affecting the legal ownership of the plan, or the appointment of an attorney under a Power of Attorney or other circumstances where there are new parties associated with the contract, the same process as set out above will apply.

Please note that if an individual's name and address cannot be confirmed by using a credit reference agency the ACD may contact that individual to ask them to supply certain documents to verify their name and address. If asked, the ACD will advise which credit reference agency has been used to enable that individual to get a copy of their details from them.

\* please note the ACD only uses this agency to verify identity to fulfil anti-money laundering regulations and not to check credit worthiness.

Exemption from the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) client money rules

The ACD may choose to make use of the "Delivery Versus Payment" exemption within the FCA's client money and asset (CASS) rules. This means that when Shares are purchased or redeemed there could be a period of time (up to close of business the day after the ACD has received the proceeds from any such transaction) where the payment or redemption monies for these Shares is not protected under the CASS rules. If in the unlikely event that the ACD became insolvent during this period, there is a risk that the impacted investor may not receive back the payment or redemption monies.

Restrictions and Compulsory Transfer and Redemption

The ACD may from time to time impose such restrictions, as it may think necessary for the purpose of ensuring that no Shares are acquired or held by any person in circumstances (the "relevant circumstances"):

- 1. which constitutes a breach of the law or governmental regulation (or any interpretation of a law or regulation by a competent authority) of any country or territory; or
- 2. which would require the Company, the ACD or the investment manager to be registered under any law or regulation of any country or territory or cause the Company to apply for registration or comply with any registration requirements in respect of any of its Shares whether in the US or any other jurisdiction in which it is not currently registered; or
- 3. which would (or would if other Shares were acquired or held in like circumstances), in the opinion of the ACD, result in the Company, any of its Shareholders, the ACD or the investment manager incurring any liability to taxation or suffering any other legal, regulatory, pecuniary or other adverse consequence which it or they might not have otherwise suffered; or

4. where such person is a US Person or is holding the Shares for the account or benefit of a US Person.

For the purposes of the "relevant circumstances" above, "investment manager" shall include the Investment Adviser and any other person appointed by the ACD and/or the Company to provide investment management and/or investment advisory services in respect of the Scheme Property of the Company or in respect of the Funds.

In connection with the relevant circumstances, the ACD may, inter alia, reject at its discretion any application for the purchase, sale, or switching of Shares.

If it comes to the notice of the ACD that any Shares ("affected Shares") are owned whether beneficially or otherwise in any of the relevant circumstances or if it reasonably believes this to be the case, the ACD may give notice to the holder(s) of the affected Shares requiring the transfer of such Shares to a person who is qualified or entitled to own them or the Switch, where possible, of the affected Shares for other Shares the holding or acquisition of which would not fall within any of the relevant circumstances ("non-affected Shares") or that a request in writing be given for the redemption or cancellation of such Shares in accordance with the FCA Rules. If any person upon whom such a notice is served does not within 30 days after the date of such notice transfer his affected Shares to a person qualified to own them or Switch his affected Shares for non-affected Shares or establish to the satisfaction of the ACD (whose judgement is final and binding) that he and any person on whose behalf he holds the affected Shares are qualified and entitled to own the affected Shares, he shall be deemed upon the expiration of that 30 day period to have given a request in writing for the redemption or cancellation of all the affected Shares pursuant to the FCA Rules.

A person who becomes aware that he is holding or owns affected Shares in any of the relevant circumstances shall forthwith, unless he has already received a notice as aforesaid, either transfer all his affected Shares to a person qualified to own them or, where possible, Switch the affected Shares for non-affected Shares or give a request in writing for the redemption or cancellation (at the discretion of the ACD) of all his affected Shares pursuant to the FCA Rules.

If:-

- (a) at any time when Shares in respect of which income is allocated or paid without deduction of UK income tax ("gross paying shares") are in issue, the Company or the ACD becomes aware that the holder of such gross paying shares has failed or ceased to be entitled to have income so allocated or paid; or
- (b) at any time the Company or the ACD becomes aware that the holder of any Shares has failed or ceased for whatever reason to be entitled to hold those Shares;

the Company shall, without delay, treat the Shareholder concerned as if he had served on the Company a switching notice requesting Switching of all such Shares owned by such Shareholder for Shares (which in the case of a holder referred to in (a) above shall be Shares in respect of which income is allocated or paid net of tax ("net paying shares")) of the Class or Classes which, in the opinion of the ACD, most nearly equates to the Class or Classes of Shares originally held by that Shareholder.

If:-

- (a) at any time when gross paying shares are in issue, a Shareholder who holds gross paying shares fails or ceases to be entitled to have income so allocated or paid without deduction of UK income tax; or
- (b) at any time the holder of any Shares fails or ceases for whatever reason to be entitled to hold those Shares:

he shall, without delay, give notice thereof to the Company and the Company shall, upon receipt of such a notice (if no request has been made for the transfer or repurchase of such Shares) treat the Shareholder concerned as if he had served on the Company a switching notice requesting Switching of all such Shares owned by such Shareholder for Shares (which in the case of a Shareholder referred to in (a) above shall be net paying shares) of the Class or Classes which, in the opinion of the ACD, most nearly equates to the Class or Classes of Shares originally held by that Shareholder.

Issue of Shares in Exchange for In Specie Assets

On request, the ACD may, at its discretion, arrange for the Company to issue Shares in exchange for assets other than money, but will only do so where the Depositary has taken reasonable care to ensure that the Company's acquisition of those assets in exchange for the Shares concerned is not likely to result in any material prejudice to the interests of Shareholders.

The ACD will ensure that the beneficial interest in the assets is transferred to the Company with effect from the issue of the Shares.

The ACD will not issue Shares relating to any Fund in exchange for assets the holding of which would be inconsistent with the investment objective of that Fund.

#### In Specie Redemptions

If a Shareholder requests the redemption or cancellation of Shares and the ACD considers the same to be substantial in relation to the total size of the Fund concerned, the ACD may arrange that, instead of payment of the price of the Shares in cash, the Company cancels the Shares and transfers to the Shareholder assets out of the Scheme Property of the relevant Fund or, if required by the Shareholder, the net proceeds of sale of those assets.

Before the proceeds of the redemption of Shares become payable, the ACD must give written notice to the Shareholder that assets out of the Scheme Property of the relevant Fund (or the net proceeds of sale thereof) will be transferred to that Shareholder.

The ACD will select in consultation with the Depositary the assets within the Scheme Property of the relevant Fund to be transferred or sold. The Depositary may pay out of the Scheme Property assets other than cash as payment for cancellation of Shares only if it has taken reasonable care to ensure that the property concerned would not be likely to result in any material prejudice to the interests of Shareholders.

The assets within the Scheme Property of the relevant Fund to be transferred (or the proceeds of sale thereof) shall be subject to the retention by the Depositary of Scheme Property including cash) of a value or amount equivalent to any redemption charge, dilution adjustment or SDRT provision to be paid in relation to the redemption of shares.

Suspension of Dealings in Shares

The ACD may, with the prior agreement of the Depositary, and must without delay if the Depositary so requires temporarily suspend the issue, cancellation, sale and redemption of Shares in any or all of the Funds where due to exceptional circumstances it is in the interests of all the Shareholders in the relevant Fund or Funds. The ACD and the Depositary must ensure that the suspension is only allowed to continue for as long as is justified having regard to the interests of Shareholders.

The ACD will notify Shareholders as soon as is practicable after the commencement of the suspension, including details of the exceptional circumstances which have led to the suspension, in a clear, fair and not misleading way and giving Shareholders details of how to find further information about the suspensions.

Where such suspension takes place, the ACD will publish details on its website or other general means, sufficient details to keep Shareholders appropriately informed about the suspension, including, if known, its possible duration.

During the suspension, none of the obligations in COLL 6.2 (Dealing) will apply but the ACD will comply with as much of COLL 6.3 (Valuation and Pricing) during the period of suspension as is practicable in light of the suspension.

Suspension will cease as soon as practicable after the exceptional circumstances leading to the suspension have ceased but the ACD and the Depositary will formally review the suspension at least every 28 days and will inform the FCA of the review and any change to the information given to Shareholders.

The ACD may agree during the suspension to deal in Shares in which case all deals accepted during and outstanding prior to the suspension will be undertaken at a price calculated at the first Valuation Point after the restart of dealings in Shares.

Governing Law

All dealings in Shares will be governed by Scots law.

Electronic Communications

Currently, transfers of title to Shares may not be effected on the authority of an electronic communication.

# 7. Fees and Expenses

The Company, the Depositary, the Custodian the ACD, the Investment Adviser, the Auditor or any other "affected person" are not liable to account to each other or to Shareholders for any profits or benefits made or received which derive from or in connection with dealings in the shares, or any transaction in the Scheme Property or the supply of services to the Company.

#### **Expenses**

Each Fund formed after the date of this Prospectus may bear its own direct authorisation and establishment costs.

The Company may also pay the following expenses (including value added tax, where applicable) out of the property of any one or more of the Funds:-

- (a) the fees and expenses payable to the ACD and to the Depositary (further details of these fees and expenses are given below);
- (b) fees and expenses in respect of establishing and maintaining the Register and any plan registers and related functions (whether payable to the ACD or any other person);
- (c) expenses incurred in acquiring and disposing of investments;
- (d) expenses incurred in distributing income to Shareholders;
- (e) fees in respect of the publication and circulation of details of the Net Asset Value of each Fund and each Class of Shares of each Fund;
- (f) the fees and expenses of the auditors and legal, tax and other professional advisers of the Company and of the ACD;
- (g) the costs of convening and holding meetings of Shareholders (including meetings of Shareholders in any particular Fund or in any particular Class within a Fund);
- (h) the costs of printing and distributing reports, accounts and any Prospectus (except for the distribution of any Simplified Prospectus or key investor information document or supplementary investor information document);
- (i) the costs of publishing prices and other information which the ACD is required by law to publish and any other administrative expenses;
- (j) taxes and duties payable by the Company;
- (k) interest on and charges incurred in relation to borrowings;
- (1) any amount payable by the Company under any indemnity provisions contained in the Instrument of Incorporation or any agreement with any of the persons mentioned above under Part 2 above ("Management and Administration");
- (m) fees of the FCA under Schedule 1, Part III of the Act and the corresponding periodic fees of any regulatory authority in a country or territory outside the United Kingdom in which Shares are or may be marketed;
- (n) fees and expenses in connection with the listing of Shares on any stock exchange;
- (o) any costs incurred in modifying the Instrument of Incorporation or the Prospectus;
- (p) any expenses properly incurred by the Depositary in performing duties imposed upon it (or exercising powers conferred on it) by the FCA Rules or the OEIC Regulations. The relevant duties include (but are not limited to) the delivery of stock to the Depositary or the Custodian, the custody of assets, the collection of income, the submission of tax returns, the handling of tax claims, the preparation of the Depositary's annual report and any other duties the Depositary is required to perform by law;
- (q) insurance which the Company may purchase and/or maintain for the benefit of and against any liability incurred by any directors of the Company in the performance of their duties;
- (r) liabilities on amalgamation or reconstruction arising where the property of a body corporate or another collective investment scheme is transferred to the Depositary in consideration for the issue of Shares to the shareholders in that body or to participants in that other scheme, provided that any liability arising after the transfer could have been paid out of that other property had it arisen before the transfer and, in the absence of any express provision in the Instrument of Incorporation forbidding such payment, the ACD is of the opinion that proper provision was made for meeting such liabilities as were known or could reasonably have been anticipated at the time of transfer;
- (s) any costs incurred in forming a Fund or a Class of Shares; and
- (t) any other costs or expenses that may be taken out of the Company's property in accordance with the FCA Rules.

Expenses will be allocated between capital and income in accordance with the FCA Rules.

In the event that any expense, cost, charge or liability which would normally be payable out of income property attributable to a Class or Fund cannot be so paid because there is insufficient income

property available for that purpose, such expense, cost, charge or liability may be paid out of the capital property attributable to that Class or Fund.

#### Charges payable to the ACD

In payment for carrying out its duties and responsibilities the ACD is entitled to receive out of the assets of each Fund an annual management charge which accrues daily in respect of successive daily accrual intervals, is reflected in the value of the Shares on a daily basis and is paid out of each Fund at monthly intervals. The annual management charge is calculated separately in respect of each Class of Shares in relation to a Fund as a percentage rate per annum of the proportion attributable to that Class of the Net Asset Value of that Fund. It is calculated on a daily basis by reference to that proportion of the Net Asset Value of that Fund at the first or only valuation point on the previous Dealing Day in respect of that Fund (but, in respect of the first day on which there is property in that Fund, there will be no annual management charge). The current rate of annual management charge and the maximum rate of annual management charge permitted in respect of each Class of Share in relation to each Fund are set out in Appendix D. Any value added tax on the annual management charge will be added to that charge.

On a winding up of the Company or a Fund or on the redemption of a Class of Shares of a Fund, the ACD is entitled to its pro rata fees and expenses to the date of termination and any additional expenses necessarily realised in settling or receiving any outstanding obligations.

The ACD is also entitled to all reasonable, properly vouched out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the performance of its duties.

The ACD may only increase its remuneration for its services in accordance with the FCA Rules.

#### **Remuneration Policy**

The ACD has in place a remuneration policy (the "Remuneration Policy") that satisfies the requirements of SYSC 19E of the FCA Handbook (UCITS Remuneration Code) and is governed by the Remuneration Committee (the "Committee"). The Committee comprises Non-Executive Directors from a wide background to provide a balanced and independent view on remuneration matters.

The Remuneration Policy is designed to ensure that the ACD's remuneration practices are:

- consistent with and promote sound and effective risk management;
- provide a clear link between pay and performance;
- attract and retain staff of the highest caliber;
- do not encourage risk taking and are consistent with the risk profiles, the Instrument of Incorporation or Prospectus of the UCITS funds it manages;
- do not impair the ACD's compliance with its duty to act in the best interests of those UCITS: and
- include fixed and variable components of remuneration including salaries and discretionary pension benefits (although the policy is not to offer discretionary pension benefits).

The ACD considers the Remuneration Policy to be appropriate to the size, internal organisation and the nature, scope and complexity of the ACD's activities.

The Remuneration Policy is in line with the long-term business strategy, business objectives, risk appetite, values and interests of:

- the ACD;
- the UCITS it manages; and

- the Shareholders;
- and includes measures to avoid conflicts of interest.

The matters covered by the Remuneration Policy include:

- the Group "Reward Principles"
  - the restrictions on the awarding of guaranteed variable remuneration;
  - the criteria for setting fixed and variable remuneration;
  - details of long term incentive plans; and
- reference is also made to managing deferral and performance adjustment.

The Remuneration Policy will apply to the fixed and variable (if any) remuneration received by the staff covered by the Remuneration Policy (known as Remuneration Code Staff).

Up-to-date details of the Remuneration Policy are available to be viewed at the following location:

#### group remuneration policy

Details of the Remuneration Committee are available in the most recent Directors' Remuneration Report, contained within the Annual report and available via the link below:

#### 2016 Annual report

Paper copies of these documents will be made available free of charge on request.

#### Depositary's Fee

The Depositary is entitled to receive out of the property of each Fund, by way of remuneration, a periodic charge which will accrue daily and will be paid monthly. The rate or rates of the Depositary's periodic charge in respect of each Fund shall be agreed between the ACD and Depositary from time to time in accordance with the FCA Rules and shall not exceed a rate of 0.5% per annum of the Net Asset Value plus VAT.

The current rate charged per annum on the value of the relevant Fund, represented by the net asset value of the Fund calculated on each business day is 0.0090% plus VAT (if any).

The valuation used for each day which is not a Dealing Day in respect of that Fund will be the value calculated on the previous Dealing Day in respect of that Fund. Value Added Tax on the amount of the periodic charge will be paid out of each Fund in addition.

The Depositary Agreement between the Company and the Depositary provides that in addition to a periodic charge the Depositary may also be paid by way of remuneration custody fees where it acts as Custodian and other transaction and bank charges. The amount of such fees and charges shall be as agreed from time to time by the Company and the Depositary in accordance with the FCA Rules. At present the Depositary does not itself act as Custodian.

In addition to the remuneration referred to above, the Depositary is entitled to receive reimbursement for expenses properly and reasonably incurred by it in discharge of its duties or exercising any powers conferred upon it in relation to the Company and each Fund. Such expenses include, but are not restricted to:

(i) the charges and expenses payable to SSBTC to whom the Depositary has delegated the function of custody of the scheme property, such charges being the subject of agreement between the Depositary, the Company and SSBTC (subject to the FCA Rules) from time to

time. The remuneration for acting as custodian is calculated at such rate and/or amount as the ACD, the Depositary and the Custodian may from time to time agree which will not in respect of each Fund exceed 2% per annum based on the market value of the stock involved plus VAT (if any). In addition the custodian makes a transaction charge determined by the territory, or country in which the transaction is effected which will not in respect of each Fund exceed £400 per transaction plus VAT (if any).

The cost of custody generally depends upon the market value of the stock. As at 1 November 2011 the range of custody charges applicable to each Fund will range from 0.002% to 0.5% per annum plus VAT (if any) and the range of transaction charges applicable to each Fund will range from between £3 and £100 plus VAT (if any).

- (ii) all charges imposed by, and any expenses payable to, any agents appointed by the Depositary to assist in the discharge of its duties.
- (iii) all charges and expenses incurred in connection with the collection and distribution of income.
- (iv) all charges and expenses incurred in relation to the preparation of the Depositary's annual report to Shareholders.
- (v) all charges and expenses incurred in relation to stock lending or other transactions.
- (vi) fees and expenses payable to any professional adviser advising or assisting the Depositary, when deemed necessary in connection with the proper performance of its duties (except to the extent that such advice is required as a result of any failure by the Depositary or its officers, directors, employees or delegates to perform its duties under the Depositary Agreement or applicable law or regulation).

#### Introduction or increase of remuneration of Depositary or Custodian

Remuneration payable out of the Scheme Property to the Depositary or Custodian can only be introduced or increased in accordance with the FCA Rules.

#### **Investment Adviser's Fee**

The Investment Adviser will be paid by the ACD out of its annual management fee.

#### Administrator's Fee

Under the administration services agreement, Diligenta Limited will be paid by the ACD out of its annual management fee.

#### Registrar's Fee

In addition to its annual management charge, the ACD is entitled to a fee out of the Scheme Property of the Funds for acting as Registrar which will accrue daily and will be paid monthly.

The amount of the said fee in respect of each Fund shall be 0.1% per annum of the Net Asset Value plus VAT (if any).

#### **Stock lending Income**

Any gross lending income generated from a stock lending transaction will generally be split between:-

- a) the particular Fund involved in such transaction;
- b) any stock lending agent; and
- c) the ACD for its administration and oversight of the stock lending arrangements.

Any other income or capital generated by efficient portfolio management techniques will be paid to the Fund.

None of the Funds currently engage in stock lending transaction arrangements.

