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# **MULTI SOLUTIONS**

## Prospectus

February 2024



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SICAV incorporated under Luxembourg law.

The **Fund** is classified as **UCITS** in accordance with the UCITS Directive.

The Shares may be listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. The Board of Directors will decide which Classes of Shares are to be listed.

Except for Mandatory Additional Information (as defined below), no one is authorised to give any information other than that contained in the Prospectus or in documents referred to herein. The English text alone is legally binding, except for specific requirements in passages from authorities with whom the Fund may have been registered.

Subscriptions are accepted on the basis of the Prospectus, the relevant KI(I)D and the latest audited annual or unaudited semi-annual accounts of the Fund as well as the Articles of Association. These documents may be obtained free of charge at the registered office of the Fund. Depending on applicable legal and regulatory requirements (comprising but not limited to MIFID in the countries of distribution, additional information on the Fund and the Shares may be made available to investors under the responsibility of local intermediaries / distributors ("Mandatory Additional Information").

## PREAMBLE

If you have any doubts whatsoever as to the contents of the Prospectus or if you intend to subscribe to Shares, you should consult a professional adviser. No one is authorised to provide information or give presentations regarding the issue of Shares that are not contained in or referred to in the Prospectus or the reports annexed to it or that constitute Mandatory Additional Information. Neither the distribution of the Prospectus, nor the offer, issue or sale of Shares shall constitute a presentation that the information contained in the Prospectus is correct on any particular date after the date of the Prospectus. No person receiving a copy of the Prospectus in any jurisdiction may deal with it as if it constituted a call for funds unless, in that particular jurisdiction, such a call could be legally made to the person without him or her having to comply with registration requirements or other legal terms. Anyone wishing to buy Shares is responsible for ensuring compliance with the laws of the jurisdiction in question with regard to the acquisition of Shares, including obtaining any government approval or other authorisations that may be required, and complying with any other formalities that must be adhered to in that jurisdiction.

The Shares have not been and will not be registered under the 1933 Act or registered or qualified under the securities laws of any state or other political subdivision of the United States. Shares may not be offered, sold, transferred or delivered either directly or indirectly in the United States or to, or on behalf of, or for the benefit of United States persons (as defined in Regulation S under the 1933 Act), except in certain transactions exempt from the registration provisions of the 1933 Act and any other securities laws of a state. Shares are offered outside the United States on the basis of an exemption from the registration regulations of the 1933 Act as set forth in Regulation S under the 1933 Act. Moreover, Shares are offered in the United States to accredited investors within the meaning of Rule 501(a) under the 1933 Act on the basis of exemption from the registration requirements of the 1933 Act, as set forth in Rule 506 under the 1933 Act. The Fund has not been and will not be registered under the 1940 Act and is, therefore, limited with respect to the number of beneficial owners who may be United States persons. The Articles of Association contain clauses intended to prevent United States persons from holding Shares and to enable the Board of Directors to conduct a forced redemption of those Shares that the Board of Directors deems necessary or appropriate in accordance with the Articles of Association. Moreover, any certificate or other document related to Shares issued to United States persons shall bear a legend to the effect that such Shares have not been registered or qualified under the 1933 Act and that the Fund has not been registered under the 1940 Act and shall refer to certain transfer and sale restrictions.

Potential investors are warned that investment in the Fund entails certain risks. Investments in the Fund are subject to the usual risks concerning investments and, in some instances, may be adversely affected by political developments and/or changes in local laws, taxes, foreign exchange controls and exchange rates. Investing in the Fund may entail certain investment risks, including the possible loss of capital invested. Investors should be aware that the price of Shares may fall as well as rise.



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## PROSPECTUS

## MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

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## Board of Directors *Chairman*

**Olivier Ginguené,** Chief Investment Officer, Pictet Asset Management S.A., Geneva

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John Sample, Chief Risk Officer, Pictet Asset Management Limited, London

**Elisabeth Ödman**, Chief of Staff Pictet Asset Management S.A., Geneva

**Tracey McDermott,** Independent Director, Gemini Governance & Advisory Solutions Luxembourg

#### Management Company

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## Board of directors of the Management Company *Chairman*

**Cédric Vermesse,** CFO, Pictet Asset Management S.A., Geneva

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## Transfer Agent, Administrative Agent and Paying Agent

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#### Managers

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## GLOSSARY

1933 Act	The United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended.	A
1940 Act	The United States Investment Company Act of 1940.	A
2010 Act	The Luxembourg Law of 17 De- cember 2010 relating to under- takings for collective invest- ment, as amended from time to time.	N A A
1915 Law	The Luxembourg Law of 10 August 1915 on commercial companies, as amended from time to time.	ti B
Administrative Se- curities Lending Agent	Bank Pictet & Cie (Europe) AG, succursale de Luxembourg in charge of the settlement and booking of securities lent and as well as the relevant collateral management and any reconcilia- tion as the case may be.	B
AML/CFT Provisions	The international rules and applicable Luxembourg laws and regulations including the Luxembourg Law of 12 November 2004 on the fight against money laundering and the financing of terrorism, as amended, as well as the CSSF circulars which combined are requisite to the obligations of financial sector professionals for the prevention of the use of undertakings for collective investment for money laundering and financing of terrorism.	B
Ancillary	A holding of up to 49% of the total net assets of a Compart- ment that differ from the main investments of a Compartment when this term is used in respect	С

	cated in the Prospectus.
Annex	An annex to the Prospectus con- taining the relevant Compart- ment's details.
Annual General Meeting	The annual general meeting of the Shareholders.
Article 8	A Compartment which complies with Article 8 of SFDR
Articles of Associa- tion	The articles of association of the Fund, as amended from time to time.
Banking Day	Unless otherwise indicated in the Prospectus, a day on which the banks are normally open for business in Luxembourg. For such purpose, the 24 <sup>th</sup> of De- cember is not considered as a Banking Day.
Benchmarks Regu- lation	The Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on indices used as benchmarks
	in financial instruments and fi- nancial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds.
Board of Directors	in financial instruments and fi- nancial contracts or to measure the performance of investment
Board of Directors Borrower	in financial instruments and fi- nancial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds. The board of directors of the
_	<ul><li>in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds.</li><li>The board of directors of the Fund.</li><li>Banque Pictet &amp; Cie SA acting as sole securities borrower for</li></ul>

of investments of a Compartment, unless otherwise indi-



	a money market instrument, a bank deposit or a money market fund (subject to the limit appli- cable to investment in funds as disclosed in each Annex)	CSSF	The <i>Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier</i> , the super- visory authority of the Fund in Luxembourg.
Central Admin- istration Agent	FundPartner Solutions (Europe) S.A. has been designated by the Management Company as the transfer and registrar agent, ad- ministrative agent and paying agent of the Fund.	CSSF Circular 08/356	The CSSF circular 08/356 re- garding rules applicable to un- dertakings for collective invest- ment when they employ certain techniques and instruments re- lating to transferable securities and money market instruments, as amended from time to time.
CFETS	China Foreign Exchange Trade System & National Interbank Fund Centre.	CSSF Circular 14/592	The CSSF circular 14/592 relat- ing to the ESMA Guidelines, as amended from time to time.
CHF	Swiss Franc.		amended from time to time.
ChinaClear	The China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Lim- ited.	Depositary Agree- ment	The agreement entered into be- tween the Fund and the Deposi- tary Bank for an indefinite period in accordance with the provi-
CIBM	China Interbank Bond Market.		sions of the 2010 Act and the Commission delegated regula-
Class(es) of Shares (or Share Class(es))	A class of Shares with a specific fee structure or currency of denomination or any other specific features.		tion (EU) 2016/438 of 17 De- cember 2015 supplementing the UCITS Directive with regard to obligations of depositaries.
CNH	Offshore RMB.	Depositary Bank	Bank Pictet & Cie (Europe) AG, succursale de Luxembourg has
CNY	Onshore RMB.		been designated by the Fund as the depositary bank of the Fund.
Compartment	A separate pool of assets and li- abilities within the Fund, distin- guished mainly by its specific in- vestment policy and objective, as created from time to time.	Directive (EU) 2019/2162	The Directive 2019/2162 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on the issue of covered bonds and covered bond public super-
CRS Law	The Luxembourg Law of 18 De- cember 2015 on the automatic		vision and amending Directives 2009/65/EC and 2014/59/EU.
	exchange of financial account information in the field of taxa- tion, as may be amended from time to time.	Distributor	Any entity belonging to the Pic- tet Group authorised to perform distribution services for the Fund.
CSRC	The China Securities Regulatory Commission.	ESG	Environmental, social and gov- ernance ("ESG") factors. Envi- ronmental factors may include



	but are not limited to air and wa- ter pollution, waste generation, greenhouse gas emissions, cli- mate change, biodiversity and ecosystems. Social factors may include but are not limited to hu-	Fund	Multi Solutions, a UCITS incor- porated under Luxembourg law as a société anonyme qualifying as a société d'investissement à capital variable.
	man rights, labour standards, data privacy, local communities and public health. Corporate	HKEx	Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited.
	governance factors may include but are not limited to board com- position, executive remunera-	Institutional Inves- tor	An investor within the meaning of Article 174 of the 2010 Act.
	tion, shareholders rights, corpo- rate tax and business ethics. For sovereign and quasi-sovereign is- suers, governance factors may include but are not limited to governmental stability, corrup- tion prevention and judicial in- dependence.	KI(I)D	(i) a key investor information document required to be pre- pared for the Compartments pur- suant to the requirements of the UCITS regulations; or (ii) a key information document required to be prepared for the Compart- ments which are marketed to re-
ESMA	The European Securities and Markets Association.		tail investors in the EEA pursu- ant to the requirements of Regu- lation (EU) No 1286/2014 on
ESMA Guidelines	The ESMA Guidelines on ETFs and other UCITS issues dated 1 August 2014.		key information documents for packaged retail and insurance- based investment products, as amended; or (iii) any equivalent or successor requirements in re-
ESMA Register	The register of administrators and benchmarks maintained by ESMA pursuant to the Bench- marks Regulation	Management Com- pany	spect to (i) or (ii) Pictet Asset Management (Eu- rope) S.A. has been designated
EU	The European Union.		by the Fund as the management company of the Fund to provide
EUR	Euro.		investment management, ad- ministration and marketing func-
Euro-CRS Directive	The Council Directive 2014/107/EU of 9 December 2014 amending Directive 2011/16/EU as regards manda- tory automatic exchange of infor- mation in the field of taxation.	Manager	tions. An entity mentioned under sec- tion "Management Activity" to which the Management Com- pany has delegated the portfolio management of one or several
FATCA	The Foreign Account Tax Com- pliance Act, a portion of the 2010 Hiring Incentives to Re- store Employment Act.	MiFID	Compartments. (i) the MiFID Directive, (ii) Reg- ulation (EU) No 600/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on



	markets in financial instruments and (iii) all EU and Luxembourg rules and regulations imple-		promulgated and/or amended from time to time.
	menting those texts.	Repurchase Agree- ment	A transaction at the conclusion of which the Fund is required to
MiFID Directive	Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments.		repurchase the asset sold and the buyer (the counterparty) must relinquish the asset held.
OECD	The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.	Reverse Repur- chase Agreement	A transaction at the conclusion of which the seller (the counter- party) is required to repurchase
PBC	The People's Bank of China.		the asset sold and the Fund must relinquish the asset held.
Performance Meas- urement	When an index is used for perfor- mance comparison in offering documents, investment team re- muneration or fees calculations.	Risk Monitoring	When an index is used for the risk monitoring of the portfolio by setting limits relative to the reference index (ex. beta, VAR, duration, volatility or any other
Performance Ob- jective	When an index is used for setting official performance objectives.		risk metric).
Portfolio Composi- tion	When an index is used in the portfolio construction process,	RMB	Renminbi, the official currency of the PRC.
	either to define the universe from which investments are se- lected or to establish exposure limits relative to the reference index.	QFI Regulations	The laws and regulations govern- ing the establishment and oper- ation of the QFI regime in the PRC, as may be promulgated and/or amended from time to time.
PRC	The People's Republic of China.	SAFE	The PRC State Administration of
			Foreign Exchange.
Professional Client	A professional client within the meaning of Annex II, Section I of the MiFID Directive.	SEC	The Securities Exchange Com- mission.
Prospectus	The prospectus of the Fund, as amended from time to time.	Securities Lending Agreement	A transaction by which a lender transfers securities subject to a commitment that the borrower will return equivalent securities
QFI	A Qualified Foreign Investor (in- cluding qualified foreign institu- tional investors ("QFII") and		on a future date or when re- quested to do so by the lender.
	Renminbi qualified foreign insti- tutional investors ("RQFII") pur-	SEHK	Stock Exchange of Hong Kong.
	suant to the relevant PRC laws and regulations as may be	SFDR	Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation: The Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-



Week Day

	related disclosures in the finan- cial services sector
Share(s)	A share in any one Class of Share.
Shareholder(s)	A holder of Shares.
SSE	Shanghai-Stock Exchange.
SSE Securities	China A-Shares listed on the SSE.
Stock Connect	The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen- Hong Kong Stock Connect.
SZSE	Shenzhen-Stock Exchange.
SZSE Securities	China A-Shares listed on the SZSE.
Third Country	Any country which is not Mem- ber State of the EU.
UCITS	An undertaking for collective in- vestment in transferable securi- ties.
UCITS Directive	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 or supplemented from time to time.
USD	United States Dollar.
Valuation Day	A day as at which the net asset value per Share is calculated as determined for each Compart- ment in the relevant Annex.
VaR	The Value at Risk.

Unless otherwise indicated in the Prospectus, any day of the week other than Saturday or Sunday. For the purpose of the calculation and the publication of the net asset value per Share as well as for the count of payment value date, the following days are not considered as a Week Day: 1<sup>st</sup> of January, Easter Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of December.



## **GENERAL CLAUSES**

The distribution of the Prospectus is authorised only if accompanied by a copy of the Fund's latest annual report and the last semi-annual report, if published after the annual report. These reports form an integral part of the Prospectus. Depending on applicable legal and regulatory requirements (comprising but not limited to Mi-FID) in the countries of distribution, Mandatory Additional Information may be made available to investors.

## **LEGAL STATUS**

The Fund is an open-ended investment company (SICAV) incorporated under Luxembourg law in accordance with the provisions of Part I of the 2010 Act. The Fund was incorporated for an unlimited period on 23 April 2021 and the Articles of Association were published in the Recueil Electronique des Sociétés et Associations on 7 May 2021. The Articles of Association were filed with the Luxembourg Trade and Companies Register, where they may be viewed and where copies may be obtained.

The Fund is registered in the Luxembourg Trade and Companies Register under No. B 254384.

At all times, the Fund's capital will be equal to the net asset value and will not fall below the minimum capital of EUR 1,250,000.

The Fund's fiscal year begins on  $1^{st}$  of October and ends on 30 September of the following year and for the first time on 30 September 2021.

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND FUND STRUCTURE

The Fund is designed to offer investors access to a selection of markets worldwide and a variety of investment techniques through a range of Compartments.

The Board of Directors determines the investment policy for the various Compartments. Risks will be spread broadly by diversifying investments over a large range of transferable securities, the choice of which will not be limited - except under the terms of the restrictions specified in the section: "Investment Restrictions" below – neither in terms of regions, economic sectors, or the type of transferable securities used.

#### Responsible Investment

In line with Pictet Asset Management commitment to responsible investment:

- The Management Company ensures that voting rights are exercised methodically.
- The Managers may engage with issuers in order to positively influence ESG practices.
- The Fund adopts an exclusion policy relating to direct investment that are deemed incompatible with Pictet Asset Management's approach to responsible investment.
- Relevant information relating to additional ESG considerations is specified in the annex of the Compartment concerned

For further information, please refer to <u>https://docu-</u> ments.am.pictet/library/en/other?documentTypes=RI\_POLICY&businessLine=PAM

The Management Company considers and, where possible mitigates adverse impacts of the Fund's investments on society and the environment through a combination of portfolio management decisions, active ownership activities, and exclusion of issuers associated with controversial conduct or activities.

Depending on the Compartments the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAIs) that the Management Company focus on in the Fund's portfolios include (but are not limited to) exposure to controversial weapons, exposure of companies to fossil fuels and violations of UN Global Compact principles. (see the Responsible Investment policy - Appendix B <u>https://documents.am.pictet/li-</u> <u>brary/en/other?documentTypes=RI\_POLICY&business-Line=PAM</u>)

Subject to data availability, the Management Company is committed to report annually on a best effort basis the adverse impacts of the Fund's investments through the indicators and metrics mentioned before, while striving for full coverage of the mandatory indicators proposed by the Regulation (EU) 2019/2088

#### Taxonomy Regulation

The Taxonomy Regulation was established to provide a classification system which provides investors and investee companies with a set of common criteria to identify



whether certain economic activities should be considered environmentally sustainable.

Under the Taxonomy Regulation, an economic activity will be considered to be environmentally sustainable where it:

1. contributes substantially to one or more defined environmental objectives;

2. does not significantly harm any of the environmental objectives;

3. complies with certain minimum social safeguards; and

4. complies with specified key performance indicators known as technical screening criteria.

Only if all of the above criteria are met can an activity qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy Regulation ("taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activity").

The Taxonomy Regulation currently defines six sustainable investment objectives:

1. climate change mitigation; and

2. climate change adaptation.

3. sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources;

4. transition to a circular economy;

5. pollution prevention and control; and

6. protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems.

Since 1 January 2022, the Taxonomy Regulation only applies to the first two environmental objectives – climate change mitigation and climate change adaptation. From 1 January 2023, it will apply to the remaining four environmental objectives.

#### Benchmarks Regulation

In accordance with the provisions of the Benchmarks Regulation, supervised entities (such as UCITS and UCITS management companies) may use benchmarks (within the meaning of the Benchmarks Regulation) in the EU if the benchmark is provided by an administrator which is included in the ESMA Register.

Benchmark administrators located in a Third Country whose indices are used by the Fund benefit from the transitional arrangements afforded under the Benchmark Regulation and accordingly may not appear on the ESMA Register.

As at the date of the Prospectus, the only relevant benchmark administrator the European Central Bank already meet principles, standards and procedures which ensure that it exercises its activity with integrity and in an independent manner.

In addition, the Management Company maintains a written plan setting out the actions that will be taken in the event that a benchmark materially changes or ceases to be provided. A paper copy is made available free of charge upon request at the Management Company's registered office.

#### Reference Index

As regards to Compartments that are actively managed (i.e. Compartments the investment objective of which is not the replication of the performance of an index), a reference index may be used for each Compartment by the relevant Manager(s) for the following purposes: (i) portfolio composition, (ii) risk monitoring, (iii) performance objective and/or (iv) performance measurement, as more fully detailed in the Annexes. For those actively managed Compartments, there is no intention to track or replicate the reference index.

The degree of similarity of the performance of each actively managed Compartment and of its reference index is disclosed in the Annexes together with the name of the reference index.

The reference indices may change over time in which case the Prospectus will be updated at the next occasion and Shareholders will be informed via the annual and semi-annual reports.

## Compartment

The net assets forming each Compartment are represented by Shares, which may be of different Classes. All the Compartments together constitute the Fund. If Classes of Shares are issued, the relevant information will be specified in the Annexes.



The Management Company may decide, in the interest of Shareholders, that some or all of the assets belonging to one or more Compartments will be invested indirectly, through a company wholly controlled by the Fund. Such a company conducts, exclusively for the benefit of the Compartment(s) concerned, the management, advisory or distribution activities in the country in which the subsidiary company is established with respect to the redemption of the Shares of the Compartment in question when requested by Shareholders exclusively for itself or for the Shareholders.

For the purposes of the Prospectus, references to "investments" and "assets" respectively mean either investments made and assets held directly or investments made and assets held indirectly through the aforementioned companies.

In the event that a subsidiary company is used, this will be specified in the Annex relating to the Compartment(s) concerned.

The Board of Directors is authorised to create new Compartments. A list of the Compartments available to date is included in the Annexes, describing their investment policies and key features.

This list is an integral part of the Prospectus and will be updated whenever new Compartments are created.

For each Compartment, the Board of Directors may also decide to create two or more Classes of Shares whose assets will generally be invested in accordance with the specific investment policy of the Compartment in question. However, the Classes of Shares may differ in terms of (i) subscription and/or redemption fee structures, (ii) exchange rate hedging policies, (iii) distribution policies and/or (iv) specific management or advisory fees, or (v) any other specific features applicable to each Class of Shares.

## **CLASSES OF SHARES**

#### Predefined Share Types:

In each Compartment, Shares may inter alia be divided into "Z" "I", "P" and "R" Shares (the "Pre-Defined Share Types").

Eligibility criteria may apply to certain Classes of Shares which may also be subject to (i) specific minimum initial subscription amount, (ii) different front-end and back-end load and (iii) performance fee as described below.

Shares may also be issued in various currencies and may have a different distribution policy.

Hedging may be implemented for some Classes of Shares.

It is the responsibility of each investor to ensure that they meet the conditions for accessing the Class of Shares in which they wish to subscribe.

Investors should check the website www.assetmanagement.pictet for the availability of Share Classes.

## Additional Share Types

The Board of Directors may decide to issue further Share types in each Compartment, in addition to the Pre-Defined Share Types, in which case the features of such Share types will be described in the relevant Annexes.

#### Eligibility criteria

- "P" Shares are available to all investors without restrictions;
- "I" Shares are available to (i) such financial intermediaries which, according to regulatory requirements, do not accept and retain inducements from third parties (in the EU, this will include financial intermediaries providing discretionary portfolio management or investment advice on an independent basis); (ii) such financial intermediaries which, based on individual fee arrangements with their clients, do not accept and retain inducements from third parties; (iii) Institutional Investors investing on their own account. With respect to investors that are incorporated or established in the EU, Institutional Investor refers to per se Professional Clients;
- "R" Shares are intended for financial intermediaries or platforms that have been approved by the Management Company or by the Distributor and that have fee arrangements with their clients which are based entirely on accepting and keeping commissions.
- "Z" Shares are reserved for Institutional Investors who have entered into a specific remuneration agreement with an entity of the Pictet Group.



#### Initial Minimum investment amount

"Z" "P" and "R" Shares are not subject to any minimum investment.

Unless otherwise decided by the Management Company, "I", Shares are subject to a minimum initial subscription, which is specified in the relevant Annex.

## **Distribution policy**

The Board of Directors reserves the right to introduce a distribution policy that may vary among Compartments and Classes of Shares in issue.

In addition, the Fund may decide to distribute interim dividends.

The Fund may distribute the net investment revenue, realised capital gains, unrealised capital gains and capital.

Investors should thus be aware that distributions may effectively reduce the net asset value of the Fund.

No income will be distributed if the Fund's net assets after distribution would fall below EUR 1,250,000.

The Fund may distribute free bonus Shares within the same limits.

Dividends and allotments not claimed within five years of their payment date will lapse and revert to the Compartment or to the relevant Class of Shares in the Compartment concerned.

Shares may be issued as accumulation Shares or distribution Shares.

Any revenue attributable to accumulation Shares will not be distributed but rather invested in the Class of Shares concerned.

Unless otherwise provided in the Annexes, "**dy**" distribution Shares will be entitled to a dividend as decided by the Annual General Meeting.

Unless otherwise provided in the Annexes, "**dm**" Shares may be issued for which a monthly dividend may be distributed. Unless otherwise provided in the Annexes, this dividend will normally be paid to Shareholders in the Class of Shares concerned who are registered in the Shareholders' register on the 20th day of the month (or the following day if that day is not a Banking Day) and will normally be paid within 4 Banking Days in the currency of the Class of Shares after the ex-date. Unless otherwise provided in the Annexes, "**ds**" Shares may be issued for which a semi-annual dividend may be distributed. Unless otherwise provided in the Annexes, this dividend will normally be paid to Shareholders in the Class of Share concerned who are registered in the Shareholders' register on the 20th day of the months of February and August (or the following day if that day is not a Banking Day) and will normally be paid within 4 Banking Days in the currency of the Class of Share after the ex-date.

## Currency and hedging

In each Compartment, Shares may be issued in different currencies which may therefore differ from the Compartment's reference currency as decided from time to time by the Board of Directors.

These Shares may be (i) hedged, in which case they will contain an "H" in their name, or (ii) not hedged.

Hedged Shares Classes can be issued using different currency hedging methodologies:

"H" Shares aim to minimise the effect of currency movements between the Compartment's reference currency and the relevant hedged Share Class currency (Net Asset Value Hedge).

"H1" Shares aim to minimise the effect of currency movements between the portfolio's holdings and the relevant hedged Share Class currency, with the exception of currencies where it is impractical or not cost effective to do so (Portfolio Hedge).

## Front-end and back-end load

The maximum rate for the front-end and back-end load for intermediaries will be stated in the relevant Annex.

#### Performance fee

For Compartments stipulating that the manager may receive a performance fee as specified in the Annexes, the Board of Directors may decide to launch the abovementioned Classes of Shares without a performance fee in which case they will contain an "X" in their name. These Shares are suitable for investors who do not wish to be exposed to performance fees and who therefore accept a higher management fee than the one applied to the corresponding Class of Shares (except for Z Share Classes as investors have entered into a specific remuneration agreement with an entity of the Pictet Group).



### Listing of Shares

Shares may be listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. Please refer to <u>https://www.bourse.lu</u> for information on which Classes of Shares are listed.

### **ISSUING OF SHARES**

Subscriptions to Shares in each Compartment in operation will be accepted at their issue price, as defined in the "Issue Price" section below, by the Transfer Agent and all other institutions duly authorised by the Fund.

The issue of Shares shall be prohibited during the period where the Fund does not have a depositary and / or where the depositary is put into liquidation or declared bankrupt or seeks an arrangement with creditors, a suspension of payment or a controlled management or is the subject of similar proceedings.

Provided that the securities contributed comply with the investment policy, Shares may be issued in return for a contribution in kind, which will be subject to a report prepared by the Fund's auditor to the extent that it is required by Luxembourg law. Any costs incurred will be borne by the investor.

Subscription requests must be received by the Transfer Agent in relation to a Valuation Day by the relevant cutoff time (as specified for each Compartment in the Annexes) at the latest.

For any subscription request received by the Transfer Agent in relation to a Valuation Day after the relevant cut-off time (as specified for each Compartment in the Annexes), the issue price to be applied will be that calculated as at the next Valuation Day.

The issue price must be paid to the Depositary Bank referencing the relevant Class(es) of Shares and Compartment(s).

The Fund may reject any application to subscribe for Shares, at its discretion.

The Fund may, at any time and at its discretion, temporarily discontinue, permanently cease or limit the issue of Shares in one or more Compartments to natural or legal entities resident or domiciled in certain countries or territories.

It may also prohibit them from acquiring Shares if such a measure is deemed necessary to protect all Shareholders and the Fund. The Board may also decide without notice to cease the issue of Shares in one or more Compartments when it believes it is in the best interests of Shareholders. This could happen for example when a Compartment has reached a size where further growth would likely be detrimental to its performance. Potential investors are advised to check our web site for more information on the status of Compartments.

For the reasons outlined in the section "TAX STATUS" below, Shares may not be offered, sold, assigned or delivered to investors who are not i) participating foreign financial institutions ("PFFIs"),(ii) deemed-compliant foreign financial institutions, (iii) non-reporting IGA foreign financial institutions, (iv) exempt beneficial owners (v), Active NFFEs or (vi) non-specified US persons, all as defined under FATCA, the US FATCA final regulations and/or any applicable intergovernmental agreement on the implementation of FATCA.

FATCA non-compliant investors may not hold Shares and Shares may be subject to compulsory redemption if this is deemed appropriate for the purpose of ensuring the Fund's compliance with FATCA. Investors will be required to provide evidence of their status under FATCA by means of any relevant tax documents, in particular a "W-8BEN-E" or any other official applicable form from the US Internal Revenue Service that must be renewed on a regular basis according to applicable regulations.

The Fund reserves the right to refuse any application for Shares if the information provided or not provided does not satisfy the requirements under the CRS Law.

# The fight against money laundering and the financing of terrorism

The AML/CFT Provisions require the Fund, the Management Company or the Transfer Agent to identify Shareholders and they may request additional documents, as it deems necessary, to establish the identity of the investors and beneficial owners in accordance with Luxembourg laws and regulations. In the event that a Shareholder is subscribing into the Fund via an intermediary ("acting on behalf of others") the Fund, the Management Company or the Transfer Agent applies enhanced due diligence on the intermediary in order to ensure that all obligations pursuant to the Luxembourg laws and regulations or at least equivalent laws and regulations are met.



In the event of a delay or failure to provide the required documents, subscription requests will not be accepted, and payment of the redemption price may be delayed.

Neither the Fund, the Management Company, nor the Transfer Agent can be held liable for the delay or nonexecution of transactions when the investor has not provided the documents or has provided incomplete documents.

Shareholders may also be asked to provide additional or updated documents in accordance with the obligations for on-going control and supervision in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

#### **ISSUE PRICE**

The issue price for Shares in each Compartment is equal to the net asset value of each Share, calculated on a forward pricing basis as at the relevant Valuation Day on the relevant Calculation Day.

In accordance with applicable laws and regulations (including but not limited to MiFID), this price may be increased by fees not exceeding the maximum rates mentioned in the Annexes which will be paid to financial intermediaries and/or distributors involved in the distribution of the Shares.

Front-end load for intermediaries will vary according to the Class of Share, as stated in the Annexes.

This issue price will be increased to cover any duties, taxes and stamp duties due.

Unless otherwise provided in the Annexes, the Board of Directors will be authorised to apply corrections to the net asset value as described in the section "Swing pricing mechanism/ Spread" below.

In certain exceptional circumstances, and unless otherwise provided in the Annexes, the Board of Directors will also be authorised to apply a dilution levy on the issue of Shares, as described below in the section "Dilution Levy".

#### REDEMPTIONS

Shareholders are entitled to apply for the redemption of some or all of their Shares at any time based on the redemption price, as stipulated in the "Redemption Price" section below, by sending the Transfer Agent or other authorised institutions a redemption request accompanied by their Share certificates, if issued.

The redemption of Shares shall be prohibited during the period where the Fund does not have a depositary and / or where the depositary is put into liquidation or

declared bankrupt or seeks an arrangement with creditors, a suspension of payment or a controlled management or is the subject of similar proceedings.

Any redemption request is irrevocable unless the determination of the net asset value is suspended in accordance with the section "Suspension of net asset value calculation, subscriptions, redemption and switches" below.

Subject to the approval of the Shareholders concerned, the Board of Directors may allow in-kind payment for Shares. The Fund's statutory auditor will report on any such in-kind payment, giving details of the quantity, denomination and valuation method used for the securities in question. The corresponding fees will be charged to the Shareholders in question.

Redemption applications must be received by the Transfer Agent in relation to a Valuation Day by the relevant cut-off time as specified for each Compartment in the Annexes at the latest.

For any redemption application received by the Transfer Agent in relation to a Valuation Day after the relevant cut-off time as specified for each Compartment in the Annexes, the redemption price to be applied will be that calculated as at the next Valuation Day on the relevant Calculation Day.

The equivalent amount paid for Shares submitted for redemption shall be paid by credit transfer in the currency of the Class of Shares in question, or in another currency, in which case any costs for currency conversion may be borne by the Compartment as specified in the annexes, see "Redemption Price" section below).

#### **REDEMPTION PRICE**

The redemption price for Shares of each Compartment is equal to the net asset value of each Share calculated on a forward pricing basis as of the applicable Valuation Day on the applicable Calculation Day.

In accordance with applicable laws and regulations (including but not limited to MiFID), this price may be reduced by fees not exceeding the maximum rates mentioned in the Annexes which will be paid to financial intermediaries and/or distributors involved in the distribution of the Shares.

Back-end load for intermediaries will vary according to the Class of Share, as stated in the Annexes. The redemption price will also be reduced to cover any duties, taxes and stamp duties to be paid.



The Board of Directors will be authorised to apply corrections to the net asset value as described in the section "Swing pricing mechanism / Spread".

Shares that have been redeemed will be cancelled.

In certain exceptional circumstances, and unless otherwise provided in the Annexes, the Board of Directors will also be authorised to apply a "Dilution Levy" on the redemption of Shares, as described below in the section "Dilution Levy".

## SWITCH

Subject to meeting the access conditions of a particular Class of Shares and any other restriction disclosed in the Annexes, Shareholders of one Compartment may ask for some or all of their Shares to be switched into Shares of the same Class of Shares of another Compartment or between Compartments for different Class(es), in which case the switch price will be calculated according to the respective net asset values, which may be increased or reduced by administrative charges.

In case of a switch no other charge than an administrative fee may be levied.

Moreover, a switch transaction into Shares of another Compartment is acceptable only between Compartments which have the same Valuation Day and Calculation Day.

Unless otherwise indicated in the Annexes, for any switch application received by the Transfer Agent by the cut-off time (specified for each Compartment in the Annexes) at the latest, the redemption price and issue price applicable to a switch request will be those calculated as at the relevant Valuation Day on the applicable Calculation Day.

The Board of Directors may impose such restrictions as it deems necessary, in particular concerning the frequency of switches, and will be authorised to apply corrections to the net asset value as described in the section "Swing pricing mechanism / Spread".

Shares that have been switched into Shares of another Compartment will be cancelled.

Unless otherwise provided in the Annexes, in certain exceptional circumstances, the Board of Directors will also be authorised to apply a dilution levy on the switch of Shares, as described below in the section "Dilution Levy".

## DEFERRAL OF REDEMPTION AND SWITCH REQUESTS

If, following redemption or switch requests, it is necessary as at a given Valuation Day to redeem more than 10% of the Shares issued for a given Compartment, the Board of Directors may decide that all redemption and switch requests in excess of this 10% threshold be deferred until the next Valuation Day as at which the redemption price is calculated for the Compartment in question. On that next Valuation Day, redemption or switch applications that have been deferred (and not withdrawn) will have priority over applications received for that particular Valuation Day (which have not been deferred).

#### **COMPULSORY REDEMPTION OF SHARES**

The Fund reserves the right to redeem Shares acquired in breach of an exclusion measure, at any time in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association.

If a Subscriber fails to pay the Issue Price within the time limit provided for in the Prospectus, the Board of Directors shall be entitled to redeem the Shares, at its absolute discretion, at the cost and expense of the subscriber without prior notice as further described in the Articles of Association.

In addition, if it appears that a Shareholder does not comply (any longer) with any limitations applicable to a given Class of Shares, the Board of Directors may either redeem the Shares in question using the forced redemption procedure described in the Articles of Association, or convert these Shares into Shares in a Class of Shares with similar characteristics, but for the avoidance of doubt, not necessarily in terms of fees and expenses payable by such Class of Shares).

In these cases, the Board of Directors will notify the relevant Shareholder of this contemplated conversion and the Shareholder concerned will receive a prior notice so as to be able to satisfy the applicable limitation.

#### **SETTLEMENTS**

Issue prices and redemption prices must be paid within the delay specified for each Compartment in the Annexes.

If, on the settlement, banks are not open for business, or an interbank settlement system is not operational, in the country of the currency of the relevant Compartment or Class of Shares, then settlement will be on the next Week Day on which those banks and settlement systems are open.

#### MARKET TIMING AND LATE TRADING

The Fund, the Management Company, the Registrar and the Transfer Agent will ensure that late trading and market timing practices are prevented in connection with the distribution of Shares. The cut-off times for



submission of the orders described in the Annexes are strictly respected. Orders are accepted on the condition that the transactions do not affect the interests of other Shareholders. Investors are unaware of the net asset value per Share at the time they submit a request for subscription, redemption or switch. Subscriptions, redemptions and switches are authorised for investment purposes only. The Fund and the Management Company prohibit market timing and other abusive practices. The repeated purchase and sale of Shares in order to exploit imperfections or deficiencies in the system used to calculate the Fund's net asset value, a practice also known as market timing, may disrupt the portfolio's investment strategies, lead to an increase in costs borne by the Fund, and thus prejudice the interests of the Fund's long-term Shareholders. In order to discourage this practice, in the event of reasonable doubt, and whenever it suspects an investment similar to market timing occurs, the Board of Directors reserves the right to suspend, cancel or refuse all subscription or switch orders submitted by those investors making proven frequent purchases and sales within the Fund.

As the guarantor of the equal treatment of all investors, the Board of Directors will take appropriate measures to ensure that (i) the Fund's exposure to market timing practices is measured in an appropriate, continuous way and (ii) appropriate procedures and checks are in place to minimise the risk of market timing within the Fund.

## CALCULATION OF THE NET ASSET VALUE

The Central Administration Agent calculates the net asset value for Shares for each Class of Shares in the currency of the Class of Shares in question, as at each Valuation Day.

The net asset value as at a Valuation Day shall be calculated on the Calculation Day.

The net asset value of a Share of each Compartment will be calculated by dividing the net assets of the Compartment in question by the Compartment's total number of Shares in circulation. A Compartment's net assets correspond to the difference between its total assets and total liabilities.

If various Classes of Shares are issued in a given Compartment, the net asset value of each Class of Shares in this Compartment will be calculated by dividing the total net asset value (calculated for the Compartment in question and attributable to this Class of Shares) by the total number of Shares issued for this Class of Shares.

The percentage of the total net asset value of the relevant Compartment that can be attributed to each Class of Shares, which was initially identical to the percentage of the number of Shares represented by the Class of Shares in question, varies according to the level of distribution Shares, as follows:

- a. if a dividend or any other distribution is paid out for distribution Shares, the total net assets attributable to the Class of Shares will be reduced by the amount of this distribution (thereby reducing the percentage of the total net assets of the Compartment in question, attributable to the distribution Shares) and the total net assets attributable to accumulation Shares will remain identical (thereby increasing the percentage of the Compartment's total net assets attributable to the accumulation Shares);
- b. if the capital of the Compartment in question is increased through the issue of new Shares in one of the Classes, the total net assets attributable to the Class of Shares concerned will be increased by the amount received for this issue;
- c. if the Shares of a Class of Shares are redeemed by a given Compartment, the total net assets attributable to the corresponding Class of Shares will be reduced by the price paid for the redemption of these Shares;
- d. if the Shares of a Class of Shares are switched into Shares of another Class of Shares, the total net assets attributable to this Class of Shares will be reduced by the net asset value of the Shares switched while the total net assets attributable to the Class of Shares in question will be increased by the same amount.

The total net assets of the Fund will be expressed in euros and correspond to the difference between the total assets (total wealth) and the total liabilities of the Fund.

For the purposes of this calculation, if the net assets of a Compartment are not expressed in euros, they will be converted to euros and added together.

The assets of each Compartment will be valued as follows:

- a. The securities admitted for listing on an official stock exchange or on another regulated market will be valued using the last known price unless this price is not representative.
- b. Securities not admitted to such listing or not on a regulated market and securities thus listed but whose last known price is not representative, will be valued at their fair value estimated prudently and in good faith. The Board of



Directors may set specific thresholds that, where exceeded, will trigger an adjustment to the value of these securities to their fair value.

- c. The value of any cash in hand or on deposit, bills and demand notes and accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, dividends and interest declared or accrued and not yet obtained, will be constituted by the nominal value of the assets, unless it appears unlikely that this amount will be obtained, in which case the value will be determined after deducting the amount that the Board of Directors deems appropriate to reflect the true value of these assets.
- d. Money market instruments will be valued using the amortised cost method at their nominal value plus any accrued interest or the "mark-tomarket" method. When the market value is different to the amortised cost, the money market instruments will be valued using the mark-tomarket method.
- e. Securities expressed in a currency other than that of the reference Compartment will be converted to the currency of that Compartment at the applicable exchange rate.
- f. Units/shares issued by open-ended-type undertakings for collective investment:

> on the basis of the last net asset value known by the Central Administration Agent, or

> on the basis of the net asset value estimated on the closest date to the relevant Compartment's Valuation Day.

The value of companies that are not admitted g. for listing on an official or regulated market may be determined using a valuation method proposed in good faith by the Board of Directors based on the last audited annual financial statements available, and/or on the basis of recent events that may have an impact on the value of the security in question and/or on any other available valuation. The choice of method and of the medium allowing the valuation will depend on the estimated relevance of the available data. The value may be corrected according to any unaudited periodic financial statements available. If the Board of Directors deems that the price is not representative of the probable selling value of such a security, it will then estimate the value prudently and in

good faith on the basis of the probable selling price.

- The value of forward contracts (futures and forh. wards) and option contracts traded on a regulated market or a securities exchange will be based on the closing or settlement prices published by the regulated market or securities exchange that as a general rule constitutes the principal place for trading those contracts. If a forward contract or option contract cannot be liquidated on the valuation date of the net assets in question, the criteria for determining the liquidation value of the forward or option contract will be set by the Board of Directors in a reasonable and equitable manner. Forward contracts and option contracts that are not traded on a regulated market or on a securities exchange will be valued at their liquidation value determined in accordance with the rules established in good faith by the Board of Directors and according to standard criteria for each type of contract.
- i. The expected future flows, to be received and paid by the Compartment pursuant to swap contracts, will be valued at their updated values.
- j. When it deems necessary, the Board of Directors may establish a valuation committee whose task will be to estimate prudently and in good faith the value of certain securities.