#### **Auditor's Fee**

The Auditors will be paid a fee for each Fund in payment for carrying out its duties as Auditor. Any such fees are subject to annual review and any change in fee is subject to review and agreement with the ACD in advance. Increases may reflect inflation (limited in line with increases to the Retail Prices Index), volume of audit work required for each fund and any extended testing required by regulation or accounting standards. For the accounting year 2018 - 2019 the fees (including VAT) were as follows:

American Growth	£11,520
European Select Growth	£11,520
European Growth	£11,520
Pacific Growth	£11,520
Global Select Growth	£11,520
Global Growth	£11,520
Japan Growth	£11,520

These fees are payable per Fund out of the Scheme Property. The ACD may, at its discretion from time to time, choose whether or not to bear the Auditors' fees for any of the Funds in whole or in part. The Auditors' fee accrues daily and is paid annually.

# 8. Accounting and Income

#### **Accounting Periods**

The annual accounting period of the Company will end on 30 November ("the accounting reference date") in each year. The half-yearly accounting period will end on 31 May in each year.

#### **Annual Reports**

Annual long reports of the Company will be published within four months following the end of the annual accounting period. Half-yearly long reports will be published within two months following the end of the half-yearly accounting period.

Copies may be inspected at the offices of the ACD at 15 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh, EH16 5WL. Copies may also be obtained from the ACD at that address. Shareholders are entitled to apply for and receive the long report.

#### Income

Allocations of income are made in respect of the income available for allocation in each accounting period (whether annual or interim). The annual and interim income allocation dates, if any, for each Fund are given in Appendix D. Allocations of income for each Fund will be made on or before the relevant income allocation date. Payment of income distributions will normally be made by bank transfer (BACS) but may be made by cheque.

The amount available for allocation in respect of any Fund in any accounting period will be calculated in accordance with the FCA Rules by taking the aggregate of the income received or receivable for the account of the relevant Fund in respect of that period and deducting the charges and expenses of the relevant Fund paid or payable out of income in respect of that accounting period and adding the ACD's best estimate of any relief from tax on such charges and expenses. The ACD will then make such other adjustments as it considers appropriate (and after consulting the Company's auditors as appropriate) in relation to taxation, income equalisation, income unlikely to be received within 12 months following the relevant income allocation date, income which should not be accounted for on an accrual basis because of lack of information as to how it accrues, transfers between the income and capital account and any other adjustments (including for reimbursement of set up costs) which the ACD considers appropriate after consulting the Company's auditors. The ACD does not currently intend to operate smoothing of income distributions.

The Company will allocate the amount available for allocation between the Classes of Shares in issue relating to a Fund in accordance with the respective proportionate interests of each such Class of Shares calculated in the manner described in Appendix C.

If a distribution payment of a Fund remains unclaimed for a period of six years after it has become due, it will be forfeited and will revert to and become part of the Scheme Property of that Fund. Thereafter neither the shareholder nor his successor will have any right to it except as part of the capital property of the Fund.

#### **Income Equalisation**

Income equalisation is currently distributed in relation to each Fund.

Part of the purchase price of a Share reflects the relevant share of accrued income received or to be received by the Company. This capital sum ("income equalisation"), where distributed, is returned to a Shareholder with the first allocation of income to the Share in question in respect of the accounting period in which it was issued or sold.

The amount of income equalisation in respect of an accounting period is calculated by dividing the aggregate of the amounts of income included in the prices of all Shares issued or sold to Shareholders during that accounting period by the number of those Shares and applying the resultant average to each of those Shares.

In the two preceding paragraphs, "accounting period" means any interim accounting period, the period between the end of the last interim accounting period in an annual accounting period and the end of that annual accounting period and, where there is no interim accounting period in an annual accounting period, the annual accounting period itself.

The ACD may, subject to compliance with the FCA Rules and the OEIC Regulations, decide that income equalisation is to cease to be distributed in respect of any Fund, in which case, it shall instead be accumulated as part of the capital property of the Fund.

# 9. Taxation

The information given under this heading is for general guidance only and does not constitute legal or tax advice. Prospective investors should consult their own professional advisers as to the implications of subscribing for, purchasing, holding, Switching or disposing of Shares under the laws of the jurisdiction in which they are resident for tax purposes.

# The Company

Each Fund is exempt from UK tax on dividends received from UK companies and, subject to certain conditions, overseas companies. Each Fund can choose to elect to tax particular overseas dividends and, where it makes such an election, these dividends will be included in the taxable income of the Fund. Most other sources of income (e.g. interest income) will also constitute taxable income of each Fund. Each Fund will be subject to corporation tax at 20% on its taxable income after deducting allowable expenses and interest distributions (see below) and subject to relief for any foreign tax suffered in respect of that taxable income.

Gains and losses on creditor relationships (e.g. loan stocks, corporate bonds, gilts) will not be taxable if they are included in the accounts as 'net gains/losses on investments' or 'other gains/losses'.

Capital gains realised on the disposal of the investments held by any of the Funds are not subject to UK corporation tax. However, in certain circumstances, income may be deemed to arise for tax purposes in respect of certain investments (e.g. interests in limited partnerships and material interests in offshore funds) notwithstanding that the income concerned has not been received as such by the Fund.

The Funds may be subject to overseas tax and the extent of this tax charge will be dependent on the countries the fund invests into, the types of investments held and any double tax treaties in place between the UK and overseas territory. These local tax laws are subject to change.

Stamp Duty/SDRT

Stamp duty or SDRT may be payable by the Company on the purchase of investments or in respect of any transfers of assets between Funds.

#### Shareholders

Allocations of income to Shareholders are treated as taxable distributions regardless of whether the income is retained within the Fund or actually paid to Shareholders.

Income – dividend distributions\*

Any dividend distribution made by a Fund will be treated as if it were a dividend from a UK company and classed as taxable income, so you may need to declare the total amount received or earned to HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC). Depending on your personal circumstances you may have a liability to pay tax on some or all of the dividends received or earned. For details of the current dividend allowance, please visit www.gov.uk.

<sup>\*</sup> Scottish Taxpayers pay the same as the rest of the UK on dividend income.

Shareholders within the charge to UK corporation tax will receive dividend distributions which may be "streamed" into the following elements, depending on the underlying income of the fund:

- Non-taxable stream. This is treated as non-taxable investment income in the hands of the corporate Shareholder
- **Taxable stream**. This is treated as an annual payment received after deduction of tax at a rate equal to the basic rate of income tax. This tax deducted may be repayable in full or be available for offset against any Shareholder UK corporation tax liability.
- Annual payment (foreign element). This is treated as foreign income in the hands of the corporate investor and is liable to corporation tax. The associated deemed tax is treated as foreign tax in the hands of the investor who may be able to claim double tax relief. Investors cannot reclaim any of this deemed tax on the foreign element from HM Revenue & Customs

The proportions of a dividend distribution that are to be treated as non-taxable, taxable and annual payments and the associated tax credits will be shown in the relevant fund distribution page in the Company Report & Accounts.

For corporate Shareholders, an investment in any fund which holds more than 60% of its assets in qualifying investments at any time during the accounting period of the corporate holder will be treated as a loan relationship asset for that period. If it makes a dividend distribution, the amount streamed as non-taxable investment income will be treated as loan relationship income with no tax credit. The amount streamed as unfranked investment income will be treated as above.

#### Income – interest distributions

A Fund for which the market value of its "qualifying investments" (mainly interest generating assets) exceeds 60% of the market value of all its investments throughout the distribution period (a "Bond" fund for UK tax purposes) may make an interest distribution instead of a dividend distribution. The amount of the interest distribution derived from taxable income is deductible in computing the Fund's income for corporation tax purposes. The type of distribution currently paid by each Fund is detailed below and details of whether a particular Fund is currently a Bond fund for UK tax purposes are set out in Appendix D.

A personal savings allowance is available of up to £1,000 for basic rate tax payers or £500 for higher rate tax payers. Additional rate tax payers do not qualify for the allowance.

Interest distributions from UK bond funds qualify under the personal savings allowance.

Bond funds are no longer required to withhold basic rate tax on interest distributions (which, prior to 6 April 2017, would have been withheld at a rate of 20%).

Individual Shareholders may be required to file a tax return where the interest distributions are not covered by the personal savings allowance.

Corporate Shareholders would be subject to UK corporation tax on gross interest distributions, whether paid or allocated to them.

The type of distribution which it is intended will be paid by each Fund is as follows:

Fund Name Interest/Dividend Distribution

American Growth Fund Dividend
European Growth Fund Dividend
European Select Growth Fund Dividend

Global Growth Fund Dividend
Global Select Growth Fund Dividend
Japan Growth Fund Dividend
Pacific Growth Fund Dividend

#### Capital Gains

Shareholders who are resident in the UK for tax purposes may be liable to capital gains tax or, where the Shareholder is a company, corporation tax, in respect of gains arising from the sale, exchange or other disposal of Shares (including switches between Funds but not switches between classes in respect of the same Fund).

Capital gains made by individual Shareholders on disposals from all chargeable sources of investment will be tax free if the net gain (after deduction of allowable losses) falls within an individual's annual capital gains exemption. Where an individual's annual exemption has been utilised, there may be tax considerations on disposals and investors should consult their own professional tax advisers or their tax office. Shareholders chargeable to UK corporation tax must include all chargeable gains realised on the disposal of Shares in their taxable profits. The amount chargeable may be reduced by available indexation allowance (this was capped as at December 2017).

A life insurance company investing in a Fund may in certain circumstances be treated as realising an annual chargeable gain based on the deemed disposal of its Shares for the purposes of corporation tax on capital gains.

For corporate Shareholders, an investment in any fund which holds more than 60% of its assets in qualifying investments at any time during the accounting period of the corporate holder invests in the fund, will be treated as a loan relationship asset for that period. As a result, the Shareholder will be taxed on capital gains under the loan relationships regime.

The amount representing the income equalisation element of the share price is a return of capital and is not taxable as income in the hands of Shareholders. This amount should be deducted from the cost of Shares in computing any capital gain realised on a subsequent disposal.

# **Investor Reporting**

US Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA")

The U.K. has entered into an inter-governmental agreement ("IGA") with the U.S. to facilitate FATCA compliance. Under this agreement, FATCA compliance will be enforced under U.K. local tax legislation and reporting. The Company may require additional information from shareholders in order to comply with relevant obligations, and the non-provision of such information may result in mandatory redemption of Shares or other appropriate action taken by the ACD at its discretion in accordance with the constitutional documents of the Company. Each prospective investor should consult its own tax advisers on the requirements applicable to it under FATCA.

The 30% withholding tax regime could apply if there is a failure to provide certain required information and these rules apply to such payments made after 1 July 2014.

UK International Tax Compliance Agreements ("ITC")

In addition to the agreement signed by the UK with the US to implement the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (''FATCA''), the UK has now signed additional agreements ("IGAs") with a number of other jurisdictions. Details of the jurisdictions and agreements can be found at http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/fatca/index.htm.

These additional IGAs, as transposed into UK law, require UK Financial Institutions, to report to HMRC the details of relevant taxpayers holding assets with those Financial Institutions so the UK can exchange this information with the relevant jurisdiction on an automatic basis. The IGAs are effective on or after 1 July 2014 and include the Company as a UK Financial Institution, and require the Company to obtain mandatory evidence as to the tax residency(s) of any individual, or in the case of non-individuals, their ITC classification. The Company is also required to identify any existing Shareholder as a relevant taxpayer or in the case of non-individuals to identify what their ITC classification is, within the meaning of the IGAs based on the records the Company holds.

Further, under UK law implementing the IGAs the Company is required to disclose such information as maybe required under the IGAs to HMRC on any Shareholder who is considered to have become a relevant taxpayer, within the meaning of the IGA. Investors should consult their own tax advisers regarding any potential obligations that the IGAs may impose on them.

Common Reporting Standard ("CRS")

The UK and a number of other jurisdictions have also agreed to enter into multilateral arrangements modelled on the Common Reporting Standard for Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information published by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). These agreements and arrangements, as transposed into UK law, may require the Company to provide certain information to HMRC about shareholders from the jurisdictions which are party to such arrangements (which information will in turn be provided to the relevant tax authorities).

In light of the above, shareholders in the Company may be required to provide certain information to the Company to comply with the terms of the UK regulations.

The foregoing statements are based on UK law and HMRC practice as known at the date of this Prospectus and are intended to provide general guidance only. Shareholders and applicants for Shares are recommended to consult their professional advisers if they are in any doubt about their tax position.

# 10. Meetings of Shareholders, Voting Rights and Changes to the Scheme

In this section "relevant Shareholder" in relation to a general meeting of Shareholders means a person who is a Shareholder on the date seven days before the notice of that general meeting is sent out but excludes any person who is known to the ACD not to be a Shareholder at the time of the general meeting.

# **Convening and Requisition of Meetings**

The ACD may convene a general meeting of Shareholders at any time. The ACD has dispensed with the requirement to hold an annual general meeting of Shareholders by resolution dated May 2005 pursuant to Regulation 37A of the OEIC Regulations. This means there will be no further annual general meetings of Shareholders.

Shareholders may also requisition a general meeting of the Company. A requisition by Shareholders must be deposited at the head office of the Company, state the objects of the meeting, be dated and be signed by Shareholders who, at the date of the requisition, are registered as holding not less than one-tenth in value of all Shares then in issue. The ACD must convene a general meeting of Shareholders for a date no later than eight weeks after the receipt of the requisition. Service of Notice to Shareholders

Any notice or documents will be served on Shareholders in writing by post to the Shareholders' postal address as recorded in the Register.

# **Notice and Quorum**

All relevant Shareholders will be given at least 14 days' notice of a general meeting of Shareholders and, except as mentioned below, are entitled to be counted in the quorum and vote at such meeting either in person or by proxy. The quorum for a meeting is two Shareholders, present in person or by proxy.

### **Voting rights**

At a meeting of Shareholders, on a show of hands every relevant Shareholder who (being an individual) is present in person or (being a body corporate) is present by its representative properly authorised in that regard has one vote.

On a poll vote, a relevant Shareholder may vote either in person or by proxy. The voting rights attaching to each Share are such proportion of the voting rights attached to all the Shares in issue as the price of the Share bears to the aggregate price(s) of all the Shares in issue at the date seven days before the notice of meeting is sent out.

A relevant Shareholder entitled to more than one vote need not, if he votes, use all his votes or cast all the votes he uses in the same way.

Except where the FCA Rules or the Instrument of Incorporation require an extraordinary resolution (which needs 75% of the votes validly cast at the meeting to be in favour in order for the resolution to be passed), any resolution required by the FCA Rules or the OEIC Regulations will be passed by a simple majority of the votes validly cast for and against the resolution.

In the case of joint holders of a Share, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders and, for this purpose, seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register.

The ACD may not be counted in the quorum for, and neither the ACD nor any associate (as defined for the purposes of the FCA Rules) of the ACD is entitled to vote at, any meeting of Shareholders except in respect of Shares which the ACD or associate holds on behalf of or jointly with a person who, if himself the registered Shareholder, would be entitled to vote and from whom the ACD or associate has received voting instructions.

Where a resolution (including an extraordinary resolution) is required to conduct business at a meeting of Shareholders and every Shareholder is prohibited under the FCA Rules from voting, a resolution may, with the prior written agreement of the Depositary, instead be passed with the written consent of Shareholders representing 50% or more, or for an extraordinary resolution 75% or more, of the Shares in issue.

#### **Class Meetings and Fund Meetings**

The provisions described above, unless the context otherwise requires, apply both to Class meetings and to meetings of holders of Shares relating to a particular Fund as they apply to general meetings of Shareholders but by reference to Shares of the Class or relating to the relevant Fund and the holders and prices of such Shares.

# Variation of Class Rights

The rights attached to a Class or a Fund may not be varied without the sanction of a resolution passed at a meeting of holders of Shares of that Class or relating to that Fund by a simple majority of the votes validly cast for and against that resolution.

# **Notifying Shareholders of Changes**

The ACD is required to seek Shareholder approval to, or notify Shareholders of, various types of changes to the Funds. The form of notification, and whether Shareholder approval is required, depends upon the nature of the proposed change.

A fundamental change is a change or event which changes the purpose or nature of a Fund, which may materially prejudice a shareholder; or alter the risk profile of the Fund; or which introduces any new type of payment out of the scheme property of the Fund. For fundamental changes, the ACD must obtain Shareholder approval, normally by way of an extraordinary resolution (which needs 75% of the votes cast to be in favour if the resolution is to be passed).

A significant change is a change or event which is not fundamental but which affects a Shareholder's ability to exercise his rights in relation to his investment; which would reasonably be expected to cause the Shareholder to reconsider his participation in a Fund; or which results in any increased payments out of the Fund to the ACD or its associates; or which materially increases payments of any other type out of a Fund. The ACD must give reasonable prior notice (not less than sixty days) in respect of any such proposed significant change.

A notifiable change is a change or event of which a Shareholder must be made aware but, although not considered by the ACD to be insignificant, it is not a fundamental change or a significant change. The ACD must inform Shareholders in an appropriate manner and time scale of any such notifiable changes.

# 11. Winding Up of the Company or the Termination of any Fund

The Company may be wound up as an unregistered company under Part V of the Insolvency Act 1986 or under the FCA Rules. A Fund may be terminated only under the FCA Rules.

The Company may be wound up or a Fund may be terminated under the FCA Rules:-

- (a) if an extraordinary resolution to that effect is passed at a meeting of the Company or of the holders of Shares of all Classes relating to that Fund; or
- (b) if the period (if any) fixed for the duration of the Company or a particular Fund by the Instrument of Incorporation expires; or
- (c) if the event (if any) occurs on the occurrence of which the Instrument of Incorporation provides that the Company is to be wound up or a Fund is to be terminated an example of such an event in relation to any Fund is the ACD deciding in its absolute discretion to terminate that Fund if at, or at any time after, the first anniversary of the date of the first issue of Shares relating to that Fund the Net Asset Value of that Fund is less than £10 million or if a change in the laws or regulations of any country means that, in the opinion of the ACD, is desirable to terminate the Fund; or

- (d) on the date of effect stated in any agreement by the FCA to a request by the ACD for the revocation of the authorisation order in respect of the Company or for the termination of the Fund; or
- (e) on the effective date of a duly approved scheme of arrangement which is to result in the Company or a Fund ceasing to hold any scheme property; or
- (f) in the case of the Company, on the date on which all of the Funds fall within (e) above or have otherwise ceased to hold any scheme property, notwithstanding that the Company may have assets and liabilities which are not attributable to any particular Fund.

Where the Company is to be wound up or a Fund is to be terminated under the FCA Rules, notice of the proposals for winding up the Company or the termination of the relevant Fund must be given to the FCA for approval (or deemed approval). This notice cannot be given to the FCA unless the ACD provides a statement (following an investigation into the affairs of the Company) which either confirms that the Company will be able to meet all its liabilities within 12 months of the date of the statement or states that such confirmation cannot be given. The Company may not be wound up under the FCA Rules if there is a vacancy in the position of the ACD at the relevant time.