In circumstances where the interests of the Fund and/or its Shareholders so justify (including but not limited to avoidance of market timing practices or where the determination of the values on the basis of the criteria specified above is not possible or inadequate), the Board of Directors is authorised to adopt any other appropriate principles to calculate the fair value of the assets of the relevant Compartment.

If there is no bad faith or obvious error, the valuation determined by the Central Administration Agent will be considered as final and will be binding on the Compartment and/or Class of Shares and its Shareholders.

#### SWING PRICING MECHANISM / SPREAD

Portfolio transactions triggered by subscriptions and redemptions (subscriptions and redemptions being referred hereinafter as "capital activity") are liable to generate expenses as well as a difference between the trading price and the valuation of investments or divestments. To protect existing or remaining Shareholders in a Compartment against this adverse effect, called "dilution", investors entering into that Compartment or Shareholders exiting it may have to bear the cost of



these negative effects. These costs (estimated at a flat rate or effective value) may be invoiced separately or charged by adjusting the net asset value of the relevant Compartment either down or up (swing pricing mechanism).

In order to protect Shareholders, the Management Company has established and implemented a swing pricing mechanism policy governing the application of the swing pricing mechanism. This policy will be reviewed and revised periodically.

The Management Company may decide to apply either (i) a full swing or (ii) a partial swing.

In case, of a full swing, the net asset value of the relevant Compartment will be adjusted each time there is capital activity, regardless of its size or importance to the relevant Compartment.

In case of a partial swing, the net asset value of the relevant Compartment will be adjusted if on a specific Valuation Day the capital activity for that Compartment results in a net increase or decrease of cash flow exceeding a predetermined threshold (known as swing threshold) expressed as a percentage of the net asset value of the relevant Compartment. The swing threshold is determined by the Management Company in accordance with its swing pricing mechanism policy.

The adjustment, known as the swing factor, can reflect the estimated fiscal charges and dealing costs that may be incurred by the Compartment and/or the estimated bid/offer spread of the assets in which the Compartment invests. The swing factor is determined by the Management Company in accordance with its swing pricing mechanism policy. Unless otherwise specified in the Annexes, the adjustment will not exceed 2% of the net asset value of the relevant Compartment. The net asset value of the relevant Compartment will be adjusted upward or downward using the swing factor depending on the net capital activity of the relevant Valuation Day.

The swing pricing mechanism is applied by the Central Administration Agent under the supervision of the Management Company.

Swing pricing mechanism is applied at the level of a Compartment (not at the Share Class level) and does not address the specific circumstances of each individual investor transaction. The swing pricing mechanism is not designed to provide a full protection of Shareholders against dilution.

The swing pricing mechanism may be applied for all the Compartments.

These procedures apply in an equitable manner to all Shareholders of a same Compartment on the same Valuation Day.

Any applicable performance fee will be charged based on the unswung net asset value of the relevant Compartment.

The Board may decide to increase the maximum adjustment limit (invoiced separately or charged by adjusting the net asset value) stated in the Prospectus in exceptional circumstances and on a temporary basis, to protect Shareholders' interests.

## DILUTION LEVY

In certain exceptional circumstances such as, for example:

- > significant trading volumes, and/or
- > market disturbances, and/or
- > in any other cases when the Board of Directors deems, at its sole discretion, that the interest of the existing Shareholders (concerning issues/switches) or of the remaining Shareholders (concerning redemptions/switches) might be negatively affected,

and unless otherwise stated in the Annexes, the Board of Directors will be authorised to charge a dilution levy for a maximum of 2% of the value of the net asset value on the issue, redemption and/or switch price.

In cases when it is charged, this dilution levy will equitably apply, as at a given Valuation Day, to all investors of the relevant Compartment having sent a subscription /redemption or switch request. It will be paid to the Compartment and will become an integral part of the assets of that Compartment.

The dilution levy thus applied will be calculated with reference in particular to market effects as well as to the dealing costs incurred for transactions on the underlying investments for the Compartment, including any applicable commissions, spreads and transfer taxes.

The dilution levy may be cumulative with the corrections to the net asset value as described in the section "Swing Pricing mechanism/ Spread" above.

# SUSPENSION OF NET ASSET VALUE CALCULATION, SUBSCRIPTIONS, REDEMPTIONS AND SWITCHES

The Fund may suspend the calculation of the net asset value of Shares in any Compartment or, if the context so



requires, of a Class of Shares, and the issue and redemption of Shares in this Compartment (or Class of Shares), as well as conversion from and into these Shares in the following cases:

- a. When one or more stock exchanges or markets on which a significant percentage of the Fund's assets are valued or one or more foreign exchange markets in the currencies in which the net asset value of Shares is expressed or in which a substantial portion of the Fund's assets is held, are closed, other than for normal holidays or if dealings on them are suspended, restricted or subject to major fluctuations in the short term.
- b. When, as a result of political, economic, military, monetary or social events, strikes or any other cases of force majeure outside the responsibility and control of the Fund, the disposal of the Fund's assets is not reasonably or normally practicable without being seriously detrimental to Shareholders' interests.
- c. When there is a breakdown in the normal means of communication used to calculate the value of an asset in the Fund or if, for whatever reason, the value of an asset in the Fund cannot be calculated as promptly or as accurately as required.
- d. When, as a result of currency restrictions or restrictions on the movement of capital, transactions for the Fund are rendered impracticable, or purchases or sales of the Fund's assets cannot be carried out at normal rates of exchange.
- In the event of the publication (i) of a notice of e. a general meeting of Shareholders at which the dissolution and the liquidation of the Fund or of a Class of Shares or of a Compartment are proposed or (ii) of a notice informing the Shareholders of the Board of Directors' decision to liquidate one or more Compartment(s) and/or Classes of Shares, (iii) of a notice of a general meeting of Shareholders called to decide on the merger of the Fund or of one or more Compartment(s) or the split/consolidation of one or more Classes of Shares; or (iv) of a notice informing the Shareholders of the Board of Directors' decision to merge one or more Compartments or to split/consolidate one or more Classes of Shares.
- f. When for any other reason, the value of the assets or of the debts and liabilities attributable respectively to the Fund or to the Compartment in question cannot be quickly or accurately determined.
- **g.** During any period when the determination of the net asset value per share of investment

funds representing a material part of the assets of the relevant Compartment is suspended.

- h. If the Board of Directors has determined that there has been a material change in the valuation of a substantial proportion of the investments of the Fund attributable to a particular Compartment and the Board of Directors has determined, in order to safeguard the interest of the Shareholders and the Fund, to delay the preparation or use of a valuation or carry-out a later or subsequent valuation;
- i. During any period when in the opinion of the Board of Directors there exists unusual circumstances where it would be impractical or unfair towards the Shareholders to continue dealing in the Shares of the Fund or of a Compartment;
- **j.** When the net asset value of any subsidiary of the Fund may not be determined accurately;
- k. For any other circumstance in which failure to suspend could result, either for the Fund, one of its Compartments, Classes of Shares or its Shareholders, in certain liabilities, financial disadvantages or any other harm that the Compartment, Class of Shares or its Shareholders would not otherwise experience.

For Compartments which invest their assets through a company wholly-controlled by the Fund, only the underlying investments will be taken into account for the implementation of the above restrictions and the intermediary company will be treated as though it did not exist.

In such cases, Shareholders who have submitted applications to subscribe to, redeem or switch Shares in Compartments or Classes of Shares affected by the suspension measures will be notified, and subscription, redemption and conversion requests shall be revocable by the Fund and/or the investor.

## MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION STRUCTURE The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is responsible for administering and managing the Fund and running its operations, as well as deciding on and implementing its investment policy.

As allowed in the 2010 Act, the Board of Directors has designated a management company.

## The Management Company

Pictet Asset Management (Europe) S.A., a *société anonyme* ("limited company") with registered office located at 6B, rue du Fort Niedergruenewald, L-2226



Luxembourg, has been designated as the Management Company of the Fund, as defined in Chapter 15 of the 2010 Act.

Pictet Asset Management (Europe) S.A. was created on 14 June 1995 for an unlimited period, under the name of Pictet Balanced Fund Management (Luxembourg) S.A. as a *société anonyme* ("limited company") governed by the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

#### **Remuneration Policy**

The Management Company has established remuneration policies for those categories of staff, including senior management, risk takers, control functions, and any employees receiving total remuneration that takes them into the same remuneration bracket as senior management and risk takers whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profile of the Management Company or the Fund, that are consistent with and promote a sound and effective risk management and do not encourage risk-taking which is inconsistent with the risk profiles of the Fund or with its Articles of Association and which do not interfere with the obligation of the Management Company to act in the best interests of the Fund.

The Management Company remuneration policy, procedures and practices are designed to be consistent and promote sound and effective risk management. It is designed to be consistent with the Management Company's business strategy, values and integrity, and longterm interests of its clients, as well as those of the wider Pictet Group. The Management Company remuneration policy, procedures and practices also (i) include an assessment of performance set in a multi-year framework appropriate to the holding period recommended to the investors of the Fund in order to ensure that the assessment process is based on the longer-term performance of the Fund and its investment risks and (ii) appropriately balance fixed and variable components of total remuneration.

The details of the up-to-date remuneration policy of the Management Company, including, but not limited to, a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated, individuals responsible for awarding the remuneration and benefits, including, as the case may be, the composition of the remuneration committee, are available at <a href="https://www.am.pictet/en/luxembourg/global-articles/ucits-remuneration-disclosure">https://www.am.pictet/en/luxembourg/global-articles/ucits-remuneration-disclosure</a>. A paper copy is

made available free of charge upon request at the Management Company's registered office.

#### Management Activity

The objective of the Management Company is to manage undertakings for collective investment in compliance with the UCITS Directive. This management activity includes the management, administration and marketing of undertakings for collective investment such as the Fund. As part of the activity, the Management Company is obliged to analyse the money laundering/financial terrorism risks inherent to the investment activity as per the AML/CFT Provisions and establish appropriate due diligence measures adapted to the risks assessed per asset type encompassing:

- a. Applicable due diligence based on the risk based approach;
- b. Controls on assets and parties linked to the transactions (where applicable to the asset type) for the attention of trade, financial and immigration sanctions as well as prevention of proliferation financing

Pre-trade screening is performed prior to the investment and on a regular basis in accordance with Luxembourg laws and regulations.

The due diligence performed on unlisted assets is adjusted to the risk based approached (as noted above) with certain considerations not limited to, but at least the country of the issuer and the presence of a regulated intermediary.

A list of funds managed by the Management Company is available at the registered office of the Management Company.

The Management Company has primarily delegated the management of the Compartments to the companies listed hereafter. This delegation is made according to the provisions of the 2010 Act and the terms of the contracts entered into for an indefinite period that may be cancelled by either party at any time with 3 or 6 months' notice depending on the terms in the contract.

Subject to prior approval by the Management Company, the Managers may appoint one or more sub-managers, which may or may not be part of the Pictet Group, to provide all or part of the management of certain



Compartments. When sub-managers are appointed, this will be specified in the Annexes.

For the purposes of the Prospectus, any reference to the "Manager" should be interpreted, when appropriate, as also referring to the sub-manager(s).

## > Pictet Asset Management S.A., Geneva ("PIC-TET AM S.A.")

PICTET AM S.A. is a Swiss based fund distributor and investment manager that carries out asset management activities for an international client base, mainly focussing on equity, fixed income, quantitative and total return asset classes, together with the execution of trades for other PICTET AM group entities. PICTET AM S.A. is regulated by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA) in Switzerland.

## > Pictet Asset Management (Europe) SA, Italian Branch ("PICTET AME- Italy")

PICTET AME Italy is supervised by Bank of Italy and CONSOB in Italy (Commissione per il controllo delle Società e delle Borse) and is responsible for balanced portfolio management for international clients

## Central Administration

The function of central administration agent of the Fund is delegated to the Central Administration Agent.

The Central Administration Agent has been designated as transfer agent and registrar, administrative agent and paying agent, under the terms of agreements concluded for an indefinite period.

The Central Administration Agent is a *société anonyme* (public limited company) that has its registered office at 15 Avenue J. F. Kennedy, Luxembourg. It is a management company within the meaning of Chapter 15 of the 2010 Act.

FundPartner Solutions (Europe) S.A. is wholly owned by the Pictet Group and was incorporated in Luxembourg for an unlimited period on 17 July 2008. As registrar and transfer agent, the Central Administration Agent is primarily responsible for the issue, switch and redemption of Shares and for maintaining the Fund's register of Shareholders.

As administrative agent and paying agent, the Central Administration Agent is responsible for calculating and

publishing the net asset value of the Shares of each Compartment pursuant to the Luxembourg law and the Articles of Association, and for performing administrative and accounting services for the Fund as necessary.

## Distribution

Shares will be distributed by the Distributor.

The Distributor may enter into distribution agreements with any professional agent, particularly banks, insurance companies, "internet supermarkets", independent managers, brokers, management companies or any other institution whose primary or secondary activity is the distribution of investment funds and customer service.

## **Investment Advisers**

The Management Company and the Managers may at their own risk and cost appoint one or more investment adviser(s) to advise them on the management of one or more Compartment(s).

### The Depositary Bank

Bank Pictet & Cie (Europe) AG, succursale de Luxembourg has been designated as the Depositary Bank for the Fund pursuant to the Depositary Agreement entered into for an indefinite period.

Bank Pictet & Cie (Europe) AG, succursale Luxembourg is a branch of the German credit institution Bank Pictet & Cie (Europe) AG, is situated at 15A, Avenue J.F. Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg, and is registered with the Luxembourg register of commerce and companies under number 277.879. It is licensed to carry out banking activities under the terms of the Luxembourg law of 5 April 1993 on the financial services sector, as amended.

On behalf of and in the interests of the Shareholders, as Bank Pictet & Cie (Europe) AG, succursale de Luxembourg is in charge of (i) the safekeeping of cash and securities comprising the Fund's assets, (ii) the cash monitoring, (iii) the oversight functions and (iv) such other services as agreed from time to time and reflected in the Depositary Agreement.

## Duties of the Depositary Bank

The Depositary Bank is entrusted with the safekeeping of the Fund's assets. For the financial instruments which can be held in custody, they may be held either directly by the Depositary Bank or, to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations, through every



third-party custodian/sub-custodian providing, in principle, the same guarantees as the Depositary Bank itself, i.e. for Luxembourg institutions to be a credit institution within the meaning of the Luxembourg Law of 5 April 1993 on the financial sector as amended or for foreign institutions, to be a financial institution subject to the rules of prudential supervision considered as equivalent to those provided by EU legislation. The Depositary Bank also ensures that the Fund's cash flows are properly monitored, and in particular that the subscription monies have been received and all cash of the Fund has been booked in the cash account in the name of (i) the Fund, (ii) the Management Company on behalf of the Fund or (iii) the Depositary Bank on behalf of the Fund.

The Depositary Bank must notably:

- perform all operations concerning the day-to-day administration of the Fund's securities and liquid assets, e.g. pay for securities acquired against delivery, deliver securities sold against collection of their price, collect dividends and coupons and exercise subscription and allocation rights;
- ensure that the value of the Shares is calculated in accordance with Luxembourg laws and the Articles of Association;
- carry out the instructions of the Fund, unless they conflict with Luxembourg laws or the Articles of Association;
- ensure that proceeds are remitted within the usual time limits for transactions relating to the Fund's assets;
- ensure that Shares are sold, issued, redeemed or cancelled by the Fund or on its behalf in accordance with Luxembourg laws and the Articles of Association;
- ensure that the Fund's income is allocated in accordance with Luxembourg laws and the Articles of Association.

The Depositary Bank regularly provides the Fund and the Management Company with a complete inventory of all assets of the Fund.

## Delegation of functions:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Depositary Agreement,

the Depositary Bank may, subject to certain conditions and in order to more efficiently conduct its duties, delegate part or all of its safekeeping duties over the Fund's assets including but not limited to holding assets in custody or, where assets are of such a nature that they cannot be held in custody, verification of the ownership of those assets as well as record-keeping for those assets, to one or more third-party delegates appointed by the Depositary Bank from time to time. The Depositary Bank shall exercise care and diligence in choosing and appointing the third-party delegates so as to ensure that each third-party delegate has and maintains the required expertise and competence. The Depositary Bank shall also periodically assess whether the third-party delegates fulfil applicable legal and regulatory requirements and will exercise ongoing supervision over each third-party delegate to ensure that the obligations of the third-party delegates continue to be competently discharged. The fees of any third-party delegate appointed by the Depositary Bank shall be paid by the Fund.

The liability of the Depositary Bank shall not be affected by the fact that it has entrusted all or some of the Fund's assets in its safekeeping to such third-party delegates.

In case of a loss of a financial instrument held in custody, the Depositary Bank shall return a financial instrument of an identical type or the corresponding amount to the Fund without undue delay, except if such loss results from an external event beyond the Depositary Bank's reasonable control and the consequences of which would have been unavoidable despite all reasonable efforts to the contrary.

An up-to-date list of the appointed third-party delegates is available upon request at the registered office of the Depositary Bank and is available on the website of the Depositary Bank:

## https://www.group.pictet/asset-services/custody/safekeeping-delegates-sub-custodians

## Conflicts of interests:

In carrying out its functions, the Depositary Bank shall act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and solely in the interest of the Fund and the Shareholders.

Potential conflicts of interest may nevertheless arise from time to time from the provision by the Depositary



Bank and/or its delegates of other services to the Fund, the Management Company and/or other parties. As indicated above, Depositary Bank's affiliates are also appointed as third-party delegates of the Depositary Bank. Potential conflicts of interest which have been identified between the Depositary Bank and its delegates are mainly fraud (unreported irregularities to the competent authorities to avoid bad reputation), legal recourse risk (reluctance or avoidance to take legal steps against the depositary), selection bias (the choice of the depositary not based on quality and price), insolvency risk (lower standards in asset segregation or attention to the depositary's solvency) or single group exposure risk (intragroup investments).

The Depositary Bank (or any of its delegates) may in the course of its business have conflicts or potential conflicts of interest with those of the Fund and/or other funds for which the Depositary Bank (or any of its delegates) acts.

The Depositary Bank has pre-defined all kind of situations which could potentially lead to a conflict of interest and has accordingly carried out a screening exercise on all activities provided to the Fund either by the Depositary Bank itself or by its delegates. Such exercise resulted in the identification of potential conflicts of interest that are however adequately managed. The details of potential conflicts of interest listed above are available free of charge from the registered office of the Depositary Bank and on the following website:

https://www.pictet.com/content/dam/www/documents/legal-and-notes/bank-pictet-cie-europe-ag/BPAG-Lux-conflicts-of-interest-register-EN.pdf.coredownload.pdf

On a regular basis, the Depositary Bank re-assesses those services and delegations to and from delegates with which conflicts of interest may arise and will update such list accordingly.

Where a conflict or potential conflict of interest arises, the Depositary Bank will have regard to its obligations to the Fund and will treat the Fund and the other funds for which it acts fairly and such that, so far as is practicable, any transactions are effected on terms which shall be based on objective pre-defined criteria and meet the sole interest of the Fund and the Shareholders. Such potential conflicts of interest are identified, managed and monitored in various other ways including, without

limitation, the hierarchical and functional separation of Depositary Bank's depositary functions from its other potentially conflicting tasks and by the Depositary Bank adhering to its own conflicts of interest policy.

The Depositary Bank or the Fund may terminate the Depositary Agreement at any time, in accordance with the terms of the Depositary Agreement ; provided, however, that any decision by the Fund to end the Depositary's appointment is subject to another custodian bank taking on the duties and responsibilities of the Depositary Bank and provided further that, if the Fund terminates the Depositary's duties, the Depositary Bank will continue to perform its duties until Depositary Bank has been relieved of all the Fund's assets that it held or had arranged to be held on behalf of the Fund. Should the Depositary Bank itself give notice to terminate the Depositary Agreement, the Fund will be required to appoint a new depository bank to take over the duties and responsibilities of the Depositary Bank, provided, however, that, as of the date when the notice of termination expires and until a new depositary bank is appointed by the Fund, the Depositary Bank will only be required to take any necessary measures to safeguard the best interests of Shareholders.

Up-to-date information regarding the description of the Depositary Bank's duties and of conflicts of interest that may arise as well as of any safekeeping functions delegated by the Depositary Bank and any conflicts of interest that may arise from such a delegation will be made available to investors on request at the Fund's registered office.

The Depositary Bank is remunerated in accordance with customary practice in the Luxembourg financial market. Such remuneration is expressed as a percentage of the Fund's net assets.

#### Statutory Auditor

Deloitte Audit S.à r.l., having its registered office at 20, Boulevard de Kockelscheuer L-1821 Luxembourg, has been appointed as the statutory auditor of the Fund.

## SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS AND INFORMATION Shares

The Shares of each Class of Shares are in principle issued in registered form without any par value and fully paid up.

Fractions of Shares may be issued up to a maximum of five decimal places. They are recorded in a Shareholder



register, kept at the Fund's registered office. Shares redeemed by the Fund will be cancelled.

All Shares are freely transferable and entitle holders to an equal proportion in any profits, liquidation proceeds and dividends for the Compartment in question.

Each Share is entitled to a single vote. Shareholders will also be entitled to the general Shareholders' rights provided for under the 1915 Law, as amended, with the exception of the pre-emptive right to subscribe for new Shares.

To the extent permitted by law, the Board of Directors may suspend the right to vote of any Shareholder which does not fulfil its obligations under the Articles of Association or any document (including any applications forms) stating its obligations towards the Fund and/or the other Shareholders. Any Shareholder may undertake (personally) to not exercise his voting rights on all or part of his Shares, temporarily or indefinitely.

Shareholders will only receive confirmation of their entry in the register.

## General Shareholders' Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is held every year on the 20 of January at 11 a.m. at the Fund's registered office or at any other location in Luxembourg, as specified on the invitation to attend the meeting.

If that day is not a Banking Day, the meeting will be held on the following Banking Day.

The Annual General Meeting may be held at a date, time and place other than those described in the paragraph above. This other date, time and place will be determined by the Board of Directors.

Notices of meetings will be sent to all registered Shareholders at least 8 days prior to the relevant meeting. These notices will include details of the time and place of the meeting, the agenda, conditions for admission and requirements concerning the quorum and majority as laid down by Luxembourg law.

All decisions by Shareholders regarding the Fund will be taken at the general meeting of all Shareholders, pursuant to the provisions of the Articles of Association and Luxembourg law. All decisions that only concern the Shareholders of one or more Compartments may be taken – as authorised by law – by the Shareholders of the relevant Compartments. In this case, the quorum and majority requirements stipulated in the Articles of Association will apply.

In case the voting rights of one or more Shareholders are suspended, such Shareholders shall be convened and may attend the general meeting, but their Shares shall not be taken into account for determining whether the quorum and majority requirements are satisfied.

#### Information for Shareholders

The Fund draws investors' attention to the fact that they can only fully exercise their investor rights directly with respect to the Fund (in particular the right to participate in the general meetings of the Shareholders), when the investor himself appears, in his own name, in the Shareholder register. In cases when an investor has invested in the Fund through an intermediary investing in the Fund in his own name but on behalf of the investor, certain rights attached to the Shareholder status cannot necessarily be directly exercised by the investor with respect to the Fund. Investors are advised to make inquiries about their rights.

#### Key Investor Information Document

According to the 2010 Act, the KI(I)D must be provided to investors in good time before their proposed subscription for Shares.

Before investing, investors are invited to visit the Management Company website www.assetmanagement.pictet and download the relevant KI(I)D prior to any application. The same diligence is expected from the investor wishing to make additional subscriptions in the future since updated versions of the KI(I)D will be published from time to time. A hard copy can be supplied to investors on request and free of charge at the registered office of the Fund.

The above shall apply mutatis mutandis in case of switch.

Depending on applicable legal and regulatory requirements (comprising but not limited to MiFID) in the countries of distribution, Mandatory Additional Information may be made available to investors under the responsibility of local intermediaries / distributors.

#### Periodic reports and publications

The Fund will publish audited annual reports within 4 months of the end of the fiscal year and unaudited semi-annual reports within 2 months of the end of the reference period.



The annual report includes the financial statements for the Fund and each Compartment.

These reports will be made available to Shareholders at the Fund's registered office and from the Depositary Bank and foreign agents involved in marketing the Fund abroad.

The net asset value per Share of each Compartment and the issue and redemption price are available from the Depositary Bank and the foreign agents involved in marketing the Fund abroad.

Information to Shareholders relating to their investment in the Compartments may be sent to their attention and/or published on the website www.assetmanagement.pictet. In case of material change and/or where required by the CSSF or by Luxembourg law, Shareholders will be informed via a notice sent to their attention or in such other manner provided for by the applicable law.

By the sole fact of investing or soliciting the investment in the Fund, an investor acknowledges the possible use of electronic information means to disclose certain information as set out in the Prospectus and confirms having access to internet and to an electronic messaging system allowing this investor to access the information or document made available via an electronic information means.

#### Documents available for inspection

The following documents are deposited at the registered office of the Depositary Bank and of the Fund:

- > the Articles of Association;
- the latest annual report and the latest semiannual report if more recent than the former;
- the Management Company agreement between the Fund and the Management Company;
- > the Depositary Agreement entered between the Depositary Bank and the Fund.

#### **QUERIES AND COMPLAINTS**

Any person who would like to receive further information regarding the Fund including the strategy followed for the exercise of voting rights of the Fund, the responsible investment policy ,the conflict of interest policy, the best execution policy and the complaints resolution procedure or who wishes to make a complaint about the operations of the Fund should contact the Head of Compliance of the Management Company, i.e. Pictet Asset Management (Europe) S.A., 6B, rue du Fort Niedergruenewald, L-2226 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

The details of the responsible investment policy is available at <u>https://documents.am.pictet/library/en/other?doc-</u> <u>umentTypes=RI\_POLICY&businessLine=PAM</u>, the complaints resolution procedure of the Management Company as well as the details of the CSSF out-of-court complaint resolution procedure are available at <u>https://am.pictet/en/luxembourg/articles/com-</u> <u>plaint-resolution-procedure</u>. A copy of these docu-

ments can also be obtained free of charge upon request.

#### **FUND EXPENSES**

#### Remuneration of the service providers

A service fee will be paid to the Management Company to remunerate it for the services provided to the Fund. This fee will also enable the Management Company to remunerate the Central Administration Agent for the functions of transfer agent, administrative agent and paying agent.

The Management Company will also receive management fees from the Compartments and, in some cases, performance fees, to remunerate the Managers, submanagers, investment advisers and distributors, if any, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations (including but not limited to MiFID).

In payment for its custodial services, the Depositary Bank will charge a fee for the deposit of assets and the safekeeping of securities.

Service, management and Depositary Bank fees are charged to a Compartment's Classes of Shares in proportion to their net assets and are calculated on the average of the net asset values of these Classes of Shares.

Transaction fees will also be charged at rates fixed by common agreement.

For details of the service, management and Depositary Bank fees, please refer to the Annexes.

The rate indicated in the Annexes for the Depositary Bank fee does not include VAT.

#### Other expenses

Other costs charged to the Fund may include:

1. Operating costs



- Fees and expenses relating to investment research
- Fees and charges on transactions involving securities in the portfolio including: (i) brokerage fees and commissions, (ii) transaction costs associated with buying and selling Compartment assets, including interest, taxes, governmental duties, charges and levies, (iii) other transaction related costs and expenses.
- 2. Functional costs.
- Out of pocket expenses reasonably incurred by the Central Administration Agent and the Depositary Bank not included in the Depositary Fees or the Central Administration Agent fees;
- All fees and expenses incurred by the domiciliation agent and Paying Agent;
- All fees and expenses to legal and professional advisers;
- All fees and expenses of the client window agents:
- Fees paid to independent directors including reasonable out of pocket expenses paid to independent directors and insurance linked to the directorship;
- All fees and expenses incurred by Shareholder service providers such as broker dealers, clearing platforms are record owners of the Compartment' Shares and provide sub-accounting services to the beneficial owners of those shares;
- The fees and out of pocket expenses of the facilities or local paying agents and representatives;
- Advertising fees and expenses, other than those specified above, relating directly to the offer or distribution of Shares;
- Remuneration of the Depositary Bank's correspondents;
- Litigation expenses and expert appraisals;
- Fees and expenses reasonably incurred in relation to distribution services that would not be borne by the Management Company out of its management fees up to a maximum of 0.05% p.a. of the Fund's net assets;
- All fees and expenses in relation to documentation, such as preparing, printing and distributing

the Prospectus, KI(I)Ds or any other offering document, as well as financial statements, shareholder's reports and any other documents made available to Shareholders;

- All fees in relation to the publication of the Share prices, and costs of postage, telephone, facsimile transmission and other electronic means of communication;
- All fees and expenses incurred by reporting in relation to distribution:
- Any extraordinary expenses or other unforeseen charges.
- 3. Regulatory costs.
- All fees and expenses of the auditors;
- All fees and expenses in relation to regulatory reporting;
- All expenses related to the registration and maintenance of the Fund with supervisory authorities and stock exchanges, including translation expenses;
- 4. All taxes and duties that may be due on the Fund's assets or income earned by the Fund, in particular the subscription tax.

All recurring expenses will be charged first to the Fund's income, then to realised capital gains, then to the Fund's assets. All other expenses may be amortised over a maximum of five years.

When calculating the net asset values of the various Compartments, expenses will be divided among the Compartments in proportion to the net assets of these Compartments, unless these expenses relate to a specific Compartment, in which case they will be allocated to that Compartment.

## **Division into Compartments**

For each Compartment, the Board of Directors will create a group of distinct assets, as described in or as per the 2010 Act. The assets of a Compartment will not include any liabilities of other Compartments. The Board of Directors may also create two or more Classes of Shares within each Compartment.

a. Proceeds from the issue of Shares of a particular Compartment will be booked under the



Compartment in question in the Fund's accounts and, if relevant, the corresponding amount will accrue to the net assets of the Compartment in question, and the assets, liabilities, income and expenses relating to this Compartment will be allocated to it in accordance with this section. If there are several Classes of Shares in such a Compartment, the corresponding amount will increase the proportion of the net assets of the Compartment in question and will be assigned to the Class of Shares concerned.

- b. If an asset is derived from another asset, this derivative asset will be allocated in the books of the Fund to the Compartment or Class of Shares to which the asset from which it is derived belongs and, each time an asset is revalued, the increase or decrease in value will be allocated to the corresponding Compartment or Class of Shares.
- c. If the Fund is charged with a liability attributable to an asset from a particular Compartment or a specific Class of Shares or to an operation carried out in relation to the assets of a particular Compartment or particular Class of Shares, that liability will be allocated to the Compartment or Class of Shares in question.
- d. Where a Fund's asset or liability cannot be allocated to a particular Compartment, that asset or liability will be allocated in equal shares to all Compartments or allocated in such a way as the Board of Directors determines prudently and in good faith.
- e. The costs incurred for setting up a new Compartment or restructuring will, where applicable, be allocated to the new Compartment and may be amortised over a five-year period.

#### TIME LIMITATION

Claims of Shareholders against the Board of Directors, the Depositary Bank or the Central Administration Agent will lapse five years after the date of the event that gave rise to the rights claimed.

#### **TAX STATUS**

#### Taxation of the Fund

The Fund is subject to Luxembourg tax legislation.

The Fund is not subject to taxation in Luxembourg on its income, profits or gains.

The Compartments are subject to subscription tax (taxe

d'abonnement) levied at the rate of 0.05% per annum based on their net asset value at the end of the relevant quarter, calculated and paid quarterly. This subscription tax will however be reduced to 0.01% for:

- Compartments or Classes of Shares reserved to Institutional Investors, or

- Compartments whose sole objective is the collective investment in money market instruments and the placing of deposits with credit institutions.

A subscription tax exemption is applicable to:

- the portion of any Compartment's assets invested in other Luxembourg investment funds subject to the subscription tax;

- any Compartment (i) whose Shares are reserved to institutional investors, and (ii) whose sole objective is the collective investment in money market instruments and the placing of deposits with credit institutions, and (iii) the weighted residual portfolio maturity does not exceed 90 days, and (iv) that has obtained the highest possible rating from a recognised rating agency. If there are several Classes of Shares within the relevant Compartment, the exemption is only applicable to the Classes of Shares reserved to institutional investors;

- any Compartment whose Shares are reserved to (i) institutions for occupational retirement provision, or similar investment vehicles, set up on one or more employers' initiative for the benefit of their employees; and (ii) companies of one or more employers investing funds they hold in order to provide retirement benefits to their employees;

- any Compartment whose investment policy provides that at least 50% of their assets shall be invested in one or several microfinance institutions; and

- any Compartment (i) whose Shares are listed or traded on at least one stock exchange or another regulated market, operating regularly, and recognised and open to the public, and (ii) whose exclusive object is to replicate the performance of one or more indexes. If there are several Classes of Shares within the relevant Compartment, the exemption is only applicable to the Classes of Shares meeting condition (i) above.

As from January 1st, 2021, a progressively decreasing subscription tax rate (from 0.05% down to 0.01%) applies on the portion of a Compartment's assets invested in sustainable economic activities, as defined by Article 3 of the EU Regulation 2020/852.

#### Taxation of the investments

Interest and dividend income received by the



Compartments may be subject to non-recoverable withholding tax in the source countries. The Compartments may further be subject to tax on the realised or unrealised capital appreciation of their assets in the countries of the Investments. However, the Compartments benefit from certain double tax treaties signed by Luxembourg providing for an exemption or reduction of withholding tax.

The Management Company and/or the Managers reserve the right to book tax accruals on gains, thus impacting the valuation of the relevant Compartments. With the uncertainty of whether and how certain gains are to be taxed, any provision for taxation made by the Management Company and/or the Managers may be excessive or inadequate to meet final tax liabilities on gains.

Finally, some countries' specific tax considerations may further be described in the section "Specific risks" of the Prospectus.

#### Taxation of the investors

Distributions by the Compartments as well as liquidation proceeds and capital gains derived therefrom are made free and clear from withholding tax in Luxembourg.

Prospective investors should consult their own professional advisers as to the implications of buying, holding or disposing of Shares and to the provisions of the laws of the jurisdiction in which they are subject to tax.

## DAC6

On 25 May 2018, the EU Council adopted a directive (2018/822 amending Directive 2011/16/EU as regards mandatory automatic exchange of information in the field of taxation) that imposes a reporting obligation on parties involved in transactions that may be associated with aggressive tax planning ("DAC6").

More specifically, the reporting obligation will apply to cross-border arrangements that, among others, satisfy one or more "hallmarks" provided for in DAC6 (the "Reportable Arrangements").

In the case of a Reportable Arrangement, the information that must be reported includes the name of all relevant taxpayers and intermediaries as well as an outline of the Reportable Arrangement, the value of the Reportable Arrangement and identification of any member states likely to be concerned by the Reportable Arrangement. The reporting obligation in principle rests with persons that design, market or organise the Reportable Arrangement and professional advisors (intermediaries). However, in certain cases, the taxpayer itself can be subject to the reporting obligation.

The information reported will be automatically exchanged between the tax authorities of all Member States.

DAC6 applies as from July 1st 2020. Except in a few EU countries where DAC6 reporting deadlines will start applying as originally planned (ie August 31, 2020), most EU countries (including Luxembourg) have postponed the first reporting deadlines until early 2021. At that time, it will be necessary to report the Reportable Arrangements the first step of which was implemented between 25 June 2018 and 1 July 2020, together with any Reportable Arrangement identified as from July 1, 2020.

In light of the broad scope of DAC6, transactions carried out by the Compartments may fall within the scope of DAC6 and thus be reportable (subject however to the way DAC6 will be implemented into national laws).

## CRS

The OECD has developed a common reporting standard ("CRS") to achieve a comprehensive and multilateral automatic exchange of information ("AEOI") on a global basis. On 9 December 2014, the Euro-CRS Directive was adopted in order to implement the CRS among the Member States.

The Euro-CRS Directive was implemented into Luxembourg law by the CRS Law. The CRS Law requires Luxembourg financial institutions to identify financial assets holders and establish if they are fiscally resident in countries with which Luxembourg has a tax information sharing agreement. Luxembourg financial institutions will then report financial account information of the asset holder to the Luxembourg tax authorities, which will thereafter automatically transfer this information to the competent foreign tax authorities on a yearly basis.

Accordingly, the Fund may require the Shareholders to provide information in relation to the identity and fiscal residence of financial account holders (including certain entities and their controlling persons) in order to ascertain their CRS status and report information regarding a Shareholder and his/her/its account to the Luxembourg tax authorities (*Administration des Contributions Directes*), if such account is deemed a CRS reportable



account under the CRS Law. The Fund is responsible for the treatment of the personal data provided for in the CRS Law; (ii) the personal data will only be used for the purposes of the CRS Law; (iii) the personal data may be communicated to the Luxembourg tax authorities (*Administration des Contributions Directes*).

In addition, Luxembourg signed the OECD's multilateral competent authority agreement ("Multilateral Agreement") to automatically exchange information under the CRS. The Multilateral Agreement aims to implement the CRS among non-EU Member States; it requires agreements on a country-by-country basis.

Under these regulations Luxembourg financial institutions are required to establish the identity of the owners of financial assets and determine if they reside for tax purposes in countries with which Luxembourg exchanges information in accordance with a bilateral agreement on sharing tax information. In such event, the Luxembourg financial institutions send the information about the financial accounts of asset holders to the Luxembourg tax authorities, which in turn automatically forward this information to the relevant foreign tax authorities on an annual basis. As such, information concerning Shareholders may be provided to the Luxembourg tax authorities and other relevant tax authorities pursuant to the regulations in effect.

Under the AEOI, the Fund is considered a financial institution. As a result, Shareholders and/or their controlling persons are explicitly advised that they are or may be the subject of disclosure to the Luxembourg tax authorities and other relevant tax authorities, including those of their country of residence.

The Fund does not admit, among its Shareholders, investors who are considered under the AEOI as (i) individuals or (ii) passive non-financial entities ("Passive NFE"), including financial entities requalified as passive non-financial entities.

The Fund reserves the right to refuse any application for Shares if the information provided or not provided does not satisfy the requirements under the CRS Law. CRS non-compliant investors may not hold Shares and Shares may be subject to compulsory redemption if this is deemed appropriate for the purpose of ensuring the Fund's compliance with CRS The preceding provisions represent only a summary of the different implications of the Euro-CRS Directive and the CRS Law. They are based only on their current interpretation and are not intended to be exhaustive. These provisions should not in any manner be considered as tax or investment advice and investors should therefore seek advice from their financial or tax advisers on the implications of the Euro-CRS Directive and the CRS Law to which they may be subject.

#### FATCA

The FATCA, a portion of the 2010 Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act, became law in the United States in 2010 aims at preventing US tax evasion by requiring foreign (non-US) financial institutions to report to the US Internal Revenue Service information on financial accounts held outside the United States by US investors. US securities held by a non-US financial institution that does not comply with the FATCA reporting regime will be subject to a US tax withholding of 30% on gross sales proceeds and income, commencing on 1 July 2014.

On 28 March 2014, the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg entered into a Model 1 Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") with the United States of America and a memorandum of understanding in respect thereof. The Fund hence has to comply with such Luxembourg IGA as implemented into Luxembourg law by the Law of 24 July 2015 relating to FATCA (the "FATCA Law") in order to comply with the provisions of FATCA rather than directly complying with the US Treasury Regulations implementing FATCA. Under the FATCA Law and the Luxembourg IGA, the Fund may be required to collect information aiming to identify the direct and indirect Shareholders that are Specified US Persons for FATCA purposes ("FATCA reportable accounts"). Any such information on FATCA reportable accounts provided to the Fund will be shared with the Luxembourg tax authorities which will exchange that information on an automatic basis with the Government of the United States of America pursuant to Article 28 of the convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg for the avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes in Income and Capital, entered into in Luxembourg on 3 April 1996. The Fund intends to comply with the provisions of the FATCA Law and the Luxembourg IGA to be deemed compliant with



FATCA and will thus not be subject to the 30% withholding tax with respect to its share of any such payments attributable to actual and deemed U.S. investments of the Fund. The Fund will continually assess the extent of the requirements that FATCA and notably the FATCA Law place upon it.

Under the IGA, Luxembourg-resident financial institutions that comply with the requirements of the Luxembourg IGA Legislation will be treated as FATCA-compliant and, as a result, will not be subject to withholding tax under FATCA ("**FATCA Withholding**").

To ensure the Fund's compliance with FATCA, the FATCA Law and the Luxembourg IGA in accordance with the foregoing, the Fund may:

- a. request information or documentation, including W-8 tax forms, a Global Intermediary Identification Number, if applicable, or any other valid evidence of a unit's FATCA registration with the IRS or a corresponding exemption, in order to ascertain such Shareholder's FATCA status;
- b. report information concerning a Shareholder and his account holding in the Fund to the Luxembourg tax authorities if such account is deemed a FATCA reportable account under the FATCA Law and the Luxembourg IGA;
- c. report information to the Luxembourg tax authorities (*Administration des Contributions Directes*) concerning payments to Shareholders with FATCA status of a non-participating foreign financial institution;
- d. deduct applicable US withholding taxes from certain payments made to a Shareholder by or on behalf of the Fund in accordance with FATCA, the FATCA Law and the Luxembourg IGA; and
- e. divulge any such personal information to any immediate payor of certain U.S. source income as may be required for withholding and reporting to occur with respect to the payment of such income.