On the winding up or termination commencing:-

- (a) COLL 6.2, COLL 6.3 and COLL 5 of the FCA Rules (which relate to the dealing in and the valuation and pricing of Shares and to investment and borrowing powers respectively) will cease to apply to the Company or the relevant Fund;
- (b) the Company will cease to issue and cancel Shares of all Classes or (where a particular Fund is to be wound up) Shares of all Classes relating to that Fund and the ACD will cease to sell or redeem such Shares or arrange for the Company to issue or cancel them;
- (c) no transfer of a Share or (where a particular Fund is to be terminated) a Share in that Fund will be registered and no other change to the Register will be made without the sanction of the ACD;
- (d) where the Company is being wound up, the Company will cease to carry on its business except in so far as may be required for the beneficial winding up of the Company; and
- (e) the corporate status and powers of the Company and (subject as mentioned above) the ACD shall continue until the Company is dissolved.

The ACD shall, as soon as practicable after the Company falls to be wound up or a Fund falls to be terminated, realise the assets of the Company or (as the case may be) the relevant Fund and, after paying out or retaining adequate provision for all liabilities properly payable and retaining provision for the costs of winding up or terminating, may make one or more interim distributions of the proceeds to Shareholders proportionately to their rights to participate in the Scheme Property of the Company or the relevant Fund. On or prior to the date on which the final account is sent to Shareholders, the ACD will also make a final distribution to Shareholders of any remaining balance in the same proportions as mentioned above.

Following the completion of the winding up of the Company or the termination of a particular Fund, the Depositary must as soon as is reasonably practicable notify the FCA of that fact.

Following the completion of a winding up of the Company or the termination of a Fund, the ACD must prepare a final account showing how the winding up or the termination was conducted and how the Scheme Property was disposed of. The auditors of the Company will make a report in respect of

the final account and will state their opinion as to whether the final account has been properly prepared. This final account and the auditors' report must be sent to the FCA and to each Shareholder within four months of the conclusion of the termination or the winding up.

# 12. Risk Factors

Potential investors should consider the following risk factors before investing in the Company.

#### 1. General

The value of a Fund's investments and any income derived from them may fall as well as rise, and investors in that Fund may not get back the original amount they invested.

The investments of the Funds are subject to normal market fluctuations and other risks inherent in investing in securities and other types of asset class, including: the performance and/or financial strength of the issuer of the security; investor and market sentiment; and the wider economic, political, tax, regulatory and social environment which exists where a fund invests.

An outbreak of a highly infectious disease could adversely impact global stock markets and the value and liquidity of a fund's investments, through the impacts on people, countries, economies and companies. The 2020 coronavirus has resulted in a global pandemic resulting in significant global travel restrictions, widespread disruption to countries and to their health services. The impact in emerging market countries may be greater due to generally less established healthcare, infrastructure and systems.

There is no guarantee that the investment objective of any Fund will be achieved.

Tax levels, bases and reliefs can change. Any tax rates referred to in this Prospectus are those which applied at the date of publication of this Prospectus.

The impact of inflation on any growth in the Funds must be considered. Inflation will reduce the value of such growth in real terms.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance, or rates of return.

# 2. Effect of Preliminary Charge

Where a preliminary charge (also referred to as an 'initial charge' or 'entry charge') applies, an investor who sells Shares after a short period of time may not (even where the value of the relevant investments has not fallen) get back the amount originally invested. Therefore, the Shares should be viewed as a long-term investment (at least 10 years).

# 3. Suspension of Dealings in Shares

Investors are reminded that in certain circumstances their right to sell their Shares may be suspended as described under "Suspension of Dealings in Shares".

This could occur if a stock exchange or derivatives market suspends or limits trading in the securities or derivatives which it lists. Such a suspension could render it impossible for a Fund to liquidate positions and, accordingly, expose a Fund to losses and delays in its ability to redeem Shares.

# 4. Emerging Markets

Investments in emerging markets may carry higher levels of risk than investing in developed markets. These investments may carry risks associated with failed or delayed settlement of market transactions and/or the registration and custody of securities.

Where a Fund invests in securities issued by companies established in emerging markets, these companies and their securities may not be subject to: -

- (a) accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards, practices and disclosure requirements comparable to those applicable to companies in developed markets; and
- (b) the same level of government supervision and regulation as in countries with more advanced securities markets.

As a result, investments in emerging markets may not provide the same level of investor protection as would apply in developed markets.

Restrictions on foreign investment in emerging markets may preclude investment in certain securities by certain Funds and, as a result, limit investment opportunities for such Funds. Substantial government involvement in, and influence on, the economy may affect the value of securities in certain emerging markets.

The reliability of trading and settlement systems in some emerging markets may not be equal to those available in more developed markets, which may result in delays in realising investments.

Lack of liquidity and efficiency in certain stock markets or foreign exchange markets in emerging markets may mean that from time to time the ACD may experience more difficulty in purchasing or selling holdings of securities than it would in a developed market.

Securities with substantial market risk tend to have greater liquidity risk. Illiquid securities may be highly volatile and difficult to value.

# 5. Liabilities of the Company and the Funds

Under the OEIC Regulations, the assets of each Fund can only be used to meet the liabilities of, or claims against, that Fund. This is known as segregated liability. Provisions for segregated liability between Funds were introduced in the OEIC Regulations in 2012. Where claims are brought by local creditors in foreign courts or under foreign law contracts, it is not yet known whether a foreign court would recognise the segregated liability and cross-investments provisions contained in the OEIC Regulations. Therefore, it is not possible to be certain that the assets of a Fund will always be completely protected from the liabilities of another Fund of the Company in every circumstance.

Shareholders are not liable for any debts of the Company. A Shareholder is not liable to make any further payment to the Company after the purchase price has been paid for the Shares.

# 6. Use of Derivatives and Efficient Portfolio Management (EPM) techniques

The use of derivatives may from time to time expose a particular Fund to increased fluctuations in value. Derivative transactions are used by the Funds solely for the purposes of Efficient Portfolio Management (as described below) and are not intended to increase the risk profile of the Funds or the Company.

The Funds may use EPM techniques provided they are economically appropriate and aim to:

- 1. reduce risk and/or
- 2. reduce costs and/or
- 3. provide additional capital or income in the Funds consistent with the risk profile of the Fund and the FCA's rules.

In doing so the Funds may hedge against price or currency fluctuations (this aims to reduce the effect of fluctuations in the exchange rates between the currency of an asset and the currency of the Fund).

It is not intended that using derivatives for EPM will increase the volatility of the Funds and indeed EPM is intended to reduce volatility. In adverse situations, however, a Fund's use of EPM techniques may be ineffective and that Fund may suffer losses as a result. The Funds' ability to use EPM strategies may be limited by market conditions, regulatory limits and tax considerations. There is no guarantee that a Fund will achieve the objective for which it entered into a transaction in relation to EPM.

To generate additional capital or income for the Company Funds may, for example, engage in stock lending and reverse repurchase (repo) transactions. A Fund may enter into stock lending to generate income by receiving a fee for making its investments available to the borrower. A repo transaction involves a short-term exchange of assets. Currently none of the Funds enter into stock lending or repo transactions.

Further details on efficient portfolio management and stock lending can be found in Appendix B (Investment and Borrowing Powers of the Company).

# Counterparty risk and collateral

EPM techniques may involve a Fund entering into derivative transactions, stock lending or repo transactions with a counterparty. There may be a risk that a counterparty will be unable to honour its contractual obligations (default) for example due to bankruptcy or insolvency and a Fund will be exposed to the credit risk of the counterparty. In this event, the Fund could experience delays in recovering the loaned securities, may not be able to recover the loaned securities, and/or may incur a capital loss which might result in a reduction in the net asset value of the Fund. To mitigate that risk, the counterparties to these transactions may be required to provide collateral to the Fund. This is then used to reduce the overall exposure to the derivative or stock lending transaction as the collateral is used to set against the risk of a counterparty default.

The counterparty will forfeit its collateral if it defaults on the derivative, stock lending or repo transaction. If the collateral is in the form of securities, there is a risk that when it is sold it will provide insufficient cash to settle the counterparty's liability to the Fund. This may result in losses for investors in the Fund.

To manage this risk, the ACD has in place policies to manage collateral which detail the eligible categories of acceptable collateral and the haircuts which will typically be applied when valuing certain categories of collateral received. A "haircut" is a reduction to the market value of the collateral in order to allow for a cushion in case the market value of that collateral falls. Please see Section 13 below for further information on the policy for management of collateral.

#### Collateral Risks

- In relation to stock lending, if a counterparty defaults and fails to return equivalent securities to those loaned, the Fund may suffer a loss equal to the shortfall between the value of the realised collateral and the market value of the replacement securities.
- There might be a shortfall in the amount of collateral as a result of inaccurate pricing of the collateral, unfavourable market movements in its value, or a lack of liquidity in the market on which it is traded.
- If the relevant transaction with a counterparty is not fully collateralised, then the Fund's credit exposure to the counterparty in such circumstances will be higher than if the transaction had been fully collateralised.
- Where a Fund reinvests cash collateral, there is a risk that the investment will earn less interest than is due to the counterparty in respect of that cash and/or that capital losses mean the Fund will return less cash than was invested. In such circumstances the Fund would suffer a loss.

Other risks linked to the management of collateral, such as operational and legal risks, will be identified, managed and mitigated in accordance with the ACD's Risk Management Policy.

The legal risks are reduced by the ACD ensuring that appropriate contractual arrangements are in place with third parties.

#### **Custody Risks**

The ACD manages custody risk by ensuring that the Depositary has contractual arrangements in place with the collateral custodian. Custody risk is reduced by the ACD ensuring a process whereby all assets taken as collateral are appropriate. The ACD receives and reviews a controls report from SSBTC on a semi-annual basis that includes information on SSBTC's global operations, including without limitation custody operations. The ACD maintains regular oversight of SSBTC's operations and regularly reviews its processes and controls to ensure such processes and controls operate as expected. The Depositary also maintains oversight of the custodian's operations and processes and reports to the ACD on a monthly basis. The custodian maintains appropriate oversight of any subcustodians that are appointed, including without limitation reviewing their suitability on an annual basis.

The legal risks are reduced by the ACD ensuring that appropriate contractual arrangements are in place with third parties.

#### 7. Smaller Companies

The nature and size of smaller companies means that their shares might trade less frequently and with smaller volumes and so be less liquid than those of larger companies and that their share prices may be more volatile. Securities in smaller companies may possess greater potential for capital appreciation, but also involve risks such as limited product lines, markets and financial or managerial resources. Where a Fund invests in smaller companies, such investment is likely, therefore, to involve greater risk than investment in larger companies.

#### 8. LIBOR

The Funds may be exposed to instruments that use or may use a floating rate based on LIBOR. The FCA has announced a desire to phase out the use of LIBOR by the end of 2021 and the ACD is planning accordingly. Accordingly, there is uncertainty regarding the future utilisation of LIBOR and the nature of any replacement rate. As such, the potential effect of a transition away from LIBOR on a Fund or the financial instruments to which a Fund is exposed cannot yet be determined. The transition process may lead to increased volatility and illiquidity in markets that currently rely on LIBOR to

determine interest rates. It could also lead to a reduction in the value of some LIBOR-based investments. These effects could occur prior to the end of 2021.

#### ADDITIONAL RISK FACTORS APPLYING TO SOME FUNDS

The following risks apply to the Funds as set out in the table below. Details of the risks follow the table.

Risk	European Select Growth	Global Select Growth	American Growth	European Growth	Global Growth	Japan Growth	Pacific Growth
9 Currency Exchange Rates	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10 Equities	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
11 Index Strategy	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
12 Concentrated Portfolio	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N

# 9. Currency Exchange Rates

Investments which are denominated in a different currency to that of the Fund will be subject to currency exchange rates which may adversely affect their value. There is a risk of losses to a Fund as a result of fluctuations in exchange rates.

# 10. Equities

Company shares ('equities') generally offer higher long term growth potential than some other asset classes. However, values can fluctuate considerably for various reasons, for example as a result of changes in investor sentiment; the management, profit or loss of the company; changes in the economy; political factors; or the performance of the sector in which the company operates. There is, therefore, a greater risk, than investing in, say, fixed interest securities, that an investor might get back less than the amount they invested.

#### 11. Index Strategy

The investment policy of the Fund is to invest predominantly in a portfolio of companies which are part of an Index. While the Fund aims to deliver performance in excess of the Index, before charges, performance might be less than the Index. The Investment Adviser may only take limited positions away from the Index and performance may fall and rise with the Index.

#### 12. Concentrated Portfolio

The portfolio of the Fund consists of a limited number of approximately 30 to 50 investments. Investing in a limited number of investments can result in more fluctuations in value and investment

risk than investing in a wider portfolio. The value of the Funds may be more susceptible to adverse economic, political, liquidity, tax, legal or regulatory events affecting the particular market. If the value of any of these investments fall or rise, it may have a greater effect on the Fund's overall value than if a larger number of investments were held.

# 13. General Information

# Types of investor into Scottish Widows Overseas Growth Investment Funds ICVC

The funds within this ICVC (detailed in Appendix D) are marketable to all retail investors.

# **Risk Management Information**

On request, the ACD will provide a Shareholder with information supplementary to this Prospectus relating to:-

- (a) the quantitative limits applying in the risk management of the Company
- (b) the methods used in relation to (a); and
- (c) any recent development of the risk and yields of the main categories of investment.

# **Documents Available for Inspection**

Copies of the following documents may be inspected free of charge between 9 am and 5 pm on every Dealing Day at the offices of the ACD at 15 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh EH16 5WL:-

- (a) the Instrument of Incorporation (and any document by which it is amended);
- (b) the ACD Agreement; and
- (c) following their issue, the most recent annual and half-yearly long reports of the Company.

Shareholders may obtain copies of the above documents from the same address. The ACD may make a charge at its discretion for a copies of the document listed at (a) and (b) above. Any person may request a copy of the annual and half-yearly long reports free of charge.

#### **Material Contracts**

The following contracts, not being contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, have been entered into by the Company and are, or may be, material:-

- (a) the ACD Agreement;
- (b) the Depositary Agreement regulating the relationship between the Company, the ACD and the Depositary and which was superseded by an Agreement effective March 2016;
- (c) the Investment Management Agreement between the ACD and the Investment Adviser dated 23 October 2018.

Information regarding those contracts is set out above under the heading "Management and Administration".

# **Box management policy**

The ACD may hold Shares as principal, however, it currently does not intend to make any profit from the sale and purchase of shares, but, any profits and/or losses which the ACD makes in connection with the sales and repurchase of shares will be retained by the ACD. The ACD is under no obligation to account to Shareholders or the Depositary (or any other affected person (as set out in the COLL sourcebook) for any profits made by it on the issue of Shares or on the re-issue or cancellation of Shares previously redeemed by the ACD.

### **Collateral Management policy**

The ACD is required to have a collateral management policy and to keep that policy under regular review. The policy defines "eligible" types of collateral which the Funds may receive to mitigate counterparty exposure (including any applicable haircuts). A haircut is a reduction to the market value of the collateral in order to allow for a cushion in case the market value of that collateral falls. Criteria for acceptable collateral vary depending on whether the collateral is being used with respect to derivative trades or for stock lending transactions. In general, for derivative trades, collateral will be of high quality and liquid e.g. cash and government securities. For stock lending transactions, a wider set of collateral is permissible including equities and corporate bonds with haircuts that appropriately reflect any additional risks associated with these asset classes. The policy also includes additional restrictions deemed appropriate by the ACD.

Collateral criteria are also designed to maintain regulatory compliance. Regulations may impact the types of collateral that are acceptable for different types of transactions, may specify minimum haircuts and may require that the ACD ensures sufficient diversification of collateral (i.e. use of different counterparties and acceptance of different types of assets). Collateral will be subject to a "haircut" depending on the class of assets received and lent. The haircut policy depends on the quality of assets received or lent, their price volatility, together with the outcome of any stress tests performed under normal and exceptional market conditions. The ACD accepts collateral in the form of different asset types including but not limited to: cash, government securities, certificates of deposit, bonds or commercial paper issued by "relevant institutions". These assets can be from different issuers both in the UK and overseas and covering government, supranational and corporate institutions. The maturity and liquidity profile can vary but any additional risk from longer dated and slightly less liquid assets are mitigated by imposing additional haircuts. In general, the ACD seeks to use collateral that is well diversified by specifying a maximum amount of collateral from one issuer or of one type and by setting collateral criteria that minimise the correlation (or link) between collateral received and the default risk of the counterparty.

Where cash collateral is received, it will be reinvested in accordance with the requirements of ESMA's Guidelines on ETFs and other UCITS issues (ESMA/2012/832EN). Where a Fund reinvests cash collateral in one or more permitted types of investment, there is a risk that the investment will earn less than the interest that is due to the counterparty in respect of that cash and that it will return less than the amount of cash that was invested.

#### **Transfer of Client Money**

If transferring all or part of its business to a third party, the ACD may also transfer any client money balances to the same third party (where the client money relates to the business being transferred). Such monies will either be held by the third party in accordance with the FCA's client money rules, or the ACD will exercise all due skill, care and diligence in assessing whether the third party will apply adequate measures to protect these monies.

# **Complaints**

Complaints concerning the operation or marketing of the Company or any Fund should first of all be referred to:

Scottish Widows Unit Trust Managers Limited Customer Relations Department 15 Dalkeith Road Edinburgh EH16 5WL

Further details relating to the ACD's complaint management procedure are available by contacting the ACD.

All complaints will be investigated and, unless the complaint is resolved to the satisfaction of the complainant within 8 weeks after its receipt by the ACD, the complainant in most cases will have a right to refer the complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service.

The Financial Ombudsman Service will normally only consider a complaint after having given the ACD the opportunity to resolve the complaint to the satisfaction of the customer.

The address for the Financial Ombudsman is:

The Financial Ombudsman Service Exchange Tower London E14 9SR

www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

# Appendix A Eligible Securities Markets and Eligible Derivatives Markets

Securities markets established in any EEA State on which transferable securities admitted to official listing in that EEA State are dealt in or traded are eligible securities markets for all Funds.

In addition, each Fund may deal through any other eligible securities market and any eligible derivatives market being, in either case, a market which the ACD, after consultation with and notification to the Depositary, has decided to choose as one which is appropriate for the purpose of investment of or dealing in the property of that Fund. Any such market must operate regularly, be regulated, recognised and open to the public, be adequately liquid and have adequate arrangements for unimpeded transmission of income and capital to or to the order of investors.

A list of those other eligible securities markets and eligible derivatives markets for each Fund is set out below in this Appendix. A securities or derivatives market may be added to any of those lists only in accordance with the FCA Rules.

No market shall be an eligible securities market or eligible derivatives market unless it would be eligible in terms of Chapter 5 of the FCA Rules.

# **Other Eligible Securities Markets**

#### American Growth Fund

United States - NASDAQ

Boston Stock ExchangeChicago Stock Exchange

New York Stock Exchange incl ASE

National Stock Exchange

- US OTC Corporate Bond Market

Canada - Toronto Stock Exchange

# European Growth Fund and European Select Growth Fund

EU/EEA - Alternative Investment Market (AIM)

Switzerland - SIX – Swiss Exchange AG

United States - Chicago Stock Exchange

NASDAQ

New York Stock Exchange incl ASE

Boston Stock ExchangeNational Stock Exchange

US OTC Corporate Bond Market

#### Global Growth Fund

EU/EEA - Alternative Investment Market (AIM)

Australia - Australian Securities Exchange

Brazil - BM&F Bovespa

- Sao Paulo Stock Exchange

Canada - Toronto Stock Exchange

China - Shanghai Stock Exchange

Shenzhen Stock Exchange

Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited

Indonesia Stock Exchange

Japan - Tokyo Stock Exchange

- Osaka Securities Exchange (incl JASDAQ)

Nagoya Stock ExchangeFukuoka Stock ExchangeSapporo Securities Exchange

Republic of Korea - Korea Exchange

Malaysia - Bursa Malaysia

Mexico - Bolsa Mexicana de Valores

New Zealand - New Zealand Stock Exchange

Philippines - Philippine Stock Exchange

Singapore - Singapore Exchange SGX

South Africa - Johannesburg Stock Exchange

Switzerland - SIX – Swiss Exchange AG

Taiwan - Taiwan Stock Exchange

Gre Tai Securities Markets

Thailand - Stock Exchange of Thailand

United States - NASDAQ

- Chicago Stock Exchange

New York Stock Exchange inc ASE

Boston Stock ExchangeNational Stock Exchange

- US OTC Corporate Bond Market

Japan Growth Fund

EU/EEA - Alternative Investment Market (AIM)

Australia - Australian Securities Exchange

Canada - Toronto Stock Exchange

China - Shanghai Stock Exchange

- Shenzhen Stock Exchange

Hong Kong - Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited

Indonesia - Indonesia Stock Exchange

Japan - Tokyo Stock Exchange

- Osaka Securities Exchange (incl JASDAQ)

Fukuoka Stock ExchangeNagoya Stock ExchangeSapporo Securities Exchange

Republic of Korea - Korea Exchange

Malaysia - Bursa Malaysia

Mexico - Bolsa Mexicana de Valores

New Zealand - New Zealand Stock Exchange

Philippines - Philippine Stock Exchange

Singapore - Singapore Exchange SGX

South Africa - Johannesburg Stock Exchange

Switzerland - SIX – Swiss Exchange AG

Taiwan - Taiwan Stock Exchange

Gre Tai Securities Markets

Thailand - Stock Exchange of Thailand

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NASDAQ

National Stock ExchangeBoston Stock Exchange

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Australia - Australian Securities Exchange

Brazil - BM&F Bovespa

Sao Paulo Stock Exchange

Canada - Toronto Stock Exchange

China - Shanghai Stock Exchange

Shenzhen Stock Exchange

Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited

Dubai International Financial Exchange

Dubai Financial Market

India - National Stock Exchange of India

Bombay Stock Exchange

Indonesia Stock Exchange

Japan - Tokyo Stock Exchange

- Osaka Securities Exchange (incl JASDAQ)

Fukuoka Stock ExchangeNagoya Stock ExchangeSapporo Securities Exchange

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United States - Chicago Stock Exchange

NASDAQ

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Boston Stock ExchangeNational Stock Exchange

- US OTC Corporate Bond Markets

# Pacific Growth Fund

Australia - Australian Securities Exchange

China - Shanghai Stock Exchange

Shenzhen Stock Exchange

Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd

India - National Stock Exchange of India

Indonesia - Indonesia Stock Exchange

Japan - Tokyo Stock Exchange

- Osaka Securities Exchange (incl JASDAQ)

Nagoya Stock ExchangeFukuoka Stock ExchangeSapporo Securities Exchange

Republic of Korea - Korea Exchange

Malaysia - Bursa Malaysia

New Zealand - New Zealand Stock Exchange

Pakistan - Karachi Stock Exchange

Philippines - Philippine Stock Exchange

Singapore - Singapore Exchange SGX

Taiwan - Taiwan Stock Exchange

Gre Tai Securities Markets

Thailand - Stock Exchange of Thailand

Turkey - Istanbul Stock Exchange

United States - NASDAQ

New York Stock Exchange incl ASE

Boston Stock Exchange
 Chicago Stock Exchange
 National Stock Exchange

- US OTC Corporate Bond Market

# **Eligible Derivatives Markets**

For each Fund, subject to the investment objective of that Fund, the following markets are eligible derivatives markets:

UK: Euronext Liffe

ICE Futures Europe

Australia ASX Limited

Austria: Austrian Futures and Options Exchange

Wiener Börse Derivatives Market

Belgium: Euronext

Canada: Montreal Exchange

Europe: Euronext

EUREX EDX

Finland: EUREX

France: Euronext Paris

Germany: EUREX Derivatives Exchange

Hong Kong:

Limited)

Hong Kong Futures Exchange (inc HK Exchanges and Clearing

Italy: Borsa Italiana Equity Derivatives Market

Japan: Osaka Stock Exchange (incl JASDAQ)

Tokyo Stock Exchange

Tokyo Futures/Financial Exchange

Luxembourg: Euronext – Luxembourg

Luxembourg Stock Exchange

Netherlands: Euronext – Amsterdam (futures exchange)

Euronext – Amsterdam (options exchange)

New Zealand: New Zealand Stock Exchange (inc NZ Futures Exchange)

Singapore: Singapore Exchange SGX

South Africa: JSX - South African Futures Exchange (SAFEX)

Spain: MEFF Renta Fija

MEFF Renta Variable

Sweden: NASDAQ OMX Stockholm Exchange

Switzerland: **EUREX** 

Chicago Board Options (CBOE) Chicago Board of Trade United States:

CME Group CME Globex ICE Futures US

New York Stock Exchange (incl ASE) NASDAQ OMX Futures Exchange

NASDAQ OMX PHLX

# Appendix B Investment and Borrowing Powers of the Company

This Appendix sets out the investment restrictions, use of derivatives, borrowing and stock lending powers applicable in terms of the FCA Rules to each Fund which would, if a separate investment company with variable capital, be a UCITS scheme.

#### **Investment restrictions**

This section sets out the investment restrictions, use of derivatives, stock lending and borrowing powers of the Company in respect of American Growth Fund, European Growth Fund, Global Growth Fund, Global Select Growth Fund, Japan Growth Fund and Pacific Growth Fund

The property of each of these Funds will be invested with the aim of achieving the investment objective of that Fund but subject to the limits on investment set out in the FCA Rules and in this Prospectus. For these funds, the restricted limits on investment are those summarised below. In addition any further restrictions contained in Chapter 5 of the FCA Rules shall also apply.

The investment policy of a Fund may mean that at times it is appropriate not to be fully invested but to hold cash or near cash. This will only occur in relation to a Fund when it may reasonably be regarded as necessary to enable Shares to be redeemed or for the efficient management of that Fund in accordance with its investment objectives or a purpose which may reasonably be regarded as ancillary to the investment objectives of that Fund.

The following is a summary of the restricted investment limits under the FCA Rules which currently apply to each Fund: -

- (1) up to 10% of the Net Asset Value of a Fund may be invested in transferable securities (including warrants) which are not approved securities. Approved securities are transferable securities which are (i) admitted to official listing in an EEA State or traded on or under the rules of one of the eligible securities markets named or referred to in Appendix A in relation to that Fund (otherwise than by the specific permission of the market authority) or (ii) recently issued and the terms of issue include an undertaking that application will be made to be admitted to an eligible market and such admission is secured within a year of issue;
- up to 5% of the Net Asset Value of a Fund may be invested in transferable securities (including warrants) issued by any one single body, except that (i) the figure of 5% may be increased to 10% in respect of up to 40% of the Net Asset Value of a Fund and (ii) the figure of 5% may be increased to 25% in respect of covered bonds provided that when a Fund invests more than 5% in covered bonds issued by a single body, the total value of covered bonds must not exceed 80% of the value of the relevant Fund (and in applying these limits certificates representing certain securities are to be treated as equivalent to the underlying security). The ACD does not intend to invest any of the current Funds in covered bonds. These limitations do not apply to transferable securities issued by (a) an EEA State; (b) a local authority of an EEA State; (c) a non-EEA State; or (d) a public international body to which one or more EEA States belong ("such Securities");
- (3) where no more than 35% of the Net Asset Value of a Fund is invested in such Securities issued by any one body, there is no limit on the amount of the Scheme Property of a Fund which may be invested in such Securities or of any one issue;

- (4) More than 35% of the Net Asset Value of a Fund can be invested in such Securities issued by any one single body listed in paragraph (2) above provided the ACD, after consultation with the Depositary, considers the issuer of such Securities as one which is appropriate in accordance with the investment objectives of the Fund;
- (5) in respect of each of the Funds which are stated in Appendix D to be so permitted, subject to the investment objective and policy of each such Fund, more than 35% and up to 100% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund may be invested in such Securities issued by any one issuer (listed in paragraph (2) above), in which case, not more than 30% of the Net Asset Value of that Fund may consist of such Securities of any one issue and the Scheme Property of that Fund must include such Securities of at least six different issues (whether of that issuer or another issuer) and certain details have been disclosed in the instrument of incorporation and this prospectus. The names of the individual States, local authorities and public international bodies in whose such Securities each Fund may invest over 35% of its assets (if any) are set out in Table 1 at the end of this Appendix B;
- in and for the purposes of paragraphs (3), (4) and (5) above, "issue", "issued" and "issuer" include "guarantee", "guaranteed" and "guarantor";
- (7) paragraphs (2), (3), (4) and (5) above do not apply until:- the expiry of a period of 6 months after the effective date of the authorisation order of the Fund (or the date on which the initial offer commenced (if later)) provided that the rules on a prudent spread of risk are complied with;
- (8) up to 10% of the Net Asset Value of a Fund may be invested in units or shares in collective investment schemes which comply with the conditions necessary to enjoy the rights conferred by the UCITS directive (including UCITS schemes equivalent to securities schemes(being a scheme which is dedicated to investment in transferable securities and which can invest not more than 10% in value of the scheme property in unapproved securities, not more than 5% in warrants and not more than 10% in other collective investment schemes and which restricts the use of derivatives to efficient portfolio management) or warrant schemes (being a scheme which invests entirely in warrants but which may also invest in other transferable securities provided that not more than 10% in value of the scheme property is invested in unapproved securities, not more than 10% is invested in other collective investment schemes and which restricts the use of derivatives to efficient portfolio management)) or which meet certain conditions set out in the FCA Rules provided in any case that the second collective investment scheme has terms which prohibit not more than 10% in value of the scheme property consisting of units in collective investment schemes. Where the second collective investment scheme is an umbrella, this paragraph applies to each sub-fund as if it were a separate scheme. Investment may be made in another collective investment scheme managed or operated by, or the authorised corporate director of which is, the ACD or an associate of the ACD provided that certain provisions of the FCA Rules against double charging of preliminary and redemption charges are complied with. A Fund may invest in shares of another Fund of the Company (the "Second Fund") provided that the Second Fund does not hold Shares in any other Fund;
- (9) up to 5% of the Net Asset Value of a Fund may consist of transferable securities which are warrants. Call options are not deemed to be warrants for the purposes of this 5% restriction; and
- (10) transferable securities on which any sum is unpaid may be held only if it is reasonably foreseeable that the amount of any existing or potential call for any sum unpaid could be paid by the relevant Fund at any time when the payment is required without contravening the FCA Rules.

Further, the Company must not hold:-

- transferable securities (other than debt securities) which do not carry a right to vote at a general
  meeting of the body corporate that issued them and which represent more than 10% of those
  securities issued by that body corporate;
- more than 10% of the debt securities issued by any single issuing body; and
- more than 10% of the units in a collective investment scheme.

Further, the Company may only acquire transferable securities issued by a body corporate carrying rights to vote at a general meeting of that body corporate if the aggregate number of such securities held by the Company does not give the Company power significantly to influence the conduct of business of that body immediately before the acquisition and the acquisition will not give the Company such power. The power significantly to influence is assumed if such securities allow the Company to exercise or control the exercise of 20% or more of the voting rights in that body corporate.

As aforementioned, the above represents a summary of limits on investment in respect of each of the Funds. There are some additional restrictions in COLL 5 which also apply to these funds, and therefore the investment powers of these funds are subject to those additional restrictions.

What would otherwise be a breach of any of the above limits will not be treated as such where it arises from the exercise of a right attributable to an investment acquired by the Company in certain circumstances and the prior written consent of the Depositary is obtained to its exercise but, in that event and in the event of any breach of any of the above investment limits which was beyond the control of the ACD and the Depositary, the ACD must take such steps as are necessary to restore compliance with the relevant investment limits as soon as is reasonably practicable having regard to the interests of holders of Shares relating to the relevant Fund and, in any event, within a period of six months (or, in the case of derivatives or a forward transaction, within 5 business days unless such period can be extended pursuant to the FCA Rules) after the date of discovery of the relevant circumstance.

#### Use of derivatives

The Company may, in relation to a Fund, use derivative transactions only for the purposes of efficient portfolio management ("EPM"), a summary of which is set out below, including hedging. In the opinion of the ACD, at no time does the use of derivatives increase the risk profile of any of the Funds.

#### Efficient portfolio management

Permitted transactions for those purposes (excluding stock lending transactions) are forward currency transactions with approved counterparties and transactions in (i) approved derivatives (i.e. options, futures or contracts for differences which are dealt in or traded on an eligible derivatives market), (ii) off-exchange derivatives (i.e. futures, options or contracts for differences resembling options with a counterparty falling within certain specified categories and meeting certain other criteria) or (iii) synthetic futures (i.e. derivatives transactions in the nature of composite derivatives created out of two options bought and written on the same eligible derivatives market and having certain characteristics in common) which meet detailed requirements set out in the FCA Rules.

The initial eligible derivatives markets for each Fund are listed in Appendix A and a new eligible derivatives market may be added to any of those lists in the manner described in that Appendix.

Not more than 5% of the value of the scheme property of a Fund is to be directed to initial outlay in respect of over the counter transactions with any one counterparty.

A derivatives or forward transaction which will or could lead to delivery of property to the Depositary or to the Company may be entered into only if such property can be held by the Company and the ACD has taken reasonable care to determine that delivery of the property pursuant to the transaction will not occur or will not lead to a breach of the FCA Rules.

There is no limit on the amount of the Scheme Property of any Fund which may be used for transactions for the purposes of EPM but each transaction for the account of any Fund must satisfy three broadly based requirements:-

- (1) the transaction must be one which the ACD has ascertained with reasonable care to be economically appropriate to the EPM of the relevant Fund in that it is realised in a cost effective way. Also the ACD will take reasonable care to determine that, for a transaction undertaken to reduce risk or cost (or both), the transaction (alone or in combination) will diminish a risk or cost of a kind or level which it is sensible to reduce and, for a transaction undertaken to generate additional capital or income, the relevant Fund is certain (or certain barring events which are not reasonably foreseeable) to derive a benefit from the transaction. A transaction may not be entered into if its purpose could reasonably be regarded as speculative. Where the transaction relates to the actual or potential acquisition of transferable securities, then the ACD must intend that the Fund should invest in transferable securities within a reasonable time; and it must thereafter ensure that, unless the position has itself been closed out, that intention is realised within that reasonable time;
- (2) the purpose of the transaction must be to achieve one of the following in respect of the Fund in question:-
  - (a) **reduction of risk** this, for example, allows for the use of the technique of crosscurrency hedging in order to switch all or part of the Scheme Property of the Fund away from a currency the ACD considers unduly prone to risk into another currency. This aim also permits the use of tactical asset allocation described in sub-paragraph (b) below;
  - (b) **reduction of cost** for example, the aims of reduction of risk and reduction of cost, together or separately, allow the ACD on a temporary basis to use the technique of tactical asset allocation. Tactical asset allocation permits the ACD to undertake a switch in the Fund's exposure by the use of derivatives rather than through the sale and purchase by the Fund of transferable securities. If a transaction for the Fund relates to the acquisition or potential acquisition of transferable securities, the ACD must intend that the Fund should invest in transferable securities within a reasonable time and the ACD must thereafter ensure that, unless the position has itself been closed out, that intention is realised within that reasonable time.
  - (c) generation of additional capital or income for the Company with an acceptably low level of risk which is consistent with the Fund's risk profile and the risk diversification rules laid down in the FCA Rules there is an acceptably low level of risk in any case where the ACD has taken reasonable care to determine that the Fund is certain (or certain barring events which are not reasonably foreseeable) to derive a benefit from stock lending (which is described below under "Stock Lending") or on the basis either of taking advantage of pricing imperfections in

relation to the acquisition and disposal (or vice versa) of rights in relation to property the same as, or equivalent to property which the authorised fund holds or may properly hold or of receiving premiums for the writing of covered put or call options.

The relevant purpose must relate to the Scheme Property of the Fund in question; property (whether precisely identified or not) which is to be or is proposed to be acquired for that Fund; or anticipated cash receipts of that Fund, if due to be received at some time and likely to be received within one month; and

- the maximum potential exposure created by each transaction must be covered "individually" (3) by assets of the right kind within the Fund's Scheme Property (i.e., in the case of an exposure in terms of property, appropriate transferable securities or other property; and, in the case of an exposure in terms of money, cash, near cash, borrowed cash or transferable securities which can be sold to realise the appropriate cash) and "globally" (i.e. that a Fund's exposure does not exceed the net asset value of its Scheme Property, taking into account the value of the underlying assets, future market movements, counterparty risk and the time available to liquidate any position.). The global exposure must be calculated on at least a daily basis. The ACD uses the commitment approach to calculate global exposure for all Funds. The commitment approach converts each derivative position into the market value of an equivalent position in the underlying asset of that derivative. The ACD has selected this method as being appropriate, taking into account the investment strategy of the Funds, the types and complexities of the derivatives and forward transactions used and the proportion of the Scheme Property comprising derivatives and forward transactions. Property and cash can be used only once for cover and, generally, property is not available for cover if it is the subject of a stock lending transaction. The lending transaction in a back to back currency borrowing does not require cover.
- (4) The ACD or the Investment Adviser measures the creditworthiness of counterparties as part of the risk management process. The counterparties of these transactions will be highly rated financial institutions specialising in these types of transactions and approved by the Investment Adviser. A counterparty may be an associate of the ACD or the Investment Adviser which may give rise to a conflict of interest. For further details on the ACD's conflicts of interest policy please see paragraph headed "Conflicts of Duty or Interest" above.
- (5) Any income or capital generated by the use of EPM techniques (net of direct or indirect costs) will be paid to the Fund.

#### **Stock Lending**

As an extension of efficient portfolio management techniques, the ACD on behalf of the Company (or the Depositary acting in accordance with the instructions of the ACD) may enter into certain stock lending transactions in respect of any Fund.