The Fund is responsible for the treatment of the personal data provided for in the FATCA Law; (ii) the personal data will only be used for the purposes of the FATCA Law; (iii) the personal data may be communicated to the Luxembourg tax authorities (*Administration des Contributions Directes*). The Fund, which is considered to be foreign financial institution, will seek to obtain "deemed-compliant" status under the "collective investment vehicle" (CIV) exemption.

In order to elect and keep such FATCA status, the Fund only allows as Shareholders (i) participating foreign financial institutions, (ii) deemed-compliant foreign financial institutions, (iii) non-reporting IGA foreign financial institutions, (iv) exempt beneficial owners (v), Active Non-Financial Foreign Entities ("Active NFFE") or (vi) non-specified US persons, all as defined by the Final FATCA Regulation and any applicable IGA; accordingly, investors may only subscribe for and hold Shares through a financial institution that complies or is deemed to comply with FATCA.

The Fund may impose measures and/or restrictions to that effect, which may include the rejection of subscription orders or the compulsory redemption of Shares, and/or the FATCA Withholding from payments to the account of any Shareholder found to qualify as a "recalcitrant account" or "non-participating foreign financial institution" under FATCA.

The attention of US taxpayers is also drawn to the fact that the Fund qualifies as a passive foreign investment company ("PFIC") under US tax laws and does not intend to provide information that would allow such investors to elect to treat the Fund as a qualified electing fund (so-called "QEF election").

Prospective investors should (i) consult their own tax advisors regarding the impact of FATCA further to an investment in the Fund and (ii) be advised that although the Fund will attempt to comply with all FATCA obligations, no assurance can be given that it will be able to satisfy such obligations and therefore to avoid FATCA withholding.

## **DATA PROTECTION**

Any information concerning investors who are natural persons and other related natural persons (together the "Data Subjects") which allows the Data Subjects to be directly or indirectly identified (the "Data"), which is provided to, or collected by or on behalf of, the Fund and the Management Company (directly from Data Subjects or from publicly available sources) will be processed by the Fund and the Management Company as



joint data controllers (the "Controllers" – which can be contacted through the compliance officer of the Management Company, 15, Avenue J.F. Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg) in compliance with applicable data protection laws, in particular Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of 27 April 2016.

A data protection officer has been appointed (the "DPO") who can be contacted at: <u>europe-data-protection@pic-tet.com</u>.

Failure to provide certain Data may result in the investor not being able to invest or maintain an investment in the Fund.

Data will be processed by the Controllers and disclosed to, and processed by, service providers of the Controller such as the Depositary Bank, the Transfer Agent, the Administrative Agent, the Paying Agent, the Auditor, the Manager, the Investment Adviser ( if any), the Distributor and its appointed sub-distributors, legal and financial advisers (the "Processors") for the purposes of (i) offering and managing investments and holdings of the Shareholders and performing the services related to their Shareholding in the Fund (ii) enabling the Processors to perform their services for the Fund, or (iii) complying with legal, regulatory and/or tax (including FATCA/CRS) obligations (the "Purposes").

As part of the Purposes, Data may also be processed for the purpose of direct marketing activities (by means of electronic communication), notably for providing Data Subjects with general or personalised information about investment opportunities, products and services proposed by or on behalf of the Fund, its service providers, delegates and business partners. The legal basis for the processing of Data in the context of such marketing activities will be either the legitimate interests of the Fund (propose new investments opportunities to investors) or, in particular if required by law, the consent of the Data Subjects for the relevant marketing activities.

The Processors shall act as processors on behalf of the Controllers and may also process Data as controllers for their own purposes.

Any communication (including telephone conversations) (i) may be recorded by the Controllers and the Processors in compliance with all applicable legal or regulatory obligations and (ii) will be retained for a period of 10 years from the date of the recording. Data may be transferred outside of the European Union (the "EU"), to countries whose legislation does not ensure an adequate level of protection as regards the processing of personal data (including, but not limited to, Canada, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Singapore, United States). In such case, appropriate safeguards will be implemented including standard contractual data protection clauses established by the European Commission.

Investors providing the Data of third-party data subjects to the Controllers need to ensure that they have obtained the authority to provide that Data and are therefore required to inform the relevant third-party data subjects of the processing of the Data and their related rights. If necessary, investors are required to obtain the explicit consent of the relevant third-party data subject for such processing.

Data of Data Subjects will not be retained for longer than necessary with regard to the Purposes, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, subject always to applicable legal minimum retention periods.

The investors have certain rights in relation to the Data relating to them, including the right to request access to such Data, or have such Data rectified or deleted, the right to ask for the processing of such Data to be restricted or to object thereto, the right to portability, the right to lodge a complaint with the relevant data protection supervisory authority, or the right to withdraw any consent after it was given.

Detailed information about how Data is processed is contained in the privacy notice available at https://www.group.pictet/privacynotice or on demand by contacting the DPO (europe-data-protection@pictet.com). The privacy notice notably sets out in more detail the data subjects' rights described above, the nature of the Data processed, the legal bases for processing, the recipients of the Data and the safeguards applicable for transfers of Data outside of the EU.

The investors' attention is drawn to the fact that the data protection information is subject to change at the sole discretion of the Controllers, and that they will be duly informed prior to the implementation of any change.

## DURATION – MERGER – DISSOLUTION OF THE FUND AND COMPARTMENTS The Fund

The Fund is formed for an indefinite period. However,



the Board of Directors may at any time propose to dissolve the Fund at an extraordinary general Shareholders' meeting.

If the Share capital falls below two-thirds of the minimum capital required by law, the Board of Directors must refer the matter of dissolution to the general meeting, deliberating without any quorum and deciding by a simple majority of the Shares cast at the meeting.

If the Share capital is less than a quarter of the minimum capital required, the directors must refer the matter of dissolution of the Fund to a general meeting, deliberating without any quorum; dissolution may be decided by Shareholders holding a quarter of the Shares cast at the meeting.

#### Merger of Compartments

The Board of Directors may decide to merge a Compartment with another Compartment or with another UCITS (Luxembourg or foreign) in accordance with the 2010 Act.

The Board of Directors may also decide to submit the decision to merge to the general meeting of the Shareholders of the Compartment concerned. Any decision of the Shareholders will not be subject to a quorum requirement and will be adopted by simple majority of the votes cast. If, following a merger of one or more Compartments, the Fund should cease to exist, the merger will be decided by a general meeting of Shareholders for which no quorum is required, and the merger will be decided with a simple majority of the vote cast.

#### Liquidation of Compartments

The Board of Directors may also propose to dissolve a Compartment and cancel its Shares at the general meeting of Shareholders of the Compartment. This general meeting will deliberate without any quorum requirement, and the decision to dissolve the Compartment will be adopted by a majority of the votes cast at the meeting.

If a Compartment's total net assets fall below EUR 15,000,000 or the equivalent in the reference currency of the Compartment concerned, or if justified by a change in the economic situation or political circumstances affecting a Compartment or for economic rationalisation or at the maturity of the Compartment as specified in the Annexes or if it is in the interests of the Shareholders, the Board of Directors may, at any time, decide to liquidate the Compartment in question and cancel the Shares of that Compartment.

In the event of the dissolution of a Compartment or the Fund, the liquidation will be carried out pursuant to the applicable Luxembourg laws and regulations that define the procedures to enable Shareholders to participate in liquidation dividends and in this context provide for the depositing of any amount that could not be distributed to Shareholders when the liquidation is complete with the Caisse de Consignation in Luxembourg. Any amounts deposited that are not claimed will be subject to time-barring in accordance with Luxembourg law. The net proceeds from the liquidation of each Compartment will be distributed to holders of Shares in the Class of Shares in question in proportion to the number of Shares they hold in that Class of Shares, in cash or in kind subject to the approval of the Shareholders and subject to a report prepared by the Fund's auditor to the extent that it is required by Luxembourg law.

#### Merger/ liquidation of Classes of Share

The Board of Directors may decide to liquidate, consolidate or split a Class of Shares of any Compartment. Such decision will be published in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The Board of Directors may also submit the question of the liquidation, consolidation or split of a Class of Shares to a meeting of holders of such Class of Shares. Such meeting will resolve with a simple majority of the votes cast.

## INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

### **General Provisions**

Rather than concentrate on a single specific investment objective, the Fund is divided into different Compartments, each of which has its own investment policy and its own risk profile by investing in a specific market or in a group of markets.

#### **Investment Restrictions**

For the purposes of this section, "Member State" means a Member State of the European Union. Countries that are parties to the European Economic Area Agreement that are not Member States of the European Union are considered in the same category as Member States of the European Union, within the limits defined by that agreement and related laws.



## A. §1

The Fund's investments shall consist solely of one or more of the following:

- Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to or dealt in on a regulated market within the meaning of Article 4 of the MiFID Directive;
- 2. Transferable securities and money market instruments dealt in on another regulated and regularly functioning market of a Member State, that is recognised and open to the public;
- 3. Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to official listing on a stock exchange of a state, which is not part of the European Union or traded on another market of a state that is not part of the European Union, which is regulated and regularly functioning, recognised and open to the public;
- 4. Recently issued transferable securities and money market instruments provided that:
  - the terms of issue include an undertaking that an application will be made for admission to be officially listed on a stock exchange or other regulated, regularly functioning market which is recognised and open to the public;
  - and that this admission is obtained at the latest within one year of the issue.
- 5. Units or shares of approved Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS) in compliance with Directive 2009/65/EC and/or other Undertakings for Collective Investment (UCI) within the meaning of Art. 1, paragraph (2), point a) of Directive 2009/65/EC, whether or not established in a Member State, provided that:
  - such other UCIs are authorised in compliance under laws stipulating that the entities are subject to supervision that the CSSF considers as equivalent to that laid down by the EU Law and that cooperation between the authorities is sufficiently ensured;
  - the level of protection guaranteed to holders of shares or units in the other UCIs is equivalent to that intended

for holders of shares or units of a UCITS and, in particular, that the rules relating to the assets segregation, borrowings, lending, short sales of transferable securities and money market instruments are equivalent to the requirements of Directive 2009/65/EC:

- the business of these other UCIs is reported in half-yearly and annual reports that enable valuation of assets and liabilities, revenues and operations for the period concerned; and that
- the proportion of net assets that the UCITS or the other UCIs whose acquisition is contemplated may invest overall in units or shares of other UCITS or other UCIs in conformity with their management rules or constitutive documents, does not exceed 10%.
- Where one of the Compartments invests in the units of other UCITS and/or of other UCIs that are managed either directly or via delegation by the Management Company or by any other company to which the Management Company is linked as part of a joint management or control process, or via a material direct or indirect interest, said Management Company or the other company cannot charge subscription or redemption fees relating to the relevant Compartment's investment in the units of other UCITS and/or UCIs.
- Where one of the Compartments invests a significant portion of its assets in other UCITS and/or other UCIS linked to the Fund, as set out above, the Fund shall mention the maximum management fee amount that can be charged both to the actual Compartment and to the other UCITS and or UCIs in which it intends to invest in the Annexes to the Prospectus. The Fund shall indicate the maximum percentage of the management fees incurred both at the level of the Compartment and at that of the UCITS



and/or other UCIs in which it invests in its annual report.

- 6. Deposits with credit institutions repayable on request or which can be withdrawn and whose maturity is twelve months or less, provided that the credit establishment has its registered office in a Member State or, if the registered office of the credit establishment are situated in a Third Country, is subject to prudential rules considered by the CSSF as equivalent to those provided in EU law.
- 7. Financial derivative instruments, including equivalent cash-settled instruments, that are dealt on a regulated market of the kind specified in points 1), 2) and 3) above, and/or overthe-counter ("OTC") derivative instruments, provided that:
  - the underlying assets consist of instruments allowed under Book A, §1, financial indexes, interest rates, exchange rates or currency rates, in which the relevant Compartment may invest in conformity with its investment objectives;
  - the counterparties to OTC derivative transactions are establishments subject to prudential supervision and belonging to categories approved by the CSSF; and
  - the OTC derivative instruments are reliably and verifiably evaluated on a daily basis and can be, at the Fund's initiative, sold, liquidated or closed by an offsetting transaction, at any time and at their fair value;
- 8. Money market instruments other than those dealt on a regulated market and designated by Art. 1 of the 2010 Act, provided that the issue or the issuer of these instruments are themselves subject to regulations whose aim is to protect the investors and investments and that the instruments are:
  - issued and guaranteed by a central, regional or local administration, by a central bank of a Member State, by the European Central Bank, by the European Union or by the European Investment Bank, by a country outside the EU, or, in the case of a federal state, by one of the members of

the federation, or by an international public agency of which one or more Member States are members; or

- issued by a company whose securities are dealt on regulated markets specified in points 1), 2) or 3) above; or
- issued or guaranteed by an establishment subject to prudential supervision according to criteria defined by European Union law, or by an establishment that is subject to and in conformity with prudential rules considered by the CSSF as at least as strict as those laid down by EU Law; or
- issued by other entities belonging to categories approved by the CSSF as long as the investments in these instruments are subject to rules for protecting investors that are at least equivalent to those prescribed by the first, second or third indents, and that the issuer is a company whose capital and reserves are at least ten million euros (EUR 10,000,000) and which presents and publishes its annual accounts in accordance with the fourth Directive 78/660/EEC, or is an entity which, within a group of companies including one or more listed companies, is dedicated to financing the group or is an entity which is dedicated to financing securitisation vehicles which benefit from a banking liquidity line.

#### *§2* However:

- the Fund may not invest more than 10% of the net assets of each Compartment in transferable securities or money market instruments other than those mentioned in §1 above;
- 2. the Fund cannot directly acquire precious metals or certificates representing precious metals;
- **3.** the Fund may acquire movables and immovables which is essential for the direct pursuit of its business.

## §3

A Compartment may hold ancillary liquid assets in the form of cash at sight representing up to 20% of the



Compartment's net assets. This limit shall only be temporarily exceeded for a period of time strictly necessary when, because of exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, circumstances so require and where it is justified having regard to the interests of the Shareholders:

- В.
- The Fund may invest no more than 10% of the net assets of each Compartment in transferable securities or money market instruments issued by the same body and cannot invest more than 20% of its net assets in deposits made with the same entity. The counterparty risk of a Compartment in a transaction involving OTC derivative instruments may not exceed 10% of the net assets when the counterparty is one of the credit institutions specified in Book A, §1, point 6), or 5% of its net assets in other cases.
- 2. The total value of the transferable securities and money market instruments held by a Compartment in the issuing bodies in which it invests more than 5% of its net assets shall not exceed 40% of the value of its net assets. This limitation does not apply to deposits with financial establishments that are subject to prudential supervision and to transactions of OTC derivative instruments with these establishments. Notwithstanding the individual limits set in paragraph 1) above, a Compartment shall not combine, where this would lead it to invest more than 20% of its net assets in a single body, any of the following:
  - investments in transferable securities or money market instruments issued by the said body,
  - deposits with the said body, or
  - risks related to transactions involving OTC derivative instruments with the said body.
- 3. The 10% limit defined in the first sentence of paragraph 1) above may be raised to a maximum of 35% when the transferable securities or the money market instruments are issued or guaranteed by a Member State, by its local authorities, by a third state or by international public bodies of which one or more Member States are members. The transferable securities and money market instruments mentioned in this paragraph are not accounted for when applying the 40% limit mentioned in paragraph 2) above.

- 4. The 10% limit defined in the first sentence of paragraph 1) above may be raised to a maximum of 25% for debt securities which fall under the definition of covered bonds in point (1) of Article 3 of Directive 2019/2162 and for certain debt securities, when they are issued before 8 July 2022 by a credit establishment having its registered headquarters in a Member State that is legally subject to special public auditing designed to protect holders of the bonds. In particular, the amounts originating from the issue of the bonds issued before 8 July 2022, must be invested, in accordance with the law, in assets that adequately cover, for the entire duration of the validity of the bonds, the related liabilities and that will be distributed preferentially as redemption of the capital and payment of accrued interest in the event of bankruptcy by the issuer. When a Compartment invests more than 5% of its net assets in bonds as referred in this paragraph and issued by a single issuer, the total value of the investments may not exceed 80% of the value of the net assets of a Compartment of the Fund. The transferable securities and money market instruments mentioned in this paragraph are not accounted for when applying the 40% limit mentioned in paragraph (2), above.
- 5. The limits set out in the previous points 1), 2), 3) and 4) may not be combined and therefore, the investments in transferable securities or money market instruments of a single issuer, in deposits or financial derivative instruments involving this entity, in conformity with these paragraphs, shall not exceed a total of 35% of the net assets of the Compartment in question.
- 6. The companies that are grouped together in the consolidated accounts, within the meaning of Directive 2013/34/UE or in conformity with recognised international accounting rules, are considered as a single body for the calculation of the limits described in points 1) to 5) of this Book B.

Each Compartment of the Fund may invest cumulatively up to 20% of its net assets in the transferable securities or money market instruments within the same group.

7. Notwithstanding the above and respecting the principle of risk diversification, the Fund may invest up to 100% of the net assets of each Compartment in different issues of transferable securities and money market instruments



issued or guaranteed by a Member State, by the local authorities of a Member State, by a country that is not part of the European Union (at the date of the Prospectus, the Member States of OECD, Singapore, Hong-Kong and the Group of Twenty) or by an international public body of which one or more Member States are members, provided that these securities belong to at least six different issues and that the securities belonging to a single issue do not exceed 30% of the net assets of the Compartment in question.

The Fund may not invest more than 20% of the net assets of each Compartment in a single UCITS or other UCI as defined in Book A, §1
 5). For the purpose of this limit, each Compartment of a UCI with multiple Compartments is considered a separate issuer, provided that the liabilities of the different Compartments with regard to third parties are segregated.

The investment in units or shares of UCIs other than UCITS may not in aggregate exceed of 30% of the net assets of each Compartment.

## 9.

- a. The limits specified in points B 1) and B 2) above are raised to a maximum of 20% for investments in shares and/or debt securities issued by a single body when, in accordance with the investment policy of a Compartment, its objective is to replicate the composition of a specific index of equities or debt securities, on the following bases:
  - the composition of the index is sufficiently diversified;
  - the index is a representative benchmark for the market to which it refers;
  - it is published in an appropriate manner.
- b. The limit laid down in paragraph a) above is raised to 35% where that proves to be justified by exceptional market conditions, in particular on regulated markets where certain transferable securities or money market instruments are largely dominant. Investment up to that limit is only permitted for a single issuer.

- 10. A Compartment (defined as an "Investing Compartment", for purposes of this paragraph) may subscribe for, acquire and/or hold securities to be issued or that have been issued by one or more other Compartments (each a "Target Compartment"), without the Fund being subject to the requirements imposed by the 1915 Law, with respect to a company's subscription, acquisition and/or holding of its own shares, provided that:
  - the Target Compartment does not invest in the Investing Compartment that is invested in this Target Compartment; and
  - the proportion of assets that the Target Compartments whose acquisition is envisaged and which may be wholly invested, in accordance with their investment policy, in units or shares of other UCITS and/or other UCIs, including other Target Compartments of the same UCI, does not exceed 10%; and
  - any voting right attached to the Shares concerned is suspended as long as they are held by the Investing Compartment and notwithstanding appropriate accounting treatment in the periodic financial statements; and
  - in any event, for as long as these securities are held by the Investing Compartment their value is not taken into account in the calculation of the Fund's net assets for verification of the minimum threshold of net assets imposed by the 2010 Act.

# С.

§1

The Fund may not acquire across all the Compartments together:

- shares granting voting rights in sufficient number to allow it to exert a significant influence on the management of an issuing body;
- 2. more than:
  - 10% of the non-voting shares of the same issuer;
  - 10% of the debt instruments of the same issuer;



- 25% of the units or shares of the same UCITS or other UCI within the meaning of Article 2 §2 of the 2010 Act;
- 10% of money market instruments of any single issuer.

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

The restrictions mentioned in points 1) and 2) above are not applicable:

- a. to the transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State, by its local authorities, or by a state that is not a member of the E U;
- to the transferable securities and money market instruments issued by international public bodies of which one or more Member States are members;
- c. to shares held in the capital of a company incorporated in a state outside the EU that invests its assets mainly in the securities of issuers of that state, where under the legislation of that state such a holding represents the only way in which the UCITS can invest in the securities of issuing bodies in that state. This derogation is, however, only applicable when the state outside the EU respects in its investment policy the limits established by Articles 43 and 46 and Article 48, paragraphs (1) and (2), of the 2010 Act. In the case that the limits defined in Article 49 applies with the necessary modifications;
- d. to shares held by one or more investment companies in the capital of subsidiary companies exercising management, advising, or sales activities in the country where the subsidiary is established in regard to the redemption of units at the unitholders' request exclusively on its own or their behalf.

#### §2

- The Fund may, for each Compartment, on a temporary basis, borrow in a proportion not exceeding 10% of the assets of the Compartment concerned.
- 2. The Fund may not grant loans or act as guarantor for third parties.

The paragraph above does not prevent the acquisition by the Fund of transferable securities, money market instruments or other financial instruments allowed under Book A, §1, points 5), 7) and 8) not fully paid.

3. The Fund may not, for any Compartment, carry out uncovered sales of transferable securities, money market instruments or other financial instruments specified in Book A, §1, points 5), 7) and 8).

# §З

While adhering to the principle of risk spreading, a newly-approved Compartment is allowed to derogate from Articles 43, 44, 45 and 46 of the 2010 Act, for a period of six months following the date of its launch.

# Use of derivative financial products and instruments *Options, warrants, futures contracts, exchange contracts on transferable securities, currencies or financial instruments*

To ensure that the portfolio is managed effectively or for hedging purposes, the Fund may buy and sell call and put options, warrants and futures contracts, and enter into exchange contracts, and, CFDs (Contracts For Difference) on transferable securities, currencies or any other type of financial instrument, provided that these financial derivative instruments are traded on a regulated market, operating regularly, that is recognised and open to the public; however, these financial derivative instruments may also be traded over-the-counter (OTC), provided they are contracted with leading financial institutions specialising in this type of transaction.

## Credit derivatives

The Fund may invest in buying and selling credit financial derivative instruments. Credit derivative products are used to insulate and transfer the credit risk associated with a base asset. There are two categories of credit derivatives: "financed" and "non-financed" depending on whether or not the protection seller has made an initial payment in relation to the base asset.

Despite the great variety of credit derivatives, the three most common types of transaction are:

The first type: transactions on credit default products (such as Credit Default Swaps [CDS] or CDS options), are transactions in which the debts of the parties are linked to the presence or absence of one or more credit events in relation to the base asset. The credit events



are defined in the contract and represent a decline in the value of the base asset. Credit default products may either be paid in cash or by physical delivery of the base asset following the default.

The second type, total return swaps, is an exchange on the economic performance of an underlying asset without transferring ownership of the asset. When a buyer purchases a total return swap, it makes a regular payment at a variable rate, in return for which all the results relating to a notional amount of that asset (coupons, interest payments, change in asset value) accrue to it over a period of time agreed with the counterparty. The use of these instruments can help offset the relevant Compartment's exposure.

Nonetheless, these transactions can never be made in order to modify the investment policy.

When the investment policy of a Compartment provides that the latter may invest in total return swaps and/or other financial derivative instruments that display similar characteristics, these investments, unless otherwise specified in the Annexes, will be made for hedging and/or efficient portfolio management, in compliance with the investment policy of such Compartment.

Where a Compartment uses total return swaps the underlying assets and investment strategies to which exposure will be gained are those allowed as per the relevant Compartment's investment policy and objectives set out in the Annex relating to that Compartment.

In any case, such total return swaps and other financial derivative instruments that display the same characteristics may have underlying assets such as currencies, interest rates, transferable securities, a basket of transferable securities, indexes, or undertakings for collective investment.

The counterparties of the Fund will be leading financial institutions generally based in OECD member state specialised in this type of transaction, subject to prudential supervision and having an investment grade credit rating at the time of appointment.

These counterparties do not have discretionary power over the composition or management of the investment portfolio of the Compartment or over the underlying assets of the financial derivative instruments.

The total return swaps and other financial derivative

instruments that display the same characteristics only give the Fund a right of action against the counterparty in the swap or in the derivative financial instrument, and any potential insolvency of the counterparty may make it impossible for the payments envisioned to be received.

The amounts paid out by a Compartment, pursuant to the total return swap contracts, are discounted at the valuation date at the rate of the zero-coupon swap for the flows at maturity. The amounts received by the protection buyer, which result from a combination of options, are also discounted, depending on several parameters, including price, volatility, and the probability of defaults on the underlying assets. The value of total return swap contracts results from the difference between the two discounted flows described above.

No more than 10% of a Compartment's net assets will be subject to total return swaps, except as otherwise provided in the Annex for an individual Compartment.

Where a Compartment enters into total return swaps, the expected proportion of such Compartment's net assets that could be subject to total return swaps will be set out in the Annex for this individual Compartment.

A Compartment that does not enter into total return swaps as of the date of the Prospectus (i.e. its expected proportion of assets under management subject to total return swaps being 0%) may however enter into total return swaps provided that the maximum proportion of the net assets of that Compartment that could be subject to such transactions should not exceed 10% and that the relevant Annex relating to this individual Compartment is updated accordingly at the next available opportunity.

The third type, "credit spread" derivatives, are credit protection transactions in which the payments may be made either by the buyer or by the seller of the protection based on the relative credit value of two or more base assets.

However, at no time may these operations be conducted for the purpose of modifying the investment policy.

The rebalancing frequency for an index that is the underlying asset for a financial derivative is determined by the provider of the index in question. The rebalancing of the index will not result in any costs for the Compartment in question.



## Application of sufficient hedging on transactions involving derivative financial products and instruments whether or not traded on a regulated market

Sufficient hedging in the absence of a cash settlement When the derivative financial contract provides, either automatically or at the choice of the Fund's counterparty, for the physical delivery of the underlying financial instrument on the date of expiry or on exercise, and as long as physical delivery is common practice for the instrument concerned, the Fund must hold the underlying financial instrument in its portfolio as a hedge.

# Exceptional substitution by another underlying hedge in the absence of a cash settlement

When the underlying financial instrument of a derivative financial instrument is very liquid, the Fund is allowed, on an exceptional basis, to hold other liquid assets as hedges, provided that these assets can be used at any time to acquire the underlying financial instrument due to be delivered and that the additional market risk associated with this type of transaction is adequately valued.

# Substitution by another underlying hedge in the event of a cash settlement

When the derivative financial instrument is settled in cash, automatically or at the Fund's discretion, the Fund is allowed to not hold the specific underlying instrument as a hedge. In this case, the following categories of instruments are acceptable hedges:

## a. cash;

- b. liquid debt securities, provided that appropriate safeguard methods (such as discounts or "haircuts") exist;
- c. any other very liquid asset, considered because of its correlation with the underlying asset of the derivative instrument, provided appropriate safeguard methods exist (such as a discount, where applicable).

## Calculating the amount of the hedge

The amount of the hedge must be calculated using the liabilities approach.

#### Efficient portfolio management techniques

In order to reduce risks or costs or to procure capital gains or revenues for the Fund, the Fund will lend or borrow securities and engage in repurchase or reverse repurchase transactions as described below.

The Fund will ensure that these transactions are kept at a level at which it can fulfil its obligation at any time to

redeem its Shares and that these transactions do not compromise the management of the Fund's assets, in compliance with its investment policies. Reverse repurchase transactions will generally be used as a money market instrument and could be used to invest the cash available together with other types of money market instruments.

Securities lending will usually be used mainly to generate additional income and reverse repurchase transactions will generally be used to generate additional income through the transactions themselves.

In case cash collateral is received, the cash might be reinvested and generate additional income and/or capital gains.

These transactions will be conducted in compliance with the rules specified in CSSF Circulars 08/356 and 14/592 as amended.

To the full extent permitted by and within the regulatory limits, and in particular pursuant to (i) Article 11 of the Luxembourg Regulations of 8 February 2008 on certain definitions of the amended Law of 20 December 2002 on undertakings for collective investment, (ii) CSSF Circular 08/356 and (iii) CSSF Circular 14/592, any Compartment can enter into Securities Lending Agreements and Repurchase/Reverse Repurchase Agreements.

The selection of counterparties to such transactions will always consider the best interest of the Fund and generally be financial institutions based in an OECD member state and have an investment grade credit rating. Particular attention is paid to identify any conflict of interest which may arise in particular when concluding an agreement with a related Group entity for the processing of such transactions as it would result in additional remuneration for the Group to which the Management Company belongs Details of the conflict of interest policy selection criteria and a list of approved counterparties are available from the registered office of the Management Company.

## Securities Lending Agreement

The Fund will enter into Securities Lending Agreements only if the following conditions are met:

a. the counterparty is subject to prudential supervision rules that the CSSF deems equivalent to those required under EU Law;



- b. if the counterparty is an entity linked to the Management Company, care should be taken to avoid any resulting conflicts of interest in order to ensure that the agreements are entered into at arm's length;
- c. the counterparty must be a financial intermediary (such as a banker, a broker, etc.) acting for its own account; and
- d. the Fund may recall any securities lent or terminate any Securities Lending Agreement that it has entered into.

Where a Compartment enters into Securities Lending Agreements, the underlying assets and investment strategies to which exposure will be gained are those allowed as per the relevant Compartment's investment policy and objectives set out in the Annex relating to that Compartment.

Implementation of the above-mentioned securities lending programme should not have any impact on the risk profile of the concerned Compartments.

No more than 30% of a Compartment's net assets will be subject to Securities Lending Agreements, except as otherwise provided in the Annex for an individual Compartment. Securities lending transactions in each compartment will be used on a temporary basis, since this use will mainly depend on the demand of the market for the securities and the risks inherent to those transactions.

The proportion of securities lent varies over time depending on other factors such as borrowing demand. Market conditions and borrowing demand fluctuate and cannot be precisely forecasted and therefore loan balances across Compartments may vary materially. If there is strong borrowing demand for companies from a particular geographic region or industry sector, there is likely to be higher lending activity across relevant Compartments with holdings in these high demand companies. If there is no demand to borrow securities held by the relevant Compartments, even if their intention is to enter into these transactions, the value of securities on loan for the Compartment could amount to 0%.

Where a Compartment enters into Securities Lending Agreements, the expected proportion of such Compartment's net assets that will be subject to Securities Lending Agreements will be set out in the Annex for this individual Compartment.

The total amount paid to the Administrative Securities Lending Agent for its services represent 20% of the gross revenues generated from Securities Lending Agreements. Any fees and expenses are paid by the Administrative Agent out of his remuneration. All remaining revenues representing 80% of the gross revenues are returned to the relevant Compartment.

## Repurchase and Reverse Repurchase Agreements

At the date of the Prospectus, the Fund will not enter into Repurchase and Reverse Repurchase Agreements. Should the Fund decide to enter into this type of operations in the future, the Prospectus will be updated.

The Fund will engage in Reverse Repurchase Agreements only if the following conditions are met:

- a. the counterparty is subject to prudential supervision rules that the CSSF deems equivalent to those required under EU Law;
- b. the value of a transaction is maintained at a level that allows the Fund to meet its redemption obligations at any time; and
- c. the Fund may recall the total amount in cash or terminate the Reverse Repurchase Agreement at any time, either on a prorated basis or on a mark-to-market basis.

Where a Compartment enters into Reverse Repurchase Agreements, the underlying assets and investment strategies to which exposure will be gained are those allowed as per the relevant Compartment's investment policy and objectives set out in the Annex relating to that Compartment.

No more than 10% of a Compartment's net assets will be subject to Reverse Repurchase Agreements, except as otherwise provided in the Annex for an individual Compartment. The use of Reverse Repurchase Agreements would vary over time and would depend on the amount of cash and cash equivalent of each compartment and on the cash management in place, which may be dependent on market conditions such as a negative yield environment or an overall increase in counterparty risks.

The Fund will also engage in Repurchase Agreements only if the following conditions are met:



- a. the counterparty is subject to prudential supervision rules that the CSSF deems equivalent to those required under European law;
- b. the value of a transaction is maintained at a level that allows the Fund to meet its redemption obligations at any time; and
- c. the Fund may recall any security subject to the Repurchase Agreement or terminate the Repurchase Agreement into which it has entered at any time.

Where a Compartment enters into Repurchase Agreements, the underlying assets and investment strategies to which exposure will be gained are those allowed as per the relevant Compartment's investment policy and objectives set out in the Annex relating to that Compartment. No more than 10% of a Compartment's net assets will be subject to Repurchase Agreements, except as otherwise provided in the Annex for an individual Compartment. Repurchase Agreements in each compartment will be used on a continuous basis, but this use will mainly depend on the demand of the market for the securities and the risks inherent to those transactions.

Where a Compartment enters into Reverse Repurchase Agreements or Repurchase Agreements, the expected proportion of such Compartment's net assets that will be subject to such agreements will be set out in the Annex for this individual Compartment.

All revenue from Repurchase/Reverse Repurchase Agreements and total return swaps will be payable to the relevant Compartment, minus any minor direct and indirect operating costs/fees owed to the Depositary Bank and/or Banque Pictet & Cie S.A., shall be payable to the relevant Compartment.

Fixed operating fees charged per transaction may be payable to the counterparty to the repurchase/reverse repurchase transaction or total return swap, the Depositary Bank and/or Banque Pictet & Cie S.A.

Details of the direct and indirect operational fees/costs arising from Repurchase/Reverse Repurchase Agreements and total return swaps will be included in the semi-annual and annual reports of the Fund.

# Management of collateral *General*

In the context of OTC financial derivatives transactions and efficient portfolio management techniques, each

Compartment concerned may receive collateral with a view to reduce its counterparty risk. This section sets out the collateral policy applied by the Fund in such case. All assets received by a Compartment in the context of efficient portfolio management techniques (Securities Lending, Repurchase or Reverse Repurchase Agreements) shall be considered as collateral for the purposes of this section.

# Eligible collateral

Collateral received by the relevant Compartment may be used to reduce its counterparty risk exposure if it complies with the criteria set out in applicable laws, regulations and circulars issued by the CSSF from time to time notably in terms of liquidity, valuation, issuer credit quality, correlation, risks linked to the management of collateral and enforceability. In particular, collateral should comply with the following conditions:

(a) Any collateral received other than cash should be of high quality, highly liquid and traded on a regulated market or multilateral trading facility with transparent pricing in order that it can be sold quickly at a price that is close to pre-sale valuation;

(b) It should be valued on at least a daily basis and assets that exhibit high price volatility should not be accepted as collateral unless suitably conservative haircuts are in place;

(c) It should be issued by an entity that is independent from the counterparty and is expected not to display a high correlation with the performance of the counterparty;

(d) It should be sufficiently diversified in terms of country, markets and issuers with a maximum exposure of 20% of the Compartment's net asset value to any single issuer on an aggregate basis, taking into account all collateral received. By way of derogation, a Compartment may be fully collateralised in different transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State, one or more of its local authorities, a Third Country, or a public international body to which one or more Member States belong. In such event, the relevant Compartment should receive securities from at least six different issues, but securities from any single issue should not account for more than 30% of the Compartment's net asset value;

(e) It should be capable of being fully enforced by the



relevant Compartment at any time without reference to or approval from the counterparty;

(f) Where there is a title transfer, the collateral received will be held by the Depositary. For other types of collateral arrangements, the collateral can be held by a third-party custodian which is subject to prudential supervision, and which is unrelated to the provider of the collateral.

(g) Collateral received shall have a quality of credit of investment grade.

#### Securities Lending Agreements

For each Securities Lending Agreement, the Fund must receive collateral, the value of which for the full term of the lending agreement must be at least equivalent to 90% of the total valuation (including interests, dividends and any other rights) of the securities lent to the borrower. However, the Administrative Securities Lending Agent shall request a target collateral of 105% of the market value of the securities lent, and no discount shall be applied to that value.

The collateral furnished for the lent securities will be either (i) cash and/or (ii) bonds issued or guaranteed by the government or by a regional or local government in a member state of the OECD, or issued or guaranteed by local, regional or international branches of supranational institutions or organisations that have a rating of at least AA and/or (iii) bonds issued or guaranteed by leading issuers offering adequate liquidity and/or (iv) non-financial corporate bonds rated at least AA and /or (v) equities belonging to large cap indices.

The market value of the lent securities and of the collateral will be reasonably and objectively calculated by the Administrative Securities Lending Agent each Banking Day ("**mark to market**") taking into consideration the market conditions and any supplementary fees, as applicable. If the collateral already furnished seems inadequate in view of the amount to be covered, the Administrative Securities Lending Agent will ask the Borrower to promptly furnish additional collateral in the form of securities that meet the criteria listed above. The cash collateral received by the Fund as part of the Securities Lending Agreements will not be reinvested.

OTC financial derivative instruments and Repurchase/Reverse Repurchase Agreements The collateral furnished for OTC financial derivative instruments will be either (i) cash, and/or (ii) bonds issued or guaranteed by the government or by a regional or local government in a member state of the OECD, or issued or guaranteed by local, regional or international branches of supranational institutions or organisations that have a rating of at least AA and/or (iii) non-financial corporate bonds rated at least AA and/or (iv) equities belonging to large cap indices.

The collateral furnished for Repurchase/Reverse Repurchase Agreements will be free of credit and liquidity risk. The market value of such collateral should be certain, meaning that it would be easy to sell for a predictable value in the event of default by the collateral giver. The collateral will be either (i) cash and/or (ii) bonds issued or guaranteed by the government or by a regional or local government in a member state of the OECD, or issued or guaranteed by local, regional or international branches of supranational institutions or organisations that have a rating of at least AA.

With regard to OTC financial derivative instruments and Repurchase/Reverse Repurchase Agreements, (1) the Compartment will monitor the market value of each transaction daily to ensure that it is secured in an appropriate manner and will make a margin call if the value of the securities and that of the liquid assets increases or decreases in respect of one another beyond the minimum applicable margin-call amount (the collateral having been provided in the form of liquid assets) and (2) will only enter into these transactions with counterparties whose resources and financial soundness are adequate according to an analysis of the counterparty's solvency conducted by the Pictet Group.

Collateral received by the Fund in the form of liquid assets as part of OTC derivative financial instrument transactions and Repurchase/Reverse Repurchase Agreements may be reinvested in accordance with the investment policy of the Compartment(s) concerned and subject to point 43 j) of the ESMA Guidelines. The risks to which investors are exposed within the context of these reinvestments are outlined in section "Risk Considerations" in the general part of the Prospectus.

## <u>Haircut</u>

The following haircuts for collateral are applied by the Management Company (the Management Company



reserves the right to vary this policy at any time). The following haircuts apply to collateral received in the context of OTC financial derivative transactions and Repurchase/Reverse Repurchase Agreements. In case of a significant change of the market value of the collateral, the relevant haircut levels will be adapted accordingly. In the context of Securities Lending Agreements, the securities received as collateral have to allow for a target coverage amounting to 105% of the total mark-to market value of the lent securities.

Eligible Collateral	Minimum haircut	
Cash	0%	
Bonds issued or guaranteed by the government or by a regional or local government in a member state of the OECD, or issued or guaran- teed by local, regional or in- ternational branches of su- pranational institutions or organisations that have a rating of at least AA	0.5%	
Non-financial corporate bonds rated at least AA	1%	
Equity belonging to large cap indices.	15%	

## **Maturity**

The maturity of collateral is taken into account through the haircuts applied. A higher haircut is applied to securities bearing long residual maturity.

# Acquisition and sale of securities under Repurchase Agreements

The Fund may act as buyer in Repurchase Agreements that consist of purchases of securities that contain clauses allowing the seller (the counterparty) to repurchase from the Fund the securities sold, at a price and term stipulated between the parties at the time of signing the contract.

The Fund may act as seller in Repurchase Agreements

that consist of purchases of securities containing clauses allowing the Fund to repurchase the securities sold from the buyer (the counterparty), at a price and term stipulated between the parties at the time of signing the contract.

# Structured Finance Securities

The Fund may invest in Structured Finance Securities; however, when Compartments invest in structured finance securities of the credit-linked notes-type, this will be clearly indicated in the Compartment's investment policy.

Structured finance securities include, but are not limited to, asset-backed securities, asset-backed commercial papers and portfolio credit-linked notes.

Asset-backed securities are securities that are backed by financial cash flows from a group of debt securities (current or future) or by other underlying assets that may or may not be fixed. Such assets may include, but are not limited to, mortgages on residential or commercial property, leases, credit card debts as well as consumer or commercial loans. Asset-backed securities may be structured in various ways, either as a "true-sale" in which the underlying assets are transferred within an ad hoc structure that then issues the asset-backed securities or synthetically, in which the risk linked to underlying assets is transferred via derivative instruments to an ad hoc structure that issues the asset-backed securities.

Portfolio credit-linked notes are securities in which payment of the nominal amount and the interest is directly or indirectly linked to one or more managed or unmanaged portfolios of reference entities and/or assets ("reference credit"). Until a threshold credit event occurs in relation to a reference credit (such as bankruptcy or payment default), a loss will be calculated (corresponding, for example, to the difference between the nominal value of an asset and its recovery value).

Asset-backed securities and portfolio credit-linked notes are usually issued in different tranches. Any losses occurring in regard to underlying assets or, depending on the case, calculated in relation to reference credits, are first assigned to the most junior tranches until the nominal amount of the securities is brought to zero; then it is assigned to the nominal amount of the next most junior tranche remaining and so on.