Briefly, such stock lending transactions are those where the Depositary at the request of the Company or the ACD delivers securities which are the subject of the transaction in return for which it is agreed that securities of the same kind and amount should be redelivered to the Depositary at a later date and, at the time of initial delivery, the Depositary receives collateral to cover against the risk of the future redelivery not being completed.

Such transactions must always comply with the relevant requirements of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, and may only be entered into if:

- all the terms of the agreement under which securities are to be reacquired by the Depositary
  for the account of the Company are in a form which is acceptable to the Depositary and are in
  accordance with good market practice;
- the counterparty\* is:
  - o an authorised person; or
  - o a person authorised by a Home State regulator; or
  - o a person registered as a broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission of the United States of America; or
  - a bank, or a branch of a bank, supervised and authorised to deal in investments as principal, with respect to OTC derivatives by at least one of the following federal banking supervisory authorities of the United States of America: the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and the Office of Thrift Supervision; and
- (except for stock lending transactions made through Euroclear Bank SA/NV's Stock Lending and Borrowing Programme) high quality and liquid collateral is obtained to secure the obligation of the counterparty under the terms referred to in 47.2.1 and the collateral is:
  - acceptable to the Depositary;
  - o adequate; and
  - o sufficiently immediate; and
  - o compliant with the requirements of ESMA Guidelines on ETFs and other UCITS issues (ESMA/2012/832EN).

\*The counterparty for these purposes is the person who is obliged under the stock lending agreement to transfer to the Depositary the securities transferred by the Depositary under the stock lending arrangement or securities of the same kind.

Subject to any other limitations within this Prospectus or in COLL 5, there is no limit on the value of the property of any Fund which may be the subject of repo contracts or stock lending transactions.

# None of the Funds currently enter into stock lending or repo transactions..

Agreements and understandings with regard to the underwriting and sub-underwriting of securities or the acceptance of placing commitments may also, subject to certain conditions set out in the FCA Rules, be entered into for the account of any Fund.

# Collateral for stock lending

For the purposes of stock lending transactions, collateral is adequate only if it is:

- transferred to the Depositary or its agent;
- received under a title transfer arrangement; and
- at all times equal in value to the market value of the securities transferred by the Depositary plus a premium;

and the Depositary must ensure that the value of the collateral at all times meet these requirements. The duty to do so may be regarded as satisfied in respect of collateral the validity of which is about to

expire or has expired where the Depositary takes reasonable care to determine that sufficient collateral will again be transferred at the latest by the close of business on the day of expiry.

Permitted types of collateral for stock lending are defined in the ACD's policies to manage collateral. Currently in terms of the policy the following types of collateral will be accepted:

- cash (USD, Euro and GBP);
- bonds issued by governments or their agencies, supranational entities, corporate bonds (including convertible bonds), and asset and mortgage-backed securities, in each case having a minimum investment grade rating of A-;
- money market instruments (being debt securities issued by financial institutions such as banks
  for short term borrowing purposes (which usually pay a fixed rate of interest)(including
  commercial paper, treasury bills and certificates of deposit)); and
- equity securities from an agreed list of stock indices (such indices being made up of groups of shares traded on relevant stock markets which are grouped together due to their particular characteristics (for example, sector, market segment, geography, economy)).

Where the collateral is invested in units in a qualifying money market fund (being a fund which invests in money market instruments) managed or operated by (or, for an ICVC, whose authorised corporate director is) the ACD or an associate of the ACD, the conditions in paragraph (8) of this Appendix must be complied with.

Collateral is sufficiently immediate for the purposes of this section if:

- it is transferred before or at the time of the transfer of the securities by the Depositary; or
- the Depositary takes reasonable care to determine at the time referred to above that it will be transferred at the latest by the close of business on the day of the transfer.

Any agreement for transfer at a future date of securities or of collateral (or of the equivalent of either) under this paragraph may be regarded, for the purposes of valuation and pricing of the Company or this Appendix, as an unconditional agreement for the sale or transfer of property, whether or not the property is part of the property of the authorised fund.

Collateral transferred to the Depositary is part of the scheme property for the purposes of the FCA Rules, except in the following respects:

- it does not fall to be included in any calculation of NAV, because it is offset by an obligation to transfer; and
- it does not count as scheme property for the purpose of the FCA's COLL Rules relating to investment and borrowing powers (other than those which relate to stock lending in COLL 5.2).

Collateral will be valued, and may be adjusted, on a daily basis, using available market prices. The valuation of collateral reflects the daily marked to market value and takes into account appropriate discounts which will be determined by the ACD for each asset class.

A summary of the ACD's policies to manage collateral is set out on page 46 under Section 13, "General Information".

### **Borrowing powers**

The Company may, in accordance with the FCA Rules, borrow money from an Eligible Institution or Approved Bank (both as defined for the purposes of the FCA Rules) for the use of any Fund on terms that the borrowing is to be repayable out of the Scheme Property of that Fund.

Borrowings must not be persistent. Each borrowing must be on a temporary basis and in any event must not be for a period exceeding three months without the prior consent of the Depositary, which may be given only on such conditions as appear appropriate to the Depositary to ensure that the borrowing does not cease to be on a temporary basis.

The ACD must ensure that a Fund's borrowing does not, on any business day, exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Scheme Property of that Fund.

Any additional restrictions in COLL 5 of the Rules also apply to these funds.

These borrowing restrictions do not apply to "back to back" borrowing for currency hedging purposes (i.e. borrowing permitted in order to reduce or eliminate risk arising by reason of fluctuations in exchange rates).

# Table 1

The following is a list of the names of the States, local authorities and public international bodies ("**issuers**") in whose government and public securities any one or more of the Funds can invest more than 35% of its assets:

There are currently no such States, local authorities or public international bodies.

The following table indicates (by reference to the numbers used in the above list), in relation to each Fund, those of the issuers listed above in whose government and public securities that Fund can invest more than 35% of its assets: -

<b>Fund</b>	Reference Numbers
There are currently no Funds to which this applies.	

# Appendix C Determination of Net Asset Value

#### Calculation of the Net Asset Value

The Net Asset Value of the Company or each Fund (as the case may be) will be the value of the assets comprised in its Scheme Property less the value of its liabilities (or in the case of a Fund, the liabilities attributable to it) and will be determined in accordance with the following provisions:-

- 1. all the Scheme Property (including receivables) is to be included, subject to the following provisions;
- 2. property which is neither an asset dealt with in paragraph 3 below nor a contingent liability transaction shall be valued as set out below and the prices used shall (subject as set out below) be the most recent prices which it is practicable to obtain:-
  - (a) units or shares in a collective investment scheme:-
    - (i) if a single price for buying and selling units or shares is quoted, at that price; or
    - (ii) if separate buying and selling prices are quoted, at the average of the two prices provided the buying price has been reduced by any initial charge included therein and the selling price has been increased by any exit or redemption charge attributable thereto; or
    - (iii) if, in the opinion of the ACD, the price obtained is unreliable or no recent traded price is available or if no recent price exists or the most recent price available does not reflect the ACD's best estimate of the value of the units or shares, at a value which, in the opinion of the ACD, is fair and reasonable;
  - (b) any other transferable security:-
    - (i) if a single price for buying and selling the security is quoted, at that price; or
    - (ii) if separate buying and selling prices are quoted, at the average of the two prices; or
    - (iii) if, in the opinion of the ACD, the price obtained is unreliable or no recent traded price is available or if no price exists or the most recent price available does not reflect the ACD's best estimate of the value of the security, at a value which, in the opinion of the ACD, is fair and reasonable;
  - (c) property other than that described in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) above, at a value which, in the opinion of the ACD, represents a fair and reasonable mid-market price;
- 3. cash and amounts held in current, deposit and margin accounts and in other time-related deposits shall be valued at their nominal values;
- 4. property which is a contingent liability transaction shall be treated as follows:-
  - (a) if a written option (and the premium for writing the option has become part of the Scheme Property), deduct the amount of the net valuation of premium receivable. If the property is an off-exchange derivative the method of valuation shall be agreed between the ACD and Depositary;

- (b) if an off-exchange future, include at the net value of closing out in accordance with a valuation method agreed between the ACD and the Depositary; and
- (c) if any other form of contingent liability transaction, include at the net value of margin on closing out (whether as a positive or negative value). If the property is an off exchange derivative, the method of valuation shall be agreed between the ACD and the Depositary;
- 5. all instructions given to issue or cancel Shares shall be assumed to have been carried out (and any cash paid or received) whether or not this is the case;
- 6. subject to paragraph 7 below, agreements for the unconditional sale or purchase of property (excluding futures or contracts for differences which are not yet due to be performed and unexpired and unexercised written or purchased options) which are in existence but uncompleted shall be assumed to have been completed and all consequential action required to have been taken. Such unconditional agreements need not be taken into account if they are made shortly before the valuation takes place and, in the opinion of the ACD, their omission will not materially affect the final net asset amount:
- 7. all agreements are to be included under paragraph 6 which are, or ought reasonably to have been, known to the person valuing the property;
- 8. deduct an estimated amount for anticipated tax liabilities at that point in time including (as applicable and without limitation) any liability for capital gains tax, income tax, corporation tax, value added tax, stamp duty and SDRT;
- 9. deduct an estimated amount for any liabilities payable out of the Scheme Property and any tax thereon, for this purpose treating periodic items as accruing from day to day;
- 10. deduct the principal amount of any outstanding borrowings whenever payable and any accrued but unpaid interest on borrowings;
- 11. add an estimated amount for accrued claims for tax of whatever nature which may be recoverable;
- 12. add any other credits or amounts due to be paid into the Scheme Property;
- 13. add a sum representing any interest or income accrued due or deemed to have accrued but not received;
- 14. currencies or values in currencies other than base currency of the Company or (as the case may be) the designated currency of a Fund shall be converted at the relevant valuation point at a rate of exchange that is not likely to result in any material prejudice to the interests of shareholders or potential shareholders.

# **Proportionate Interests**

- 1. If there is more than one Class in issue in respect of a Fund, the proportionate interests of each Class in the assets and income of the Fund shall be ascertained as follows:
  - (i) A notional account will be maintained for each Class. Each account will be referred to as a "**Proportion Account**".

- (ii) The word "proportion" in the following paragraphs means the proportion which the balance on a Proportion Account at the relevant time bears to the balance on all the Proportion Accounts of a Fund at that time. The proportionate interest of a Class of share in the assets and income of a Fund is its "proportion".
- (iii) There will be credited to a Proportion Account:
  - the subscription money (excluding any initial charges or SDRT provision) for the issue of Shares of the relevant Class;
  - that Class's proportion of any SDRT provision paid in respect of the issue, sale and/or redemption of Shares in the Fund;
  - that Class's proportion of the amount by which the Net Asset Value of the Fund exceeds the total subscription money for all Shares in the Fund;
  - the Class's proportion of the Fund's income received and receivable; and
  - any notional tax benefit under paragraph (v) below.
- (iv) There will be debited to a Proportion Account:
  - the redemption payment (including any exit charges payable to the ACD but excluding any SDRT provision) for the cancellation of Shares of the relevant Class:
  - the Class's proportion of the amount by which the Net Asset Value of the Fund falls short of the total subscription money for all Shares in the Fund;
  - all distributions of income (including equalisation if any) made to Shareholders of that Class;
  - all costs, charges and expenses incurred solely in respect of that Class;
  - that Class's proportion of the costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect
    of that Class and one or more other Classes in the Fund, but not in respect of
    the Fund as a whole;
  - that Class's proportion of the costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of or attributable to the Fund as a whole; and
  - any notional tax liability under paragraph (v).
- (v) Any tax liability in respect of the Fund and any tax benefit received or receivable in respect of the Fund will be allocated between Classes in order to achieve, so far as possible, the same result as would have been achieved if each Class were itself a Fund so as not materially to prejudice any Class. The allocation will be carried out by the ACD after consultation with the Company's auditors.
- (vi) Where a Class is denominated in a currency which is not the base currency of the Company, the balance on the Proportion Account shall be converted into the base currency of the Company in order to ascertain the proportions of all Classes.

- Conversions between currencies shall be at a rate of exchange decided by the ACD as being a rate that is not likely to result in any material prejudice to the interests of Shareholders or potential Shareholders.
- (vii) The Proportion Accounts are notional accounts maintained for the purpose of calculating proportions. They do not represent debts from the Company to Shareholders or the other way round.
- 2. Each credit and debit to a Proportion Account shall be allocated to that account on the basis of that Class's proportion immediately before the allocation. All such adjustments shall be made as are necessary to ensure that on no occasion on which the proportions are ascertained is any amount counted more than once.
- 3. When Shares are issued thereafter each such Share shall represent the same proportionate interest in the property of the relevant Fund as each other Share of the same category and Class then in issue in respect of that Fund.
- 4. The Company shall allocate the amount available for income allocation (calculated in accordance with the FCA Rules) between the Shares in issue relating to the relevant Fund according to the respective proportionate interests in the property of the Fund represented by the Shares at the valuation point in question.
- 5. The Company may adopt a different method of calculating the proportionate interests of each Class in the assets and income of a Fund from that set out in this part of Appendix C provided that the Directors are satisfied that such method is fair to Shareholders and that it is reasonable to adopt such method in the given circumstances.
- 6. For Shares of each Class a smaller denomination share of that Class shall represent such proportion of a larger denomination share of that Class for the purposes of calculating the proportionate interests of such Shares in the assets and income of a Fund as the proportion which a smaller denomination share bears to a larger denomination share in accordance with this Prospectus and the Instrument of Incorporation.

# Appendix D Fund Details

Name: American Growth Fund

FCA Product Reference ("PRN"): 645160

Investment Objective: To provide capital growth through investment in a broad portfolio of

shares in North American companies with the emphasis on the USA.

The benchmark index for the Fund is the S&P 500 Index (the "Index"). The Investment Adviser seeks to outperform the Index by 1.25%\* per annum on a rolling 3 year basis, before deduction of fees.

At least 80% of the Fund will be invested in a portfolio of companies which are part of the Index. This will involve investing in shares and may also include equity-linked securities being depositary receipts, warrants and preference shares\*\*.

The Investment Adviser may only take limited positions away from the Index. This means there are limitations on the extent to which the Fund's investment in various sectors\*\*\* may differ to the Index. These limited positions can be more than is held in the Index (overweight) or less than is held in the Index (underweight).

These limitations help to deliver a level of portfolio diversification and risk management. The limitations also help to achieve an appropriate balance between the extent to which the Fund's composition can diverge from the Index and providing the Investment Adviser with flexibility to seek outperformance relative to the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may differ from the Index.

The Fund may also invest in collective investment schemes, including those managed by the ACD and its associates, cash and cash like investments.

Derivatives and stock lending may be used for the purpose of managing the Fund in a way that is designed to reduce risk or cost and/or generate extra income or growth (often referred to as efficient portfolio management)

- \* Note: there are Share Classes in the Fund where fees exceed the Fund's outperformance target relative to the Index. For those Share Classes, the Fund will underperform the Index after deduction of fees even if its outperformance target is achieved
- \*\* A preference share usually issues a fixed dividend payment which takes priority over payments of ordinary shares.
- \*\*\* A sector is a business area, industry or economy which shares the same characteristics. Company shares are typically grouped into

Investment Policy:

different sectors depending on the company's business.

The S&P 500 Index has been selected as an appropriate benchmark as it provides a representation of the returns of securities in the North American equities market.

Share Classes: Class A net accumulation shares

Class B net accumulation shares (see Note 1 below) Class P net accumulation shares (see Note 2 below) Class X net accumulation shares (see Note 3 below)

Note: The references to Gross and Net in any share class names refer to the regime before 6 April 2017 where distributions could be paid net or gross of United Kingdom tax. Please see Section 9: Taxation for explanation of the tax relating to distributions.

Minimum Initial Investment: Class A share class: £1,000

Class B share class: £100,000

Class P share class: £100 (holders of Class A or Class B Shares

only)

£1,000 (investors other than holders of

Class

A or Class B Shares)

Class X share class: £1.000.000

Minimum Subsequent Investment: Class A share class: £100

Class B share class: not applicable

Class P share class: £100 Class X share class: £500,000

Minimum Holding: Class A share class: £500 (see Note 4 below)

Class B share class: £500 (see Note 4 below)
Class P share class: £500 (see Note 4 below)

Class X share class: £500,000

Preliminary Charge: Class A share class: 5% (current) 7% (maximum)

Class B share class: 5% (current) 7% (maximum)
Class P share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum)
Class X share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum)

Annual Management Charge: Class A share class: 1.35% (current) 2.5% (maximum)

Class B share class: 1.125% (current) 2.5% (maximum)
Class P share class: 0.85% (current) 2% (maximum)
Class X share class: 0% (current) 2.5% (maximum)

Fee for Switching into fund: Class A share class: 0.5% (current) 7% (maximum)

Class B share class: 0.5% (current) 7% (maximum)
Class P share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum)
Class X share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum)

Interim Accounting Period(s): None

Income Allocation Date(s): 31 January (Annual)

Additional power re government & Not applicable public securities:

Status of Fund for UK tax purposes: The Fund is not a Bond fund for UK tax purposes and therefore any

income allocations will constitute a dividend distribution.

Index Administrator: The Index is administered by S&P DJI Netherlands B.V. who are

listed in the register of administrators and benchmarks maintained by

the European Securities and Market.

**Note 1:** Class B share classes are not available to any person other than:-

(a) a person who acquires Shares of this Class pursuant to the terms of any scheme of conversion, amalgamation or reconstruction of a unit trust but only to the extent that that person acquires such Shares pursuant to the terms of any such scheme; or

(b) a person, not being a person of the type referred to in the preceding paragraph(a), to whom the ACD at its entire discretion has decided that such Shares may be made available.

**Note 2:** Class P share classes are not available to any person other than:-

- (a) a holder of Class A Shares or Class B Shares in the American Growth Fund who subscribes amounts to such Fund by way of a new or additional subscription made at or following February 2017. These amounts subscribed will include (a) lump sum contributions made on or after 20 February 2017; (b) regular savings arrangements which commence on or after 20 February 2017, including any subsequent increases made to them; and (c) increases which are made on or after 20 February 2017 to any existing regular savings arrangements, and do not include any amounts subscribed as a result of switches from any other funds and/or products provided by any member of the Group; or
- (b) a person who subscribes amounts to the American Growth Fund by way of a new or additional subscription made at or following 20 February 2017. These amounts subscribed will include (a) lump sum contributions made on or after 20 February 2017; and (b) regular savings arrangements which commence on or after 20 February 2017, including any subsequent increases made to them, and do not include any amounts subscribed as a result of switches from any other funds and/or products provided by any member of the Group; or
- (c) a person, not being a person of the type referred to in the preceding paragraphs (a) and (b), to whom the ACD at its entire discretion has decided that such Shares may be made available.

**Note 3:** Class X share classes are not available to any person other than:-

- (a) a company which is in the Group of companies consisting of the ultimate holding company of the ACD and each of the subsidiaries of that holding company; or
- (b) a person, not being a company of the type referred to in the preceding paragraph (a), to whom the ACD at its entire discretion has determined that such Shares may be made available.

**Note 4:** This minimum holding may be satisfied by a Shareholder's cumulative holdings in Class A, B and P share classes.

#### Historical Past Performance:

	31/10/2018	31/10/2017	31/10/2016	31/10/2015	31/10/2014
	31/10/2019	31/10/2018	31/10/2017	31/10/2016	31/10/2015
American Growth Fund	8.98	8.64	11.22	28.44	9.12
S&P 500 + 1.25%	11.99	10.80	12.75	30.97	8.07

The Index plus outperformance target and the Fund performance figures are shown on an annual basis. In practice the Investment Adviser's outperformance target applies over rolling 3 year periods, as explained in the 'Investment Objective' section of the Fund. In addition the Index plus outperformance target is calculated without deduction of charges whereas Fund performance is calculated after deduction of charges.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of your investment will go up and down and you may get back less than invested. The figures for the American Growth Fund are based on income reinvested, net of charges and tax.

The figures for the S&P 500 Index are total return net of tax.

Source: Financial Express Limited

Name: **European Growth Fund** 

FCA Product Reference ("PRN"): 645161

**Investment Objective:** To provide capital growth through investment in a broad portfolio

of shares in Continental European companies.

The benchmark index for the Fund is the MSCI Europe ex UK Index (the "Index"). The Investment Adviser seeks to outperform the Index by 1.25%\* per annum on a rolling 3 year basis, before

deduction of fees.

**Investment Policy:** At least 80% of the Fund will be invested in a portfolio of companies which are part of the Index. This will involve investing in shares and may also include equity-linked securities being

depositary receipts, warrants and preference shares\*\*.

The Investment Adviser may only take limited positions away from the Index. This means there are limitations on the extent to which the Fund's investment in various sectors\*\*\* may differ to the Index. These limited positions can be more than is held in the Index (overweight) or less than is held in the Index (underweight).

These limitations help to deliver a level of portfolio diversification and risk management. The limitations also help to achieve an appropriate balance between the extent to which the Fund's composition can diverge from the Index and providing the Investment Adviser with flexibility to seek outperformance relative to the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may differ from the Index.

The Fund may also invest in collective investment schemes, including those managed by the ACD and its associates, cash and cash like investments.

Derivatives and stock lending may be used for the purpose of managing the Fund in a way that is designed to reduce risk or cost and/or generate extra income or growth (often referred to as efficient portfolio management).

- \* Note: there are Share Classes in the Fund where fees exceed the Fund's outperformance target relative to the Index. For those Share Classes, the Fund will underperform the Index after deduction of fees even if its outperformance target is achieved.
- \*\* A preference share usually issues a fixed dividend payment which takes priority over payments of ordinary shares.
- \*\*\* A sector is a business area, industry or economy which shares the same characteristics. Company shares are typically grouped into different sectors depending on the company's business.

The MSCI Europe ex UK Index has been selected as an

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appropriate benchmark as it provides a representation of the returns of securities in the European equities market, excluding the UK.

Share Classes: Class A net accumulation shares

Class B net accumulation shares (see Note 1 below) Class P net accumulation shares (see Note 2 below) Class X net accumulation shares (see Note 3 below)

Note: The references to Gross and Net in any share class names refer to the regime before 6 April 2017 where distributions could be paid net or gross of United Kingdom tax. Please see Section 9: Taxation for explanation of the tax relating to distributions.

Minimum Initial Investment: Class A share class: £1,000

Class B share class: £100,000

Class P share class: £100 (holders of Class A or Class B Shares

only)

£1,000 (investors other than holders of

Class A or Class B Shares)

Class X share class: £1,000,000

Minimum Subsequent Investment: Class A share class: £100

Class B share class: not applicable

Class P share class: £100 Class X share class: £500,000

Minimum Holding: Class A share class: £500 (see Note 4 below)

Class B share class: £500 (see Note 4 below)
Class P share class: £500 (see Note 4 below)

Class X share class: £500,000

Preliminary Charge: Class A share class: 5% (current) 7% (maximum)

Class B share class: 5% (current) 7% (maximum)
Class P share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum)
Class X share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum)

Annual Management Charge: Class A share class: 1.35% (current) 2.5% (maximum)

Class B share class: 1.125% (current) 2.5% (maximum)
Class P share class: 0.85% (current) 2% (maximum)
Class X share class: 0% (current) 2.5% (maximum)

Fee for Switching into Fund: Class A share class: 0.5% (current) 7% (maximum)

Class I share class: 0.5% (current) 7% (maximum)
Class P share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum)
Class X share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum)
7% (maximum)

Interim Accounting Period(s): None

Income Allocation Date(s): 31 January (Annual)

Additional power re government & Not applicable

public securities:

Status of Fund for UK tax purposes: The Fund is not a Bond fund for UK tax purposes and therefore

any income allocations will constitute a dividend distribution.

Index Administrator: The Index is administered by MSCI Limited who are listed in the

register of administrators and benchmarks maintained by the

European Securities and Markets Authority.

**Note 1:** Class B share classes are not available to any person other than:-

(a) a person who acquires Shares of this Class pursuant to the terms of any scheme of conversion, amalgamation or reconstruction of a unit trust but only to the extent that that person acquires such Shares pursuant to the terms of any such scheme; or

(b) a person, not being a person of the type referred to in the preceding paragraph (a), to whom the ACD at its entire discretion has decided that such Shares may be made available.

**Note 2:** Class P share classes are not available to any person other than:-

- (a) a holder of Class A Shares or Class B Shares in the European Growth Fund who subscribes amounts to such Fund by way of a new or additional subscription made at or following 20 February 2017. These amounts subscribed will include (a) lump sum contributions made on or after 20 February 2017; (b) regular savings arrangements which commence on or after 20 February 2017, including any subsequent increases made to them; and (c) increases which are made on or after 20 February 2017 to any existing regular savings arrangements, and do not include any amounts subscribed as a result of switches from any other funds and/or products provided by any member of the Group; or
- (b) a person who subscribes amounts to the European Growth Fund by way of a new or additional subscription made at or following 20 February 2017. These amounts subscribed will include (a) lump sum contributions made on or after 20 February 2017; and (b) regular savings arrangements which commence on or after 20 February 2017, including any subsequent increases made to them, and do not include any amounts subscribed as a result of switches from any other funds and/or products provided by any member of the Group; or
- (c) a person, not being a person of the type referred to in the preceding paragraphs (a) and (b), to whom the ACD at its entire discretion has decided that such Shares may be made available.

**Note 3:** Class X share classes are not available to any person other than:-

- (a) a company which is in the Group of companies consisting of the ultimate holding company of the ACD and each of the subsidiaries of that holding company; or
- (b) a person, not being a company of the type referred to in the preceding paragraph (a), to whom the ACD at its entire discretion has determined that such Shares may be made available.

**Note 4:** This minimum holding may be satisfied by a Shareholder's cumulative holdings in Class A, B and P share classes.

#### Historical Past Performance:

	31/10/2018	31/10/2017	31/10/2016	31/10/2015	31/10/2014
	31/10/2019	31/10/2018	31/10/2017	31/10/2016	31/10/2015
European Growth Fund	10.55	-8.39	19.37	20.20	5.42
MSCI Europe ex UK + 1.25%	12.30	-5.00	20.23	20.01	6.27

The Index plus outperformance target and the Fund performance figures are shown on an annual basis. In practice the Investment Adviser's outperformance target applies over rolling 3 year periods, as explained in the 'Investment Objective' section of the Fund. In addition the Index plus outperformance target is calculated without deduction of charges whereas Fund performance is calculated after deduction of charges.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of your investment will go up and down and you may get back less than invested. The figures for the European Growth Fund are based on income reinvested, net of charges and tax.

The figures for the MSCI Europe ex UK Index are total return net of tax.

Source: Financial Express Limited

The blended returns are calculated by the ACD or its delegate using end of day index level values licensed from MSCI ("MSCI Data"). For the avoidance of doubt, MSCI is not the benchmark "administrator" for, or a "contributor", "submitter" or "supervised contributor" to, the blended returns, and the MSCI data is not considered a "contribution" or "submission" in relation to blended returns, as those terms may be defined in any rules, laws, regulations, legislation or international standards. MSCI data is provided "AS IS" without warranty or liability and no copying or distribution is permitted. MSCI does not make any representation regarding the advisability of any investment or strategy and does not sponsor, promote, issue, sell or otherwise recommend or endorse any investment or strategy, including any financial products or strategies based on, tracking or otherwise utilizing any MSCI Data, models, analytics or other materials or information.

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#### **European Select Growth Fund**

FCA Product Reference ("PRN"): Investment Objective:

645162

To provide capital growth through investment in a select portfolio, typically 45 to 60 holdings, of Continental European shares.

The benchmark index for the Fund is the MSCI Europe ex UK Index (the "Index"). The Fund is actively managed by the Investment Adviser who chooses investments with the aim of outperforming the Index by 3% per annum on a rolling 3 year basis, before deduction of fees.

**Investment Policy:** 

At least 80% of the Fund will invest in a select portfolio of Continental European shares.

In choosing individual Continental European shares the Investment Adviser focuses on the company's growth prospects, market valuation and risks.

The ACD limits the extent to which the Fund's composition can differ relative to the market for Continental European shares (as represented by the Index). These limits help to deliver a level of portfolio diversification and risk management. The limits also help to achieve an appropriate balance between the extent to which the Fund's composition can diverge from the Index and providing the Investment Adviser with flexibility to seek outperformance relative to the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may differ substantially from the Index.

The Fund may also invest in collective investment schemes, including those managed by the ACD and its associates, cash and cash like investments.

Derivatives and stock lending may be used for the purpose of managing the Fund in a way that is designed to reduce risk or cost and/or generate extra income or growth (often referred to as efficient portfolio management).

The MSCI Europe ex UK Index has been selected as an appropriate benchmark as it provides a representation of the returns of securities in the European equities market, excluding the UK.

Share Classes:

Class A net accumulation shares Class I net accumulation shares

Class P net accumulation shares (see Note 1 below) Class X net accumulation shares (see Note 2 below)

Note: The references to Gross and Net in any share class names refer to the regime before 6 April 2017 where distributions could be paid net or gross of United Kingdom tax. Please see Section 9: Taxation for explanation of the tax relating to distributions.

Minimum Initial Investment: Class A share class: £1,000

Class I share class: £1,000,000

Class P share class: £100 (holders of Class A Shares only)

£1,000 (investors other than holders of

Class A Shares)

Class X share class: £1,000,000

Minimum Subsequent Investment: Class A share class: £100

Class I share class: £500,000 Class P share class: £100 Class X share class: £500,000

Minimum Holding: Class A share class: £500 (see Note 3 below)

Class I share class: £500,000

Class P share class: £500 (see Note 3 below)

Class X share class: £500,000

Preliminary Charge: Class A share class: 5% (current) 7% (maximum)

Class I share class: 5% (current) 7% (maximum)
Class P share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum)
Class X share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum)

Annual Management Charge: Class A share class: 1.5% (current) 2.5% (maximum)

Class I share class: 1% (current) 2.5% (maximum)
Class P share class: 1.00% (current) 2% (maximum)
Class X share class: 0% (current) 2.5% (maximum)

Fee for Switching into Fund: Class A share class: 0.5% (current) 7% (maximum)

Class I share class: 0.5% (current) 7% (maximum)
Class P share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum)
Class X share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum)
7% (maximum)

Interim Accounting Period(s): None

Income Allocation Date(s): 31 January (Annual)

Additional power re government & Not applicable

public securities:

Index Administrator:

Status of Fund for UK tax purposes: The Fund is not a Bond fund for UK tax purposes and therefore

any income allocations will constitute a dividend distribution. The Index is administered by MSCI Limited who are listed in

the register of administrators and benchmarks maintained by the

European Securities and Markets Authority.

**Note 1:** Class P share classes are not available to any person other than:-

(a) a holder of Class A Shares in the European Select Growth Fund who subscribes amounts to such Fund by way of a new or additional subscription made at or following 20 February 2017. These amounts subscribed will include (a) lump sum contributions made on or after 20 February 2017; (b) regular savings arrangements which commence on or after 20 February 2017,

- including any subsequent increases made to them; and (c) increases which are made on or after 20 February 2017 to any existing regular savings arrangements, and do not include any amounts subscribed as a result of switches from any other funds and/or products provided by any member of the Group; or
- (b) a person who subscribes amounts to the European Select Growth Fund by way of a new or additional subscription made at or following 20 February 2017. These amounts subscribed will include (a) lump sum contributions made on or after 20 February 2017; and (b) regular savings arrangements which commence on or after 20 February 2017, including any subsequent increases made to them, and do not include any amounts subscribed as a result of switches from any other funds and/or products provided by any member of the Group; or
- (c) a person, not being a person of the type referred to in the preceding paragraphs (a) and (b), to whom the ACD at its entire discretion has decided that such Shares may be made available.
- **Note 2:** Class X share classes are not available to any person other than:
  - a company which is in the Group of companies consisting of the ultimate holding company of the ACD and each of the subsidiaries of that holding company; or
  - (b) a person, not being a company of the type referred to in the preceding paragraph (a), to whom the ACD at its entire discretion has determined that such Shares may be made available.
- **Note 3:** This minimum holding may be satisfied by a Shareholder's cumulative holdings in Class A and P share classes.

**Historical Past Performance:** 

	31/10/2018	31/10/2017	31/10/2016	31/10/2015	31/10/2014
	31/10/2019	31/10/2018	31/10/2017	31/10/2016	31/10/2015
European Select Growth Fund	13.39	2.34	14.91	22.96	3.18
MSCI Europe ex UK + 3%	14.25	-3.36	22.30	22.09	8.10

The Index plus outperformance target and the Fund performance figures are shown on an annual basis. In practice the Investment Adviser's outperformance target applies over rolling 3 year periods, as explained in the 'Investment Objective' section of the Fund. In addition the Index plus outperformance target is calculated without deduction of charges whereas Fund performance is calculated after deduction of charges.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of your investment will go up and down and you may get back less than invested. The figures for the European Select Growth Fund are based on income reinvested, net of charges and tax.

Source: Financial Express Limited.

The blended returns are calculated by the ACD or its delegate using end of day index level values licensed from MSCI ("MSCI Data"). For the avoidance of doubt, MSCI is not the benchmark "administrator" for, or a "contributor", "submitter" or "supervised contributor" to, the blended returns, and the MSCI data is not considered a "contribution" or "submission" in relation to blended returns, as those terms may be defined in any rules, laws, regulations, legislation or international

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#### Global Growth Fund

FCA Product Reference ("PRN"): Investment Objective:

645163

To provide capital growth through investment in a broad portfolio, investing in shares of companies across the world, including the UK.

The benchmark index for the Fund is the MSCI All Country World (MSCI ACWI) Index (the "Index"). The Fund seeks to outperform the Index by 1.25%\* on a rolling 3 year basis, before deduction of fees.

**Investment Policy:** 

At least 80% of the Fund will be invested in a portfolio of companies which are part of the Index. This will involve investing in shares and may also include equity-linked securities, such as depositary receipts, warrants and preference shares\*\*.

The ACD instructs the Investment Adviser on the proportion of the Fund's investments to be allocated to companies in the Index. At least 90% will be invested in companies that are part of the in developed markets, and not more than 10% in companies that are in emerging markets. The allocation may differ slightly on a day to day basis through market movements or Investment Adviser discretion.

The Investment Adviser may only take limited positions away from the Index. This means there are limitations on the extent to which the Fund's investment in various sectors\*\*\* may differ to the Index. These limited positions can be more than is held in the Index (overweight) or less than is held in the Index (underweight).

These limitations help to deliver a level of portfolio diversification and risk management. The limitations also help to achieve an appropriate balance between the extent to which the Fund's composition can diverge from the Index and providing the Investment Adviser with flexibility to seek outperformance relative to the Index. Because the Fund is limited in the extent to which it can diverge from the Index it means the difference between the Fund's performance and that of the Index is likely to be smaller than that of funds with greater flexibility.

The Fund may also invest in collective investment schemes, including those managed by the ACD and its associates, cash and cash like investments.

Derivatives and stock lending may be used for the purpose of managing the Fund in a way that is designed to reduce risk or cost and/or generate extra income or growth (often referred to as efficient portfolio management).

\* Note: there are Share Classes in the Fund where fees exceed the Fund's outperformance target relative to the Index. For those

Share Classes, the Fund will underperform the Index after deduction of fees even if its outperformance target is achieved.

\*\* A preference share usually issues a fixed dividend payment which takes priority over payments of ordinary shares.

\*\*\* A sector is a business area, industry or economy which shares the same characteristics. Company shares are typically grouped into different sectors depending on the company's business.

The MSCI All Country World (MSCI ACWI) Index has been selected as an appropriate benchmark as it provides a representation of the returns of securities in the equities market worldwide.

Share Classes: Class A net accumulation shares

Class B net accumulation shares (see Note 1 below)

Class G net accumulation shares Class I net accumulation shares

Class P net accumulation shares (see Note 2 below) Class X net accumulation shares (see Note 3 below)

Note: The references to Gross and Net in any share class names refer to the regime before 6 April 2017 where distributions could be paid net or gross of United Kingdom tax. Please see Section 9: Taxation for explanation of the tax relating to distributions.

Minimum Initial Investment: Class A share class: £1,000

Class B share class: £100,000 Class G share class: £1,000 Class I share class: £1,000,000

Class P share class: £100 (holders of Class A, Class B or Class

G Shares only)

£1,000 (investors other than holders of Class A, Class B or Class G Shares)

Class X share class: £1,000,000

Minimum Subsequent Investment: Class A share class: £100

Class B share class: not applicable

Class G share class: £100
Class P share class: £100
Class I share class: £500,000
Class X share class: £500,000

Minimum Holding: Class A share class: £500 (see Note 4 below)

Class B share class: £500 (see Note 4 below) Class G share class: £500 (see Note 4 below)

Class I share class: £500,000

Class P share class: £500 (see Note 4 below)

Class X share class: £500,000

Preliminary Charge: Class A share class: 5% (current) 7% (maximum)

Class B share class: 5% (current) 7% (maximum)

Class G share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum) Class I share class: 5% (current) 7% (maximum) Class P share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum) Class X share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum)

Class A share class: Annual Management Charge: 1.35% (current) 2.5% (maximum)

Class B share class: 1.25% (current) 2.5% (maximum) Class G share class: 0.85%% (current) 2.5% (maximum) Class I share class: 2.5% (maximum) 1% (current) Class P share class: 0.85% (current) 2% (maximum) Class X share class: 0% (current) 2.5% (maximum)

Fee for Switching into Fund: Class A share class: 0.5% (current) 7% (maximum)

> Class B share class: 0.5% (current) 7% (maximum) Class G share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum) Class I share class: 0.5% (current) 7% (maximum) Class P share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum) Class X share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum)

Interim Accounting Period(s): None

Income Allocation Date(s): 31 January (Annual)

Additional power re government & Not applicable

public securities:

Status of Fund for UK tax purposes: The Fund is not a Bond fund for UK tax purposes and therefore

any income allocations will constitute a dividend distribution.