Consequently, in the event that (a) for asset-backed



securities, the underlying assets do not produce the expected financial flows and/or (b) for portfolio creditlinked notes, one of the defined credit events occurs with regard to one or more underlying assets or reference credits, there may be an effect on the value of the related securities (which may be nil) and any amount paid on such securities (which may be nil). This may in turn affect the net asset value per Share of the Compartment. Moreover, the value of the structured finance securities and thus the net asset value per Share of the Compartment may, from time to time, be negatively affected by macro-economic factors, including for example unfavourable changes in the economic sector of the underlying assets or the reference credits (including the industrial, service, and real estate sectors), economic recession in the respective countries or global recession, as well as events linked to the inherent nature of the assets (thus, a loan to finance a project is exposed to risks related to the type of project).

The extent of such negative effects is thus linked to the geographic and sectoral concentrations of the underlying assets, and the type of underlying assets or reference credits. The degree to which a particular asset-backed security or a portfolio credit-linked note is affected by such events will depend on its issue tranche; the most junior tranches, even ones rated "investment grade", may consequently be exposed to substantial risks.

Investments in structured finance securities may be more exposed to a greater liquidity risk than investing in government or corporate bonds. When a liquid market for these structured finance securities does not exist, such securities may only be traded for an amount lower than their nominal amount and not at the market value which may subsequently affect the net asset value per Share of the Compartment.

#### **Risk management**

The Fund utilises a risk management method that allows it at all times to monitor and measure the risk associated with positions and the contribution of the positions to the overall portfolio risk profile.

The Fund also utilises a method that allows a precise and independent evaluation of the value of its OTC financial derivatives.

The Fund makes sure that the overall risk associated with the financial derivative instruments does not

exceed the total net value of its portfolio. Risks are calculated taking account of the current value of the underlying assets, the counterparty risk, foreseeable changes in the markets and the time available for liquidating the positions.

The Fund utilises the VaR method, (coupled with stress testing) or the commitment method in order to evaluate the market risk component of the overall risk associated with financial derivative instruments.

The VaR is defined as the maximum potential loss over a time horizon of 20 business days and is measured within a 99% confidence level.

The VaR may be calculated either using the absolute VaR approach or using the relative VaR approach:

The absolute VaR approach limits the maximum VaR that a Compartment can have relative to its Net Asset Value. It is measured against a regulatory limit of 20%.

The relative VaR approach is used for Compartments where a reference portfolio is defined reflecting their investment strategy. The relative VaR of a Compartment is expressed as a multiple of the VaR of the reference portfolio and is limited by regulation to no more than twice the VaR of this reference portfolio.

The counterparty risk associated with OTC derivative instruments is evaluated in accordance with the market value notwithstanding the need to use ad hoc price fixing models when the market price is not available.

The expected leverage is calculated complying the ESMA 10/788 guidelines as the sum of notionals of all derivatives contracts entered into by the Compartment, expressed as a percentage of the net asset value. It does not take into account any netting and hedging arrangements. Consequently, the expected leverage is not representative of the real level of investment risk within the Compartment. The expected leverage is an indicative level and not a regulatory limit. Depending on market conditions, the leverage may be greater. However, the Compartment will remain in line with its risk profile and notably comply with its VaR limit.

## **RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

Investors must read this "Risk Considerations" section before investing in any of the Compartments.

This "Risk Considerations" section contains explanations of the various types of investment risks that may be



applicable to the Compartments. Please refer to the section "Risk Factors" of the Annexes for details as to the most relevant risks applicable to each Compartment. Investors should be aware that other risks may also be relevant to the Compartments from time to time.

## Counterparty risk

The risk of loss due to a counterparty failing to meet its contractual obligations in a transaction. This may entail the Compartments to delayed delivery. In the case of default of the counterparty, the amount, nature and timing of recovery may be uncertain.

Collateral risk. The risk of loss caused by delayed or partial recovery as well as loss of rights on assets pledged as collateral. Collateral can take the form of initial margin deposits or assets with a counterparty. Such deposits or assets may not be segregated from the counterparty's own assets and, being freely exchangeable and replaceable, the Compartment may have a right to the return of equivalent assets rather than the original margin as-sets deposited with the counterparty. These deposits or assets may exceed the value of the relevant Compartments' obligations to the counterparty in the event that the counterparty requires excess margin or collateral. In addition, as the terms of a derivative may provide for one counterparty to provide collateral to the other counterparty to cover the variation margin exposure arising under the derivative only if a minimum transfer amount is triggered, the Compartments may have an uncollateralised risk exposure to a counterparty under a derivative up to such minimum transfer amount.

Where a Compartment receives collateral, investors must notably be aware that (A) in the event of the failure of the counterparty with which cash of a Compartment has been placed there is the risk that collateral received may yield less than the cash placed out, whether because of inaccurate pricing of the collateral, adverse market movements, a deterioration in the credit rating of issuers of the collateral, or the illiquidity of the market in which the collateral is traded and that (B) (i) locking cash in transactions of excessive size or duration, (ii) delays in recovering cash placed out, or (iii) difficulty in realising collateral may restrict the ability of the Compartment to meet redemption requests, security purchases or, more generally, reinvestment.

In case of reinvestment of cash collateral such reinvestment may (i) create leverage with corresponding risks and risk of losses and volatility, (ii) introduce market exposures inconsistent with the objectives of the Compartment, or (iii) yield a sum less than the amount of collateral to be returned. Generally, in case of reinvestment of cash collateral all risks associated with a normal investment apply.

In either case, where there are delays or difficulties in recovering assets or cash, collateral posted with counterparties, or realising collateral received from counterparties, the Compartments may encounter difficulties in meeting redemption or purchase requests or in meeting delivery or purchase obligations under other contracts.

Where a Compartment receives collateral, the custody risk the operational risk and the legal risk referred to below would also apply.

Settlement risk. The risk of loss resulting from a counterparty's failure to deliver the terms of a contract at the time of settlement. The acquisition and transfer of holdings in certain investments may involve considerable delays and transactions may need to be carried out at unfavourable prices as clearing, settlement and registration systems may not be well organised in some markets.

## Credit risk

The risk of loss resulting from a borrower's failure to meet financial contractual obligations, for instance timely payment of interest or principal. Depending on contractual agreements, various credit events may qualify as default, which include but are not limited to: bankruptcy, insolvency, court-ordered reorganisation/liquidation, rescheduling of debts or non-payment of debts payable. The value of assets or derivative contracts may be highly sensitive to the perceived credit quality of the issuer or reference entity. Credit events may adversely affect the value of investments, as the amount, nature and timing of recovery may be uncertain.

Credit rating risk. The risk that a credit rating agency may downgrade an issuer's credit rating. Investment restrictions may rely on credit rating thresholds and thus have an impact on securities selection and asset allocation. The Managers may be forced to sell securities at an unfavourable time or price. Credit rating agencies



may fail to correctly assess the credit worthiness of issuers.

> High Yield investment risk. High yield debt (also known as non-investment-grade or speculative-grade) is defined as debt generally offering high yield, having low credit rating and high credit event risk. High yield bonds are often more volatile, less liquid and more prone to financial distress than other higher rated bonds. The valuation of high yield securities may be more difficult than other higher rated securities because of lack of liquidity. Investment in this kind of securities may lead to unrealised capital losses and/or losses that can negatively affect the net asset value of the Compartment.

#### Distressed and defaulted debt securities risk.

Bonds from issuers in distress are often defined as those (i) that have been given a very speculative long-term rating by credit rating agencies or those (ii) that have filed for bankruptcy or expected to file for bankruptcy. In some cases, the recovery of investments in distressed or defaulted debt securities is subject to uncertainty related to court orderings and corporate reorganisations among other things. Companies which issued the debt that has defaulted may also be liquidated. In that context, the Fund may receive, over a period of time, proceeds of the liquidation. The received amounts may be subject to a case-by-case specific tax treatment. The tax may be reclaimed by the authority independently from the proceed paid to the fund. The valuation of distressed and defaulted securities may be more difficult than other higher rated securities because of lack of liquidity. The Compartment may incur legal expenses when trying to recover principal or interest payments. Investment in this kind of securities may lead to unrealised capital losses and/or losses that can negatively affect the net asset value of the Compartment.

## > Liquidity risk

The risk that arises from lack of marketability or presence of sale restrictions.

> > Asset liquidity risk. The inability to sell an asset or liquidate a position within a defined timeframe without a significant loss in value. Asset illiquidity can be caused by lack of established market for the asset or lack of demand for the asset. Large positions in any class of securities of a single issuer can cause liquidity

issues. Risk of illiquidity may exist due to the relatively undeveloped nature of financial markets in some countries. The Managers may be unable to sell assets at a favourable price and time because of illiquidity.

- Investment restriction risk. The risk arising from governmental capital controls or restrictions that may negatively impact the timing and amount of capital being divested. In some cases, the Compartments may not be able to withdraw investments made in some countries. Governments may change restrictions on foreign ownership of local assets, including but not limited to restrictions on sectors, individual and aggregate trading quotas, percentage of control and type of shares available to foreigners. The Compartments may not be able to implement their strategies due to restrictions.
- Restricted securities risk. In some jurisdictions, and under particular circumstances, some securities may have a temporary restricted status which can limit the Fund's ability to resell them. In consequence of such market restrictions, the Compartment may suffer from reduced liquidity. For instance, under the 1933 Act, rule 144 addresses resale conditions of restricted securities, which include, but are not limited to, the purchaser qualifying as a qualified institutional buyer.

## Market risk

The risk of loss due to movements in financial market prices and changes in factors that affect these movements. Market risk is further declined into risk items corresponding to major asset classes or market characteristics. Recessions or economic slowdowns impact financial markets and may decrease the value of investments.

- Commodity risk. The risk which arises from potential movements of commodity values, which include for instance agricultural products, metals, and energy products. The value of the Compartments can be indirectly impacted by changes in commodity prices.
- > **Currency risk.** The risk which arises from potential movements of currency exchange rates. It is the risk which arises from the holding of assets denominated in currencies different from the Compartment's reference currency. It may be affected by changes in currency exchange rates between the Compartment's reference currency



and these other currencies or by changes in regulations controlling these currency exchange rates. It must therefore be expected that currency exchange risks cannot always be hedged and the volatility of currency exchange rates to which the Compartment is exposed may affect the net asset value of the Compartment.

- Equity risk. The risk which arises from potential > movements in level and volatility of stock prices. Equity holders often support more risk than other creditors in the capital structure of an entity. Equity risk includes among other risks, the possibility of loss of capital and suspension of income (dividend) for dividend paying stocks. Initial Public Offering (IPO) risk also applies when companies are listed on an exchange for the first time. IPO securities have no trading history, and the available information related to the company may be limited. As a consequence, the prices of securities sold in IPOs may be highly volatile. The Fund may also not receive the targeted subscribed amount which may impact its performance. Such investments may generate substantial transaction costs.
- Interest rate risk. The risk which arises from potential movements in the level and volatility of yields. The value of investments in bonds and other debt securities or derivative instruments may rise or fall sharply as interest rates fluctuate. As a general rule, the value of fixed-rate instruments will increase when interest rates fall and vice-versa. In some instances, prepayments (i.e. early unscheduled return of principal) can introduce reinvestment risk as proceeds may be reinvested at lower rates of return and impact the performance of the Compartments.
- Real estate risk. The risk which arises from potential movements in the level and volatility of real estate values. Real estate values are affected by a number of factors, including but not limited to changes in general and local economic conditions, changes in supply of and demand for competing properties in an area, changes in government regulations (such as rent control), changes in real property tax rates and changes in interest rates. The Compartment's value may be indirectly impacted by real estate market conditions.
- > Volatility risk. The risk of uncertainty of price changes. Usually, the higher the volatility of an asset or instrument, the higher its risk. The

prices for transferable securities in which the Compartments invest may change significantly in short-term periods.

Emerging market risk. Emerging markets are often less regulated and less transparent than developed markets and are often characterised by poor corporate governance systems, non-normal distributions of returns and are more exposed to market manipulation. Investors should be aware that, due to the political and economic situation in some emerging countries, investments may present greater risk than those in developed markets. The accounting and financial information on the companies in which the Compartments invest may be more cursory and less reliable. The risk of fraud is usually greater in emerging countries than in developed countries. Companies in which frauds are uncovered may be subject to large price movements and/or suspension of quotation. The risk that audit firms fail to uncover accounting errors or frauds is usually larger in emerging countries than in developed countries. The legal environment and laws governing ownership of securities in emerging countries may be imprecise and do not provide the same guarantees as the laws in developed countries, in the past there have been cases of fraudulent and falsified securities. Emerging markets risk includes various risks defined throughout this section such as capital repatriation restriction, counterparty, currency risk, interest rate risk, credit risk, equity risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, political risk, fraud, audit, volatility, illiquidity as well as restrictions on foreign investments risk among other risks. The choice of providers in some countries may be very limited and even the best-qualified providers may not offer guarantees comparable to those given by financial institutions and brokerage firms operating in developed countries.



## Sustainable risk

The risk arising from any environmental, social or governance events or conditions that, were they to occur, could cause a material negative impact on the value of the investment.

The set of sustainability risks below are relevant to all investment strategies pursued, as all Compartment integrate sustainability risks. When selecting and monitoring investments, these sustainability risks are systematically considered along with all other risks deemed relevant for any Compartment, taking into account its investment policy / strategy

Specific sustainability risks will vary for each compartment and asset class, and include but are not limited to the following:

- > **Transition Risk.** The risk posed by the exposure to issuers that may potentially be negatively affected by the transition to a low carbon economy due to their involvement in exploration, production, processing, trading and sale of fossil fuels, or their dependency upon carbon intensive materials, processes, products and services. Transition risk may result from several factors, including rising costs and/or limitation of greenhouse gas emissions, energy-efficiency requirements, reduction in fossil fuel demand or shift to alternative energy sources, due to policy, regulatory, technological and market demand changes. Transition risks may negatively affect the value of investments by impairing assets or revenues, or by increasing liabilities, capital expenditures, operating and financing costs.
- Physical Risk. The risk posed by the exposure to issuers that may potentially be negatively affected by the physical impacts of climate change. Physical risk includes acute risks arising from extreme weather events such as storms, floods, droughts, fires or heatwaves, and chronic risks arising from gradual changes in the climate, such as changing rainfall patterns, rising sea levels, ocean acidification, and biodiversity loss. Physical risks may negatively affect the value of investments by impairing assets, productivity or revenues, or by increasing liabilities, capital expenditures, operating and financing costs.
- > Environmental Risk. The risk posed by the exposure to issuers that may potentially be

causing or affected by environmental degradation and/or depletion of natural resources. Environmental risk may result from air pollution, water pollution, waste generation, depletion of freshwater and marine resources, loss of biodiversity or damages to ecosystems. Environmental risks may negatively affect the value of investments by impairing assets, productivity or revenues, or by increasing liabilities, capital expenditures, operating and financing costs.

- Social Risk. The risk posed by the exposure to issuers that may potentially be negatively affected by social factors such as poor labour standards, human rights violations, damages to public health, data privacy breaches, or increased inequalities. Social risks may negatively affect the value of investments by impairing assets, productivity or revenues, or by increasing liabilities, capital expenditures, operating and financing costs.
- Governance Risk. The risk posed by the exposure to issuers that may potentially be negatively affected by weak governance structures. For companies, governance risk may result from malfunctioning boards, inadequate remuneration structures, abuses of minority shareholders or bondholders' rights, deficient controls, aggressive tax planning and accounting practices, or lack of business ethics. For countries, governance risk may include governmental instability, bribery and corruption, privacy breaches and lack of judicial independence. Governance risk may negatively affect the value of investments due to poor strategic decisions, conflicts of interest, reputational damages, increased liabilities or loss of investor confidence.

## Compartment Specific Risks

The set of risks attached to investment Compartments. The Compartments may not be able to implement their investment strategy or its asset allocation and the strategy may fail to achieve their investment objective. This may cause loss of capital and income, and if applicable, index tracking risk.

- Hedging risk. The risk arising from a Compartment's Class of Shares or investment being over or under hedged with regards to, but not limited to currency exposure and duration.
- Redemption risk. The inability to meet redemptions within a contractual timeframe without serious disruption of the portfolio structure or loss



of value for the remaining Shareholders. Compartments' redemptions whether in cash or in kind may impair the strategy. Swings may apply to redemption and the applicable redemption price may differ from the net asset value per Share price at the disadvantage of the Shareholder redeeming Shares. In crisis periods, the risk of illiquidity may give rise to suspension of the calculation of the net asset value and temporarily impede the right of Shareholders to redeem their Shares.

- Fund liquidation risk. Liquidation risk is the inability to sell some holdings when a Compartment is being liquidated. This is the extreme case of redemption risk.
- > **Dividend distribution risk.** Dividend distributions reduce the net asset value and may erode the capital.

## **Operational risk**

The risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems, or from external events. Operational risk includes but is not limited to multiple risks such as: systems and process risk that arises from systems vulnerability, insufficiency or controls failure, valuation risk when an asset is overvalued and is worth less than expected when it matures or is sold, service providers risk when service providers do not deliver the desired level of service, execution risk when an order may not be executed as desired, resulting in a loss for the Compartments or having regulatory consequences, and risk surrounding the human being (insufficient or inappropriate skills/competencies, loss of key personal, availability, health, safety, fraud/collusion risk, etc.)

## Other risks

This category lists all risks that do not belong to other categories and that are not specific to a market.

- Legal risk. The risk from uncertainty due to legal actions or uncertainty in the applicability or interpretation of contracts, laws or regulations.
- Regulatory and compliance risk. The risk that regulations, standards or rules of professional conduct may be violated resulting in legal and regulatory sanctions, financial losses or damage to one's reputation.
- Concentration risk. The risk of losses due to the limited diversification in the investments made. Diversification may be sought in terms of

geography (economic zone, country, region, etc.), currency or sector. Concentration risk also relates to large positions in a single issuer relative to a Compartment's asset base. Concentrated investments are often more prone to political and economic factors and may suffer from increased volatility.

- Political risk. Political risk may arise from sudden changes in political regime and foreign policy which may result in large unexpected movements in the level of currencies, repatriation risk (i.e. restrictions on repatriation of funds from emerging countries) and volatility risk. This may lead to increased fluctuations in the exchange rate for these countries, asset prices and capital repatriation restrictions risk. In extreme cases, political changes can stem from terrorist attacks or lead to economic and armed conflicts. Some governments are implementing policies of economic and social liberalisation but there is no assurance that these reforms will be continued or that they will be beneficial to their economies in the long term. These reforms may be challenged or slowed by political or social events, or by national or international armed conflicts (such as the conflict in the former Yugoslavia). All these political risks may impair objectives set for a Compartment and negatively impact the net asset value.
- Tax risk. The risk of loss incurred by changes in tax regimes, loss of tax status or advantages. This may impact the Compartments' strategy, asset allocation and net asset value.
- > Trading venues risk. The risk that exchanges discontinue the trading of assets and instruments. Suspensions and de-listings constitute the main risks related to trading exchanges. The Compartments may not be able to trade certain assets for a period of time.
- Conflict of interest risk. A situation that occurs when a service provider may disadvantage one party or client over another when holding multiple interests. Conflict of interest may concern but are not limited to voting right, soft dollar policies and in some cases Securities Lending Agreement. Conflicts of interest may be at the Compartments' disadvantage or cause legal issues.
- > Leverage risk. Leverage may increase the volatility of the Compartment's net asset value and may amplify losses which could become



significant and potentially cause a total loss of the net asset value in extreme market conditions. The extensive use of financial derivatives instruments may lead to a considerable leverage effect.

Custody risk. Assets of the Fund are kept in custody by the Depositary Bank and investors are exposed to the risk of the Depositary Bank not being able to fully meet its obligation to recover all of the assets within a short time frame (including collateral) of the Fund in the case of bankruptcy of the Depositary Bank. The assets of the Fund will be identified in the Depositary Bank's books as belonging to the Fund. Securities held by the Depositary Bank will be segregated from other assets of the Depositary Bank which mitigates but does not exclude the risk of non-restitution in case of bankruptcy. However, no such segregation applies to cash which increases the risk of non-restitution in case of bankruptcy.

Where securities (including collateral) are held with third-party delegates, such securities may be held by such entities in client omnibus accounts and in the event of a default by any such entity, where there is an irreconcilable shortfall of such securities, the Fund may have to share that shortfall on a pro-rata basis. Securities may be transferred as collateral with title transfer to clearing brokers which therefore do not qualify as third-party delegate of the Depositary Bank and in respect of the acts or defaults of which the Depositary Bank shall have no liability. There may be circumstances where the Depositary Bank is relieved from liability for the acts or defaults of its appointed third-party delegates provided that the Depositary Bank has complied with its duties.