**Index Administrator:** The Index is administered by MSCI Limited who are listed in the

register of administrators and benchmarks maintained by the

European Securities and Markets Authority.

Class B share classes are not available to any person other than:-Note 1:

> a person who acquires Shares of this Class pursuant to the terms of any scheme of conversion, amalgamation or reconstruction of a unit trust but only to the extent that that person acquires such Shares pursuant to the terms of any such scheme; or

> a person, not being a person of the type referred to in the preceding paragraph (b) (a), to whom the ACD at its entire discretion has decided that such Shares may be made available.

Note 2: Class P share classes are not available to any person other than:-

> a holder of Class A Shares, Class B Shares or Class G Shares in the Global Growth Fund who subscribes amounts to such Fund by way of a new or additional subscription made at or following 20 February 2017. These amounts subscribed will include (a) lump sum contributions made on or after 20 February 2017; (b) regular savings arrangements which commence on or after 20 February 2017, including any subsequent increases made to them; and (c) increases which are made on or after 20 February 2017 to any existing regular savings arrangements, and do not include any amounts

- subscribed as a result of switches from any other funds and/or products provided by any member of the Group; or
- (b) a person who subscribes amounts to the Global Growth Fund by way of a new or additional subscription made at or following 20 February 2017. These amounts subscribed will include (a) lump sum contributions made on or after 20 February 2017; and (b) regular savings arrangements which commence on or after 20 February 2017, including any subsequent increases made to them, and do not include any amounts subscribed as a result of switches from any other funds and/or products provided by any member of the Group; or
- (c) a person, not being a person of the type referred to in the preceding paragraphs (a) and (b), to whom the ACD at its entire discretion has decided that such Shares may be made available.

#### **Note 3:** Class X share classes are not available to any person other than:-

- (a) a company which is in the Group of companies consisting of the ultimate holding company of the ACD and each of the subsidiaries of that holding company; or
- (b) a person, not being a company of the type referred to in the preceding paragraph (a), to whom the ACD at its entire discretion has determined that such Shares may be made available.

Note 4: This minimum holding may be satisfied by a Shareholder's cumulative holdings in Class A, B, G and P share classes.

#### Historical Past Performance:

	31/10/2018	31/10/2017	31/10/2016	31/10/2015	31/10/2014
	31/10/2019	31/10/2018	31/10/2017	31/10/2016	31/10/2015
Global Growth Fund Share					
Class A Acc	6.17	1.44	12.62	26.72	3.13
MSCI All Country World					
(MSCI ACWI) Index + 1.25%	12.57	4.68	14.69	30.71	4.85

The Index plus outperformance target and the Fund performance figures are shown on an annual basis. In practice the Investment Adviser's outperformance target applies over rolling 3 year periods, as explained in the 'Investment Objective' section of the Fund. In addition the Index plus outperformance target is calculated without deduction of charges whereas Fund performance is calculated after deduction of charges.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of your investment will go up and down and you may get back less than invested. The figures for the Global Growth Fund are based on income reinvested, net of charges and tax.

The figures for the MSCI All Country World (MSCI ACWI) Index are total return net of tax.

Source: Financial Express Limited.

The blended returns are calculated by the ACD or its delegate using end of day index level values licensed from MSCI ("MSCI Data"). For the avoidance of doubt, MSCI is not the benchmark "administrator" for, or a "contributor", "submitter" or "supervised contributor" to, the blended returns, and the MSCI data is not considered a "contribution" or "submission" in relation to blended returns, as those terms may be defined in any rules, laws, regulations, legislation or international

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**Global Select Growth Fund** Name:

FCA Product Reference ("PRN"): 645164

**Investment Objective:** 

To provide capital growth through investment in a select portfolio, typically 40 to 90 holdings, of global shares, including the UK.

The benchmark index for the Fund is the MSCI ACWI Index (the "Index"). The Fund is actively managed by the Investment Adviser who chooses investments with the aim of outperforming the Index by 3% per annum on a rolling 3 year basis, before deduction of fees.

**Investment Policy:** 

At least 90% of the Fund will invest in a select portfolio of global shares which may include preference shares\*, American depository receipts, global and other equity backed depository receipts and warrants in any geographic area and any economic sector.

In choosing individual global shares the Investment Adviser focuses on the company's growth prospects, market valuation and specific risks.

The ACD limits the extent to which the Fund's composition can differ relative to the market for global shares (as represented by the Index). These limits help to deliver a level of portfolio diversification and risk management. The limits also help to achieve an appropriate balance between the extent to which the Fund's composition can diverge from the Index and providing the Investment Adviser with flexibility to seek outperformance relative to the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may differ substantially from the Index.

The Fund may also invest in collective investment schemes, including those managed by the ACD and its associates, cash and cash like investments.

Derivatives and stock lending may be used for the purpose of managing the Fund in a way that is designed to reduce risk or cost and/or generate extra income or growth (often referred to as efficient portfolio management).

\* A preference share usually issues a fixed dividend payment which takes priority over payments of ordinary shares.

The MSCI ACWI Index has been selected as an appropriate benchmark as it provides a representation of the returns of securities in the global equities market.

Class A net accumulation shares

Class B net accumulation shares (see Note 1 below)

Class I net accumulation shares

Class P net accumulation shares (see Note 2 below) Class X net accumulation shares (see Note 3 below)

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**Share Classes:** 

Note: The references to Gross and Net in any share class names refer to the regime before 6 April 2017 where distributions could be paid net or gross of United Kingdom tax. Please see Section 9: Taxation for explanation of the tax relating to distributions.

Minimum Initial Investment: Class A share class: £1,000

Class B share class: £100,000 Class I share class: £1,000,000

Class P share class: £100 (holders of Class A or Class B Shares

only)

£1,000 (investors other than holders of

Class A or Class B Shares)

Class X share class: £1,000,000

Minimum Subsequent Investment: Class A share class: £100

Class B share class: not applicable
Class I share class: £500,000
Class P share class: £100
Class X share class: £500,000

Minimum Holding: Class A share class: £500 (see Note 4 below)

Class B share class: £500 (see Note 4 below)

Class I share class: £500,000

Class P share class: £500 (see Note 4 below)

Class X share class: £500,000

Preliminary Charge: Class A share class: 5% (current) 7% (maximum)

Class B share class: 5% (current) 7% (maximum)
Class I share class: 5% (current) 7% (maximum)
Class P share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum)
Class X share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum)

Annual Management Charge: Class A share class: 1.5% (current) 2.5% (maximum)

Class B share class: 1.25% (current) 2.5% (maximum)
Class I share class: 1% (current) 2.5% (maximum)
Class P share class: 1.00% (current) 2% (maximum)
Class X share class: 0% (current) 2.5% (maximum)

Fee for Switching into Fund: Class A share class: 0.5% (current) 7% (maximum)

Class B share class: 0.5% (current) 7% (maximum)
Class I share class: 0.5% (current) 7% (maximum)
Class P share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum)
Class X share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum)

Interim Accounting Period(s): None

Income Allocation Date(s): 31 January (Annual)

Additional power re government & Not applicable public securities:

Status of Fund for UK tax purposes: The Fund is not a Bond fund for UK tax purposes and therefore

any income allocations will constitute a dividend distribution.

Index Administrator: The Index is administered by MSCI Limited who are listed in the

register of administrators and benchmarks maintained by the

European Securities and Markets Authority.

**Note 1:** Class B share classes are not available to any person other than:-

(a) a person who acquires Shares of this Class pursuant to the terms of any scheme of conversion, amalgamation or reconstruction of a unit trust but only to the extent that that person acquires such Shares pursuant to the terms of any such scheme; or

(b) a person, not being a person of the type referred to in the preceding paragraph(a), to whom the ACD at its entire discretion has decided that such Shares may be made available.

**Note 2:** Class P share classes are not available to any person other than:-

- (a) a holder of Class A Shares or Class B Shares in the Global Select Growth Fund who subscribes amounts to such Fund by way of a new or additional subscription made at or following 20 February 2017. These amounts subscribed will include (a) lump sum contributions made on or after 20 February 2017; (b) regular savings arrangements which commence on or after 20 February 2017, including any subsequent increases made to them; and (c) increases which are made on or after 20 February 2017 to any existing regular savings arrangements, and do not include any amounts subscribed as a result of switches from any other funds and/or products provided by any member of the Group; or
- (b) a person who subscribes amounts to the Global Select Growth Fund by way of a new or additional subscription made at or following 20 February 2017. These amounts subscribed will include (a) lump sum contributions made on or after 20 February 2017; and (b) regular savings arrangements which commence on or after 20 February 2017, including any subsequent increases made to them, and do not include any amounts subscribed as a result of switches from any other funds and/or products provided by any member of the Group; or
- (c) a person, not being a person of the type referred to in the preceding paragraphs (a) and (b), to whom the ACD at its entire discretion has decided that such Shares may be made available.

**Note 3:** Class X share classes are not available to any person other than:-

(a) a company which is in the group of companies consisting of the ultimate holding company of the ACD and each of the subsidiaries of that holding company; or(b) a person, not being a company of the type referred to in the preceding paragraph (a), to whom the ACD at its entire discretion has determined that such Shares may be made available.

**Note4:** This minimum holding may be satisfied by a Shareholder's cumulative holdings in Class A, B and P share classes.

Historical Past Performance:

	31/10/2018	31/10/2017	31/10/2016	31/10/2015	31/10/2014
	31/10/2019	31/10/2018	31/10/2017	31/10/2016	31/10/2015
Global Select Growth Fund	10.38	-2.92	9.30	26.62	-5.48
MSCI ACWI + 3%	14.51	6.49	16.67	32.97	6.65

The Index plus outperformance target and the Fund performance figures are shown on an annual basis. In practice the Investment Adviser's outperformance target applies over rolling 3 year periods, as explained in the 'Investment Objective' section of the Fund. In addition the Index plus outperformance target is calculated without deduction of charges whereas Fund performance is calculated after deduction of charges.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of your investment will go up and down and you may get back less than invested. The figures for the Global Select Growth Fund are based on income reinvested, net of charges and tax. The figures for the MSCI ACWI Index are total return net of tax.

Source: Financial Express Limited.

The blended returns are calculated by the ACD or its delegate using end of day index level values licensed from MSCI ("MSCI Data"). For the avoidance of doubt, MSCI is not the benchmark "administrator" for, or a "contributor", "submitter" or "supervised contributor" to, the blended returns, and the MSCI data is not considered a "contribution" or "submission" in relation to blended returns, as those terms may be defined in any rules, laws, regulations, legislation or international standards. MSCI data is provided "AS IS" without warranty or liability and no copying or distribution is permitted. MSCI does not make any representation regarding the advisability of any investment or strategy and does not sponsor, promote, issue, sell or otherwise recommend or endorse any investment or strategy, including any financial products or strategies based on, tracking or otherwise utilizing any MSCI Data, models, analytics or other materials or information.

Name: Japan Growth Fund

FCA Product Reference ("PRN"): 645167

Investment Objective: To provide capital growth through investment in a broad portfolio

of shares in Japanese companies.

The benchmark index for the Fund is the MSCI Japan Index (the "Index"). The Investment Adviser seeks to outperform the Index by 1.25%\* per annum on a rolling 3 year basis, before deduction of

fees.

**Investment Policy:** 

At least 80% of the Fund will be invested in a portfolio of companies which are part of the Index and this will involve investing in shares.

The Investment Adviser may only take limited positions away from the Index. This means there are limitations on the extent to which the Fund's investment in various sectors\*\* may differ to the Index. These limited positions can be more than is held in the Index (overweight) or less than is held in the Index (underweight).

These limitations help to deliver a level of portfolio diversification and risk management. The limitations also help to achieve an appropriate balance between the extent to which the Fund's composition can diverge from the Index and providing the Investment Adviser with flexibility to seek outperformance relative to the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may differ from the Index.

The Fund may also invest in collective investment schemes, including those managed by the ACD and its associates, cash and cash like investments.

Derivatives and stock lending may be used for the purpose of managing the Fund in a way that is designed to reduce risk or cost and/or generate extra income or growth (often referred to as efficient portfolio management)

\* Note: there are Share Classes in the Fund where fees exceed the Fund's outperformance target relative to the Index. For those Share Classes, the Fund will underperform the Index after deduction of fees even if its outperformance target is achieved.

\*\* A sector is a business area, industry or economy which shares the same characteristics. Company shares are typically grouped into different sectors depending on the company's business.

The MSCI Japan Index has been selected as an appropriate benchmark as it provides a representation of the returns of securities in the Japanese equities market.

Class A net accumulation shares

Class B net accumulation shares (See Note 1 below)

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Share Classes:

Class P net accumulation shares (See Note 2 below) Class X net accumulation shares (See Note 3 below)

Note: The references to Gross and Net in any share class names refer to the regime before 6 April 2017 where distributions could be paid net or gross of United Kingdom tax. Please see Section 9: Taxation for explanation of the tax relating to distributions.

Minimum Initial Investment: Class A share class: £1,000

Class B share class: £100,000

Class P share class: £100 (holders of Class A or Class B Shares

only)

£1,000 (investors other than holders of

Class

A or Class B Shares)

Class X share class: £1,000,000

Minimum Subsequent Investment: Class A share class: £100

Class B share class: not applicable

Class P share class: £100 Class X share class: £500,000

Minimum Holding: Class A share class: £500 (see Note 4 below)

Class B share class: £500 (see Note 4 below)
Class P share class: £500 (see Note 4 below)

Class X share class: £500.000

Preliminary Charge: Class A share class: 5% (current) 7% (maximum)

Class B share class: 5% (current) 7% (maximum)
Class P share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum)
Class X share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum)

Annual Management Charge: Class A share class: 1.35% (current) 2.5% (maximum)

Class B share class: 1.125% (current) 2.5% (maximum)
Class P share class: 0.85% (current) 2% (maximum)
Class X share class: 0% (current) 2.5% (maximum)

Fee for Switching into Fund: Class A share class: 0.5% (current) 7% (maximum)

Class B share class: 0.5% (current) 7% (maximum)
Class P share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum)
Class X share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum)

Interim Accounting Period(s): None

Income Allocation Date(s): 31 January (Annual)

Additional power re government &

public securities:

Not applicable

Status of Fund for UK tax purposes: The Fund is not a Bond fund for UK tax purposes and therefore any

income allocations will constitute a dividend distribution.

Index Administrator: The Index is administered by MSCI Limited who are listed in the

register of administrators and benchmarks maintained by the European Securities and Markets Authority.

#### **Note 1:** Class B share classes are not available to any person other than:-

- (a) a person who acquires Shares of this Class pursuant to the terms of any scheme of conversion, amalgamation or reconstruction of a unit trust but only to the extent that that person acquires such Shares pursuant to the terms of any such scheme; or
- (b) a person, not being a person of the type referred to in the preceding paragraph(a), to whom the ACD at its entire discretion has decided that such Shares may be made available.

#### **Note 2:** Class P share classes are not available to any person other than:-

- (a) a holder of Class A Shares or Class B Shares in the Japan Growth Fund who subscribes amounts to such Fund by way of a new or additional subscription made at or following 20 February 2017. These amounts subscribed will include (a) lump sum contributions made on or after 20 February 2017; (b) regular savings arrangements which commence on or after 20 February 2017, including any subsequent increases made to them; and (c) increases which are made on or after 20 February 2017 to any existing regular savings arrangements, and do not include any amounts subscribed as a result of switches from any other funds and/or products provided by any member of the Group; or
- (b) a person who subscribes amounts to the Japan Growth Fund by way of a new or additional subscription made at or following 20 February 2017. These amounts subscribed will include (a) lump sum contributions made on or after 20 February 2017; and (b) regular savings arrangements which commence on or after 20 February 2017, including any subsequent increases made to them, and do not include any amounts subscribed as a result of switches from any other funds and/or products provided by any member of the Group; or
- (c) a person, not being a person of the type referred to in the preceding paragraphs (a) and (b), to whom the ACD at its entire discretion has decided that such Shares may be made available.

#### **Note 3:** Class X share classes are not available to any person other than:-

- (a) a company which is in the Group of companies consisting of the ultimate holding company of the ACD and each of the subsidiaries of that holding company; or
- (b) a person, not being a company of the type referred to in the preceding paragraph (a), to whom the ACD at its entire discretion has determined that such Shares may be made available.
- **Note 4:** This minimum holding may be satisfied by a Shareholder's cumulative holdings in Class A, B and P share classes.

#### **Historical Past Performance:**

	21/10/2010	31/10/2017 31/10/2018	E 1, 10, <b>2</b> 010	01/10/2010	01/10/201.
Japan Growth Fund	3.91	-2.25	7.05	31.02	11.82
MSCI Japan + 1.25%	9.14	1.48	9.66	32.17	14.39

The Index plus outperformance target and the Fund performance figures are shown on an annual basis. In practice the Investment Adviser's outperformance target applies over rolling 3 year periods, as explained in the 'Investment Objective' section of the Fund. In addition the Index plus outperformance target is calculated without deduction of charges whereas Fund performance is calculated after deduction of charges.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of your investment will go up and down and you may get back less than invested. The figures for the Japan Growth Fund are based on income reinvested, net of charges and tax.

The figures for the MSCI Japan Index are total return net of tax.

Source: Financial Express Limited.

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**Pacific Growth Fund** Name:

FCA Product Reference ("PRN"): 645165

**Investment Objective:** To provide capital growth through investment in a broad portfolio of shares in Asian and Australasian companies, excluding Japan.

> The benchmark index for the Fund is the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index (the "Index"). The Investment Adviser seeks to outperform the Index by 1.25%\* per annum on a rolling 3 year

basis, before deduction of fees.

At least 80% of the Fund will be invested in a portfolio of companies which are part of the Index. This will involve investing in shares and may also include equity-linked securities being

depositary receipts.

The Investment Adviser may only take limited positions away from the Index. This means there are limitations on the extent to which the Fund's investment in various sectors\*\* may differ to the Index. These limited positions can be more than is held in the Index (overweight) or less than is held in the Index (underweight).

These limitations help to deliver a level of portfolio diversification and risk management. The limitations also help to achieve an appropriate balance between the extent to which the Fund's composition can diverge from the Index and providing the Investment Adviser with flexibility to seek outperformance relative to the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may differ from the Index.

The Fund may also invest in collective investment schemes, including those managed by the ACD and its associates, cash and cash like investments.

Derivatives and stock lending may be used for the purpose of managing the Fund in a way that is designed to reduce risk or cost and/or generate extra income or growth (often referred to as efficient portfolio management)

\* Note: there are Share Classes in the Fund where fees exceed the Fund's outperformance target relative to the Index. For those Share Classes, the Fund will underperform the Index after deduction of fees even if its outperformance target is achieved.

\*\* A sector is a business area, industry or economy which shares the same characteristics. Company shares are typically grouped into different sectors depending on the company's business.

The MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index has been selected as an appropriate benchmark as it provides a representation of the returns of securities in the Asia Pacific equities market, excluding Japan.

**Investment Policy:** 

Share Classes: Class A net accumulation shares

Class B net accumulation shares (see Note 1 below) Class P net accumulation shares (see Note 2 below) Class X net accumulation shares (see Note 3 below)

Note: The references to Gross and Net in any share class names refer to the regime before 6 April 2017 where distributions could be paid net or gross of United Kingdom tax. Please see Section 9: Taxation for explanation of the tax relating to distributions.

Minimum Initial Investment: Class A share class: £1,000

Class B share class: £100,000

Class P share class: £100 (holders of Class A or Class B

Shares only)

£1,000 (investors other than holders of

Class A or Class B Shares)

Class X share class: £1,000,000

Minimum Subsequent Investment: Class A share class: £100

Class B share class: not applicable

Class P share class: £100 Class X share class: £500,000

Minimum Holding: Class A share class: £500 (see Note 4 below)

Class B share class: £500 (see Note 4 below)
Class P share class: £500 (see Note 4 below)

Class X share class: £500,000

Preliminary Charge: Class A share class: 5% (current) 7% (maximum)

Class B share class: 5% (current) 7% (maximum)
Class P share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum)
Class X share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum)

Annual Management Charge: Class A share class: 1.35% (current) 2.5% (maximum)

Class B share class: 1.25% (current) 2.5% (maximum)
Class P share class: 0.85% (current) 2% (maximum)
Class X share class: 0% (current) 2.5% (maximum)
2.5% (maximum)

Fee for Switching into Fund: Class A share class: 0.5% (current) 7% (maximum)

Class B share class: 0.5% (current) 7% (maximum)
Class P share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum)
Class X share class: 0% (current) 7% (maximum)

Interim Accounting Period(s): None

Income Allocation Date(s): 31 January (Annual)

Additional power re government &

public securities:

Not applicable

Status of Fund for UK tax purposes: The Fund is not a Bond fund for UK tax purposes and therefore

any income allocations will constitute a dividend distribution.

**Index Administrator:** 

The Index is administered by MSCI Limited who are listed in the register of administrators and benchmarks maintained by the European Securities and Markets Authority.

#### **Note 1:** Class B share classes are not available to any person other than:-

- (a) a person who acquires Shares of this Class pursuant to the terms of any scheme of conversion, amalgamation or reconstruction of a unit trust but only to the extent that that person acquires such shares pursuant to the terms of any such Scheme; or
- (b) a person, not being a person of the type referred to in the preceding paragraph (a), to whom the ACD at its entire discretion has decided that such Shares may be made available.

#### **Note 2:** Class P share classes are not available to any person other than:-

- (a) a holder of Class A Shares or Class B Shares in the Pacific Growth Fund who subscribes amounts to such Fund by way of a new or additional subscription made at or following 20 February 2017. These amounts subscribed will include (a) lump sum contributions made on or after 20 February 2017; (b) regular savings arrangements which commence on or after 20 February 2017, including any subsequent increases made to them; and (c) increases which are made on or after 20 February 2017 to any existing regular savings arrangements, and do not include any amounts subscribed as a result of switches from any other funds and/or products provided by any member of the Group; or
- (b) a person who subscribes amounts to the Pacific Growth Fund by way of a new or additional subscription made at or following 20 February 2017. These amounts subscribed will include (a) lump sum contributions made on or after 20 February 2017; and (b) regular savings arrangements which commence on or after 20 February 2017, including any subsequent increases made to them, and do not include any amounts subscribed as a result of switches from any other funds and/or products provided by any member of the Group; or
- (c) a person, not being a person of the type referred to in the preceding paragraphs (a) and (b), to whom the ACD at its entire discretion has decided that such Shares may be made available.

#### **Note 3:** Class X share classes are not available to any person other than:-

- (a) a company which is in the Group of companies consisting of the ultimate holding company of the ACD and each of the subsidiaries of that holding company; or
- (b) a person, not being a company of the type referred to in the preceding paragraph (a), to whom the ACD at its entire discretion has determined that such Shares may be made available.

## **Note 4:** This minimum holding may be satisfied by a Shareholder's cumulative holdings in Class A, B and P share classes.

#### **Historical Past Performance:**

	31/10/2010	31/10/2017	31/10/2016 31/10/2017	31/10/2018	31/10/2014 31/10/2015
Pacific Growth Fund	9.05	-9.25	16.25	37.05	-9.24
MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan	13.87	-7.48	18.87	38.29	-6.09

The Index plus outperformance target and the Fund performance figures are shown on an annual basis. In practice the Investment Adviser's outperformance target applies over rolling 3 year periods, as explained in the 'Investment Objective' section of the Fund. In addition the Index plus outperformance target is calculated without deduction of charges whereas Fund performance is calculated after deduction of charges.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of your investment will go up and down and you may get back less than invested. The figures for the Pacific Growth Fund are based on income reinvested, net of charges and tax.

The figures for the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index are total return net of tax.

Source: Financial Express Limited.

The blended returns are calculated by the ACD or its delegate using end of day index level values licensed from MSCI ("MSCI Data"). For the avoidance of doubt, MSCI is not the benchmark "administrator" for, or a "contributor", "submitter" or "supervised contributor" to, the blended returns, and the MSCI data is not considered a "contribution" or "submission" in relation to blended returns, as those terms may be defined in any rules, laws, regulations, legislation or international standards. MSCI data is provided "AS IS" without warranty or liability and no copying or distribution is permitted. MSCI does not make any representation regarding the advisability of any investment or strategy and does not sponsor, promote, issue, sell or otherwise recommend or endorse any investment or strategy, including any financial products or strategies based on, tracking or otherwise utilizing any MSCI Data, models, analytics or other materials or information.

## Appendix E Other Regulated Collective Investment Schemes

The ACD also acts as the ACD of the following authorised investment companies with variable capital:-

Scottish Widows Tracker and Specialist Investment Funds ICVC Scottish Widows UK and Income Investment Funds ICVC Scottish Widows Managed Investment Funds ICVC Scottish Widows Investment Solutions Funds ICVC Scottish Widows Income and Growth Funds ICVC

The ACD also acts as authorised fund manager and alternative investment fund manager of the following authorised unit trust:-

Scottish Widows Authorised Unit Trust

The ACD also acts as the authorised contractual scheme manager and authorised fund manager of the following authorised contractual scheme:-

Scottish Widows Property Authorised Contractual Scheme

# **Appendix F**Dilution Adjustment Estimates

#### Scottish Widows Overseas Growth Investment Funds ICVC

Fund	Estimate of dilution adjustment applicable to sales (%)	Estimate of dilution adjustment applicable to redemption's (%)
Amariaan Charreth Franci	0.02	0.05
American Growth Fund	0.03	0.05
European Growth Fund	0.16	0.08
European Select Growth Fund	0.19	0.04
Japan Growth Fund	0.13	0.08
Pacific Growth Fund	0.17	0.24
Global Growth Fund	0.12	0.04
Global Select Growth Fund	0.12	0.09

Rates correct as at 29 March 2019.

### Appendix G

## Directors of Scottish Widows Unit Trust Managers Limited and Significant Activities of the Directors not connected with the Business of the ICVC

#### **Gavin MacNeill Stewart**

Directorships of:

HBOS Investment Fund Managers Limited Scottish Widows Unit Trust Managers Limited

#### Sean William Lowther

Directorships of:

Clerical Medical Financial Services Limited

Clerical Medical Finance plc.

Clerical Medical International Holdings BV

Clerical Medical Managed Funds Limited

Clerical Medical Investment Fund Managers Limited

General and Reversionary Investment Company

Halifax Financial Brokers Limited

Halifax Investment Services Limited

Halifax Life Limited

Halifax Financial Services (Holdings) Limited

Halifax Financial Services Limited

Halifax Equitable Limited

HBOS Investment Fund Managers Limited

HBOS International Financial Services Holdings Limited

**HBOS** Financial Services Limited

Legacy Renewal Company Limited

Pensions Management (S.W.F) Limited

Scottish Widows Administration Services Limited

Scottish Widows Administration Services (Nominees) Limited

Scottish Widows Auto Enrolment Services Limited

Scottish Widows Unit Trust Managers Limited

Scottish Widows Unit Funds Limited

Scottish Widows Annuities Limited - In liquidation

St Andrews Life Assurance plc

SW Funding plc

Scottish Widows Services Limited

Scottish Widows Property Management Limited

#### Catriona Margaret Herd

Directorships of:

HBOS Investment Fund Managers Limited Scottish Widows Unit Trust Managers Limited

#### James Hillman

Directorships of:

Clerical Medical Finance Plc

Clerical Medical Managed Funds Limited (In Liquidation)

Halifax General Insurance Services Limited

Halifax Life Limited

**HBOS** Investment Fund Managers Limited

Lloyds Bank Insurance Services (Direct) Limited (In Liquidation)

Lloyds Bank Insurance Services Limited

Pensions Management (S.W.F.) Limited

Scottish Widows Annuities Limited (In Liquidation)

Scottish Widows Unit Funds Limited

Scottish Widows Unit Trust Managers Limited

St Andrew's Group Limited

St Andrew's Life Assurance Plc

SW Funding Plc

#### **Philip Grant**

Directorships of:

Clerical Medical Financial Services Limited
Halifax Financial Brokers Limited
HBOS Investment Fund Managers Limited Director
Legacy Renewal Company Limited
Lloyds Bank Subsidiaries Limited
Scottish Widows Unit Trust Managers Limited
The British Linen Company Limited
Bank of Scotland Foundation

#### **Jonathon Bond**

Directorships of:

HBOS Investment Fund Managers Limited Scottish Widows Unit Trust Managers Limited Lloyds Bank General Insurance Holdings Limited Lloyds Bank General Insurance Limited Scottish Widows Financial Services Holdings Scottish Widows Group Limited Scottish Widows Limited St Andrew's Insurance Plc

#### **Gayle Schumacher**

Directorships of:

HBOS Investment Fund Managers Limited Scottish Widows Unit Trust Managers Limited Lloyds Bank General Insurance Holdings Limited Lloyds Bank General Insurance Limited Scottish Widows Financial Services Holdings Scottish Widows Group Limited Scottish Widows Limited St Andrew's Insurance Plc

#### Sophie O'Connor

Directorships of:

HBOS Investment Fund Managers Limited Lloyds Bank General Insurance Holdings Limited Lloyds Bank General Insurance Limited Scottish Widows Financial Services Holdings Scottish Widows Group Limited Scottish Widows Limited Scottish Widows Unit Trust Managers Limited St Andrew's Insurance Plc

#### **Jeffrey Edward Sayers**

Directorships of:

HBOS Investment Fund Managers Limited Scottish Widows Unit Trust Managers Limited

# Appendix H Third parties appointed by the Depositary (Global Custody Network)

The Depositary has delegated those safekeeping duties set out in Article 22(5)(a) of the UCITS Directive to State Street Bank and Trust Company with registered office at Copley Place 100, Huntington Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02116, USA, with an office at 20 Churchill Place, Canary Wharf, London E14 5HJ, UK, whom it has appointed as its global sub-custodian.

At the date of this prospectus State Street Bank and Trust Company as global sub-custodian has appointed local sub-custodians within the State Street Global Custody Network as listed below.

MARKET	SUBCUSTODIAN
Albania	Raiffeisen Bank sh.a.
Argentina	Citibank N.A., Buenos Aires
Australia	The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
A	Deutsche Bank AG
Austria	UniCredit Bank Austria AG
Bahrain	HSBC Bank Middle East Limited (as delegate of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited)
Bangladesh	Standard Chartered Bank
Belgium	Deutsche Bank AG, Netherlands (operating through its Amsterdam branch with support from its Brussels branch)
Benin	via Standard Chartered Bank Côte d'Ivoire S.A., Abidjan, Ivory Coast
Bermuda	HSBC Bank Bermuda Limited
Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina	UniCredit Bank d.d.
Botswana	Standard Chartered Bank Botswana Limited
Brazil	Citibank, N.A.
Bulgaria	Citibank Europe plc, Bulgaria Branch
Bulgaria	UniCredit Bulbank AD
Burkina Faso	via Standard Chartered Bank Côte d'Ivoire S.A., Abidjan, Ivory Coast
Canada	State Street Trust Company Canada
Chile	Banco Itaú Chile S.A.
	HSBC Bank (China) Company Limited (as delegate of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited)
People's Republic of China	China Construction Bank Corporation (for A-share market only)
	Citibank N.A. (for Shanghai – Hong Kong Stock Connect market only)
	The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (for Shanghai – Hong Kong Stock Connect market only)

	Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited (for Shanghai – Hong Kong Stock Connect market)
Colombia	Cititrust Colombia S.A. Sociedad Fiduciaria
Costa Rica	Banco BCT S.A.
0	Privredna Banka Zagreb d.d.
Croatia	Zagrebacka Banka d.d.
Cyprus	BNP Paribas Securities Services, S.C.A., Greece (operating through its Athens branch)
Creek Depublic	Československá obchodní banka, a.s.
Czech Republic	UniCredit Bank Czech Republic and Slovakia, a.s.
Danmanh	Nordea Bank AB (publ), Sweden (operating through its subsidiary, Nordea Bank Danmark A/S)
Denmark	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ), Sweden (operating through its Copenhagen branch)
Egypt	HSBC Bank Egypt S.A.E. (as delegate of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited)
Estonia	AS SEB Pank
Finleyd	Nordea Bank AB (publ), Sweden (operating through its subsidiary, Nordea Bank Finland Plc.)
Finland	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ), Sweden (operating through its Helsinki branch)
France	Deutsche Bank AG, Netherlands (operating through its Amsterdam branch with support from its Paris branch)
Republic of Georgia	JSC Bank of Georgia
Cormony	State Street Bank GmbH
Germany	Deutsche Bank AG
Ghana	Standard Chartered Bank Ghana Limited
Greece	BNP Paribas Securities Services, S.C.A.
Guinea-Bissau	via Standard Chartered Bank Côte d'Ivoire S.A., Abidjan, Ivory Coast
Hong Kong	Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited
	Citibank Europe plc Magyarországi Fióktelepe
Hungary	UniCredit Bank Hungary Zrt.
Iceland	Landsbankinn hf.
	Deutsche Bank AG
India	The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
Indonesia	Deutsche Bank AG
Ireland	State Street Bank and Trust Company, United Kingdom branch
Israel	Bank Hapoalim B.M.
Italy	Deutsche Bank S.p.A. Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A.
Ivory Coast	Standard Chartered Bank Côte d'Ivoire S.A.
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Jamaica	Scotia Investments Jamaica Limited
	Mizuho Bank, Limited
Japan	The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
Jordan	Standard Chartered Bank
Kazakhstan	JSC Citibank Kazakhstan
Kenya	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Limited
Depublic of Marco	Deutsche Bank AG
Republic of Korea	The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
Kuwait	HSBC Bank Middle East Limited (as delegate of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited)
Latvia	AS SEB banka
Lithuania	AB SEB bankas
Luxembourg	Clearstream Banking S.A., Luxembourg
Malawi	Standard Bank Limited
Malaysia	Deutsche Bank (Malaysia) Berhad
Walaysia	Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Berhad
Mali	via Standard Chartered Bank Côte d'Ivoire S.A., Abidjan, Ivory Coast
Mauritius	The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
Mexico	Banco Nacional de México, S.A.
Morocco	Citibank Maghreb
Namibia	Standard Bank Namibia Limited
Netherlands	Deutsche Bank AG
New Zealand	The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
Niger	via Standard Chartered Bank Côte d'Ivoire S.A., Abidjan, Ivory Coast
Nigeria	Stanbic IBTC Bank Plc.
Norway	Nordea Bank AB (publ), Sweden (operating through its subsidiary, Nordea Bank Norge ASA)
Norway	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ), Sweden (operating through its Oslo branch)
Oman	HSBC Bank Oman S.A.O.G. (as delegate of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited)
Pakistan	Deutsche Bank AG
Panama	Citibank, N.A.
Peru	Citibank del Perú, S.A.
Philippines	Deutsche Bank AG
Poland	Bank Handlowy w Warszawie S.A.

	Bank Polska Kasa Opieki S.A
Portugal	Deutsche Bank AG, Netherlands (operating through its Amsterdam branch with support from its Lisbon branch)
Puerto Rico	Citibank N.A.
Qatar	HSBC Bank Middle East Limited (as delegate of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited)
Romania	Citibank Europe plc, Dublin – Romania Branch
Russia	AO Citibank
Saudi Arabia	HSBC Saudi Arabia Limited (as delegate of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited)
Senegal	via Standard Chartered Bank Côte d'Ivoire S.A., Abidjan, Ivory Coast
Serbia	UniCredit Bank Serbia JSC
Cingonoro	Citibank N.A.
Singapore	United Overseas Bank Limited
Slovak Republic	UniCredit Bank Czech Republic and Slovakia, a.s.
Slovenia	UniCredit Banka Slovenija d.d.
South Africa	FirstRand Bank Limited
South Africa	Standard Bank of South Africa Limited
Spain	Deutsche Bank S.A.E.
Sri Lanka	The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
Republic of Srpska	UniCredit Bank d.d.
Swaziland	Standard Bank Swaziland Limited
Sweden	Nordea Bank AB (publ)
Sweden	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ)
Switzerland	Credit Suisse AG
Switzerialiu	UBS Switzerland AG
Taiwan - R.O.C.	Deutsche Bank AG
Taiwaii - N.O.C.	Standard Chartered Bank (Taiwan) Limited
Tanzania	Standard Chartered Bank (Tanzania) Limited
Thailand	Standard Chartered Bank (Thai) Public Company Limited
Togo	via Standard Chartered Bank Côte d'Ivoire S.A., Abidjan, Ivory Coast
Tunisia	Union Internationale de Banques
Turkey	Citibank, A.Ş.
i di NGy	Deutsche Bank A.Ş.
Uganda	Standard Chartered Bank Uganda Limited
Ukraine	PJSC Citibank

United Arab Emirates Dubai Financial Market	HSBC Bank Middle East Limited (as delegate of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited)
United Arab Emirates Dubai International Financial Center	HSBC Bank Middle East Limited (as delegate of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited)
United Arab Emirates Abu Dhabi	HSBC Bank Middle East Limited (as delegate of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited)
United Kingdom	State Street Bank and Trust Company, United Kingdom branch
United States	State Street Bank and Trust Company, Boston
Uruguay	Banco Itaú Uruguay S.A.
Vietnam	HSBC Bank (Vietnam) Limited (as delegate of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited)
Zambia	Standard Chartered Bank Zambia Plc.
Zimbabwe	Stanbic Bank Zimbabwe Limited (as delegate of Standard Bank of South Africa Limited)

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