In addition, the Compartments may incur losses resulting from the acts or omissions of the Depositary Bank, or any of its third-party delegates when performing or settling transactions or when transferring money or securities. More generally, the Compartments are exposed to risks of loss associated to the Depositary Bank function if the Depositary Bank or a third-party delegate fails to perform its duties (improper performance).

Disaster risk. The risk of loss caused by natural and/or man-made hazards. Disasters can impact economic regions, sectors and sometimes have a global impact on the economy and therefore the performance of the Compartment.

## Specific risks

This category lists all risks that are specific to certain geographical areas or investment programmes.

- Risk of investing in Russia. Investments in Russia are subject to custody risk inherent to the country's legal and regulatory framework. This could cause loss of ownership of securities.
- **Risk of investing in the PRC.** Investments in the **PRC** are subject to restrictions by the local regulators and include among other things: daily and market aggregate trading quotas, restricted classes of shares, capital restrictions and ownership restrictions. The PRC authorities could impose new market restrictions, capital restrictions as well as nationalise, confiscate and expropriate firms or assets. On 14 November 2014, the Ministry of Finance, State of Administration of Taxation and CSRC jointly issued a notice in relation to the taxation rule on the Stock Connect under Caishui [2014] No.81 ("Notice No.81"). Under Notice No.81, Corporate income tax, individual income tax and business tax will be temporarily exempted on gains derived by Hong Kong and overseas investors (such as the Compartments) on the trading of China A-Shares through the Stock Connect with effect since 17 November 2014. However, Hong Kong and overseas investors (such as the Compartments) are required to pay tax on dividends and/or bonus shares at the rate of 10% which will be withheld and paid to the relevant authority by the listed companies. The Management Company and/or the Managers reserve the right to acrrue for tax on gains of the relevant Compartments that invest in PRC securities thus impacting the valuation of the relevant Compartments. With the uncertainty of whether and how certain gains on PRC securities are to be taxed, the possibility of the laws, regulations and practice in the PRC changing, and the possibility of taxes being applied retrospectively, any provision for taxation made by the Management Company and/or the Managers may be excessive or inadequate to meet final PRC tax liabilities on gains derived from the disposal of PRC securities. In the event of insufficient provision, the tax due will be charged on the Fund's assets, and this may adversely affect them as a result. Consequently, investors may be advantaged or disadvantaged depending upon the final outcome of how such gains will be taxed, the level of provision and when they



purchased and/or sold their Shares in/from the relevant Compartments.

#### > QFI/RQFI Risks

1) QFI Regime Risk

Under the prevailing regulations in China, foreign investors may invest in securities and investments permitted to be held or made by QFI under the relevant QFI regulations (the "QFI Eligible Securities") through institutions that have obtained QFI status in China.

The QFI regime is governed by rules and regulations as promulgated by the mainland Chinese authorities, i.e., the CSRC, the SAFE and the PBC.

Such rules and regulations may be amended from time to time and include (but are not limited to):

(i) the Measures for the Administration of Domestic Securities and Futures Investment by Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors and Renminbi ("RMB") Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors jointly issued by the CSRC, the PBC and the SAFE on 25 September 2020 and effective from 1 November 2020;

(ii) the "Provisions on Issues Concerning the Implementation of the Measures for the Administration of Domestic Securities and Futures Investment by Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors and RMB Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors" issued by the CSRC on 25 September 2020 and effective from 1 November 2020;

(iii) the "Regulations on Funds of Domestic Securities and Futures Investment by Foreign Institutional Investors" issued by the PBOC and the SAFE on 7 May 2020 and effective from 6 June 2020; and

(iv) any other applicable regulations promulgated by the relevant authorities. (collectively, "QFI Regulations")

Based on the above prevailing QFI Regulations, the QFII regime and the RQFII regime have been merged and been regulated by the same set of regulations, and the previously separate requirements for QFII and RQFII qualifications are unified. A foreign institutional investor outside the PRC mainland may apply to the CSRC for the QFI License, while there is no need for a foreign institutional investor having held either a QFII or RQFII license to reapply for the QFI license. Any Manager which has been granted with a QFII license and/or RQFII license by CSRC shall be regarded as a QFI.

As of the date hereof, owing to the current QFI regulations and that the Compartments themselves are not QFIs, the relevant Compartments may invest in QFI Eligible Securities indirectly through equity linked products, including but not limited to equity linked notes and participatory notes issued by institutions that have obtained QFI status (collectively referred to as "CAAPs"). The relevant Compartments may also invest directly in QFI Eligible Securities via the QFI status granted to PICTET AM Ltd as a QFI license holder ("QFI Holder").

Investors should note that QFI status could be suspended or revoked, which may have an adverse effect on the Compartment performance as the Compartment may be required to dispose of their securities holdings.

In addition, certain restrictions imposed by the Mainland China government on QFIs may have an adverse effect on the Compartments' liquidity and performance. The PBC and the SAFE regulate and monitor the repatriation of funds out of Mainland China by the QFI pursuant to the "Regulations on Funds of Domestic Securities and Futures Investment by Foreign Institutional Investors" issued by the PBC and the SAFE on 7 May 2020 and effective from 6 June 2020.

Repatriations by QFIs in respect of an openended funds utilizing the QFI status are currently not subject to repatriation restrictions or prior approval, although a review on authenticity and compliance will be conducted on each remittance and repatriation by the PRC custodian(s) ("PRC Custodian(s)"). The repatriation process may be subject to certain requirements set out in the relevant regulations such as submission of certain documents, and completion of the repatriation process may be subject to delay. There is no assurance, however, that Mainland China rules and regulations will not change or that repatriation restrictions will not be imposed in the future. Any restrictions on repatriation of the invested capital and net profits may impact on the Compartment ability to meet redemption requests from the investors. Furthermore, as the PRC Custodian(s)' review on



authenticity and compliance is conducted on each repatriation, the repatriation may be delayed or even rejected by the PRC Custodian(s) in case of non-compliance with the QFI rules and regulations. In such case, it is expected that redemption proceeds will be paid to the redeeming investors as soon as practicable after completion of the repatriation of funds concerned. It should be noted that the actual time required for the completion of the relevant repatriation will be beyond the control of a Managers.

The rules and restrictions under QFI Regulations generally apply to the QFI as a whole and not simply to the investments made by the Compartments. Relevant PRC regulators are vested with the power to impose regulatory sanctions if the QFI or the PRC Custodian(s) violates any provision of the QFI rules. Any violations could result in the revocation of the QFI's license or other regulatory sanctions and may adversely impact on the investment by the Compartments.

Investors should note that there can be no assurance that a QFI will continue to maintain its QFI status to meet all applications for subscription to the Compartments, or that redemption requests can be processed in a timely manner due to repatriation restrictions or adverse changes in relevant laws or regulations. Such restrictions may respectively result in a rejection of applications and a suspension of dealings of the Compartments. In extreme circumstances, the Compartments may incur significant losses due to limited investment capabilities, or may not be able to fully implement or pursue their investment objective or strategy, due to QFI investment restrictions, illiquidity of the Mainland China securities market, and/or delay or disruption in execution of trades or in settlement of trades.

The QFI Regulations enable Offshore RMB (CNH) and/or foreign currencies which can be traded on the CFETS to be remitted into and repatriated out of Mainland China. The application of QFI Regulations may depend on the interpretation given by the relevant Chinese regulatory authorities. Any changes to the relevant rules may have an adverse impact on investors' investment in the Compartments.

The current QFI laws, rules and regulations are subject to change, which may take retrospective

effect. In addition, there can be no assurance that the QFI laws, rules and regulations will not be abolished. The Compartments, which invest in the Mainland China markets through QFIs, may be adversely affected as a result of such changes.

2) Risks relating to the China A Share market via QFI

A Compartment may have exposure to the China A Share market through QFIs. The existence of a liquid trading market for China A Shares may depend on whether there is supply of, and demand for, such China A Shares. The price at which securities may be purchased or sold by the Compartment and the net asset value of the Compartment may be adversely affected if trading markets for China A Shares are limited or absent. The China A Share market may be more volatile and unstable (for example, due to the risk of suspension of a particular stock or government intervention). Market volatility and settlement difficulties in the China A Share markets may also result in significant fluctuations in the prices of the securities traded on such markets and thereby may affect the value of the Compartment.

Securities exchanges in Mainland China typically have the right to suspend or limit trading in any security traded on the relevant exchange. In particular, trading band limits are imposed by the stock exchanges in Mainland China on China A Shares, where trading in any China A Share security on the relevant stock exchange may be suspended if the trading price of the security has increased or decreased to the extent beyond the trading band limit. A suspension will render it impossible for the Managers of Compartments to liquidate positions and can thereby expose the Compartments to significant losses. Further, when the suspension is subsequently lifted, it may not be possible for the managers of Compartments to liquidate positions at a favourable price.

## 3) Custody and Broker Risk

The QFI Eligible Securities acquired by the relevant Compartments through the QFI status will be maintained by the PRC Custodian(s) in electronic form via a securities account with the CSDCC or such other central clearing and settlement institutions and a cash account with the PRC Custodian(s).



The QFI also selects the PRC brokers ("PRC Broker(s)") to execute transactions for the relevant Compartments in the PRC markets. The QFI can appoint up to the maximum number of PRC Brokers per market (e.g. the Shanghai Stock Exchange and the Shenzhen Stock Exchange) as permitted by the QFI Regulations. Should, for any reason, the relevant Compartments' ability to use the relevant PRC Broker be affected, this could disrupt the operations of the relevant Compartments. The relevant Compartments may also incur losses due to the acts or omissions of either the relevant PRC Broker(s) or the PRC Custodian(s) in the execution or settlement of any transaction or in the transfer of any funds or securities. Further, in the event of an irreconcilable shortfall in the assets in the securities accounts maintained by CSDCC which may arise due to a fault in the CSDCC or bankruptcy of CSDCC, the relevant Compartments may suffer losses. It is possible that, in circumstances where only a single PRC Broker is appointed where it is considered appropriate to do so by the QFI, the relevant Compartment(s) may not necessarily pay the lowest commission or spread available.

Subject to the applicable laws and regulations in China, the Depositary Bank will make arrangements to ensure that the PRC Custodians have appropriate procedures to properly safekeep the Compartments' assets.

According to the QFI Regulations and market practice, the securities and cash accounts for the investment funds in China are to be maintained in the name of "the full name of the QFI – the name of the fund", "the full name of the QFI– the name of the client" or "the full name of the QFI – client funds". Notwithstanding these arrangements with third party custodians, the QFI Regulations are subject to the interpretation of the relevant authorities in China.

Moreover, given that pursuant to the QFI, the QFI will be the party entitled to the securities (albeit that this entitlement does not constitute an ownership interest), such QFI Eligible Securities of the relevant Compartments may be vulnerable to a claim by a liquidator of the QFI and may not be as well protected as if they were registered solely in the name of the Compartments concerned. In particular, there is a risk that creditors of the QFI may incorrectly assume that the relevant Compartment's assets

belong to the Investment Manager and such creditors may seek to gain control of the relevant Fund's assets to meet the Investment Manager's liabilities owed to such creditors.

Investors should note that cash deposited in the cash account of the relevant Compartments with the PRC Custodian(s)will not be segregated but will be a debt owing from the PRC Custodian(s) to the relevant Compartments as a depositor. Such cash will be co-mingled with cash belonging to other clients of the PRC Custodian(s). In the event of bankruptcy or liquidation of the PRC Custodian(s), the Compartments concerned will not have any proprietary rights to the cash deposited in such cash account, and the Compartments concerned will become an unsecured creditor, ranking pari passu with all other unsecured creditors, of the PRC Custodian(s). The Compartments concerned may face difficulty and/or encounter delays in recovering such debt, or may not be able to recover it in full or at all, in which case the Compartments concerned will suffer losses.

The QFI shall entrust its PBC and SAFE as described in the Regulations on Funds of Domestic Securities and Futures Investment by Foreign Institution-al Investors (PBC & SAFE Circular [2020] No. 2). The QFI shall cooperate with its PRC Custodian(s) in fulfilling obligations regarding review of authenticity and compliance, anti-money laundering, anti-terrorist financing, etc.

4) Foreign Exchange Controls

RMB is currently not a freely convertible currency and is subject to exchange controls imposed by the Chinese government. As the relevant Compartments invest in China, such controls could affect the repatriation of funds or assets out of the country, thus limiting the ability of the relevant Compartments to satisfy redemption obligations.

Although the QFI may choose the currency and timing of capital inward remittances, inward remittance and repatriation made by the QFI for its domestic securities investments shall be in the same currency and no cross-currency arbitrage between RMB and other foreign currencies shall be allowed.

5) Onshore Versus Offshore Renminbi Differences Risk



While both the CNY and CNH are the same currency, they are traded in different and separated markets. The CNY and CNH are traded at different rates and their movement may not be in the same direction. Although there has been a growing amount of the RMB held offshore (i.e. outside China), the CNH cannot be freely remitted into China and is subject to certain restrictions, and vice versa. Any divergence between CNH and CNY may adversely impact investors. Where relevant Compartments invest in the QFI Eligible Securities through the RQFII capacity of a QFI (i.e. using CNH to be remitted into and repatriated out of Mainland China to carry out in-vestments under the QFI regime), investors should note that subscriptions and redemptions in the relevant Compartments will be in USD and/or reference currency of the relevant share class and will be converted to/from the CNH and the investors will bear the forex expenses associated with such conversion and the risk of a potential difference between the CNY and CNH rates. The liquidity and trading price of the Compartments concerned may also be adversely affected by the rate and liquidity of the RMB outside China.

- CIBM risk. The CIBM is an OTC market with a dominant share of the whole Chinese interbank market and is regulated and supervised by the PBC. Trading on the CIBM market may expose the Compartment to higher liquidity and counterparty risk. In order to access the CIBM market, the RQFI manager must obtain prior approval from the PBC as a market participant. The Manager's approval may be refused or withdrawn at any time, at the discretion of the PBC, which may limit the Compartment's investment opportunities in the instruments traded on the CIBM market. Investors' attention is drawn to the fact that clearing and settlement systems on the Chinese securities market may not as yet be extensively tested and are subject to increased risks due to errors in assessment and delays in settling transactions.
- Stock Connect risk. Certain Compartments may invest and have direct access to certain eligible China A-Shares via the Stock Connect. The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing linked programme developed by HKEx, SSE and ChinaClear. The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing linked programme developed by HKEx, SZSE and ChinaClear. The

aim of Stock Connect is to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC and Hong Kong.

The Stock Connect comprises a Northbound Trading Link (for investment in China A-Shares) by which certain Compartments may be able to place orders to trade eligible shares listed on SSE and SZSE.

Under the Stock Connect, overseas investors (including the Compartments) may be allowed, subject to rules and regulations issued / amended from time to time, to trade certain SSE Securities and certain SZSE Securities through the Northbound Trading Link. The list of eligible securities may be changed subject to the review and approval by the relevant PRC regulators from time to time.

In addition to the risks associated with investments in China and risks related to investments in RMB, investments through the Stock Connect are subject to additional risks, namely, restrictions on foreign investments, trading venues risk, operational risk, restrictions on selling imposed by front-end monitoring, recalling of eligible stocks, settlement risk, custody risk, nominee arrangements in holding China A-Shares, tax and regulatory risks.

- Differences in trading day. The Stock Connect only operates on days when both the PRC and Hong Kong markets are open for trading and when banks in both markets are open on the corresponding settlement days. So, it is possible that there are occasions when it is a normal trading day for the PRC market but Hong Kong investors (such as the Compartments) cannot carry out any China A-Shares trading, The Compartments may be subject to a risk of price fluctuations in China A-Shares during the time when the Stock Connect is not trading as a result.
- Restrictions on selling imposed by front-end monitoring. PRC regulations require that before an investor sells any share, there should be sufficient shares in the account; otherwise SSE or SZSE will reject the sell order concerned. SEHK will



carry out pre-trade checking on China A-Shares sell orders of its participants (i.e. the stock brokers) to ensure there is no over-selling.

- Clearing settlement and custody risks. The China A-Shares traded through Stock Connect are issued in scriptless form, so investors, such as the relevant Compartments, will not hold any physical China A-Shares. Hong Kong and overseas investors, such as the Compartments, who have acquired SSE and SZSE Securities through Northbound trading should maintain the SSE and SZSE Securities with their brokers' or custodians' stock accounts with the Central Clearing and Settlement System operated by HKSCC for the clearing securities listed or traded on SEHK. Further information on the custody set-up relating to the Stock Connect is available upon request at the registered office of the Fund.
- Operational risk. The Stock Connect provides a new channel for investors from Hong Kong and overseas, such as the Compartments, to access the China stock market directly. The Stock Connect is premised on the functioning of the operational systems of the relevant market participants. Market participants are able to participate in this programme subject to meeting certain information technology capability, risk management and other requirements as may be specified by the relevant exchange and/or clearing house. It should be appreciated that the securities regimes and legal systems of the two markets differ significantly and in order for the trial programme to operate, market participants may need to address issues arising from the differences on an on-going basis. Further, the "connectivity" in the Stock Connect programme requires routing of orders across the border. This requires the development of new information technology systems on

the part of the SEHK and exchange participants (i.e. a new order routing system ("China Stock Connect System") to be set up by SEHK to which exchange participants need to connect). There is no assurance that the systems of the SEHK and market participants will function properly or will continue to be adapted to changes and developments in both markets. In the event that the relevant systems failed to function properly, trading in both markets through the programme could be disrupted. The relevant Compartments' ability to access the China A-Shares market (and hence to pursue their investment strategy) will be adversely affected.

Nominee arrangements in holding China A-Shares. HKSCC is the "nominee holder" of the SSE and SZSE securities acquired by overseas investors (including the relevant Compartments) through the Stock Connect. The CSRC Stock Connect rules expressly provide that investors such as the Compartments enjoy the rights and benefits of the SSE and SZSE securities acquired through the Stock Connect in accordance with applicable laws. However, the courts in the PRC may consider that any nominee or custodian as registered holder of SSE and SZSE securities would have full ownership thereof, and that even if the concept of beneficial owner is recognised under PRC law those SSE and SZSE securities would form part of the pool of assets of such entity available for distribution to creditors of such entities and/or that a beneficial owner may have no rights whatsoever in respect thereof. Consequently, the relevant Compartments and the Depositary Bank cannot ensure that the Compartments' ownership of these securities or title thereto is assured in all circumstances. Under the rules of the Central Clearing and Settlement System operated by HKSCC for the



clearing of securities listed or traded on SEHK, HKSCC as nominee holder shall have no obligation to take any legal action or court proceeding to enforce any rights on behalf of the investors in respect of the SSE and SZSE securities in the PRC or elsewhere. Therefore, although the relevant Compartments' ownership may be ultimately recognised, these Compartments may suffer difficulties or delays in enforcing their rights in China A-Shares. To the extent that HKSCC is deemed to be performing safekeeping functions with respect to assets held through it, it should be noted that the Depositary Bank and the relevant Compartments will have no legal relationship with HKSCC and no direct legal recourse against HKSCC in the event that a Compartment suffers losses resulting from the performance or insolvency of HKSCC.

Investor compensation. Investments of the relevant Compartments through Northbound trading under the Stock Connect will not be covered by Hong Kong's Investor Compensation Fund. Hong Kong's Investor Compensation Fund is established to pay compensation to investors of any nationality who suffer pecuniary losses as a result of default of a licensed intermediary or authorised financial institution in relation to exchange-traded products in Hong Kong. Since default matters in Northbound trading via the Stock Connect do not involve products listed or traded in SEHK or Hong Kong Futures Exchange Limited, they will not be covered by the Investor Compensation Fund. On the other hand, since the relevant Compartments are carrying out Northbound trading through securities brokers in Hong Kong but not PRC brokers, therefore they are not protected by the China Securities Investor Protection in the PRC.

- Trading costs. In addition to paying trading fees and stamp duties in connection with China A-Share trading, the relevant Compartments may be subject to portfolio fees, dividend tax and tax concerned with income arising from stock transfers.
- Regulatory risk. The CSRC Stock Connect rules are departmental regulations having legal effect in the PRC. However, the application of such rules is untested, and there is no assurance that PRC courts will recognise such rules, e.g. in liquidation proceedings of PRC companies.

The Stock Connect is novel in nature and is subject to regulations promulgated by regulatory authorities and implementation rules made by the stock exchanges in the PRC and Hong Kong. Further, new regulations may be promulgated from time to time by the regulators in connection with operations and cross-border legal enforcement in connection with cross-border trades under the Stock Connect.

The regulations are untested so far and there is no certainty as to how they will be applied. Moreover, the current regulations are subject to change. There can be no assurance that the Stock Connect will not be abolished. The relevant Compartments which may invest in the PRC markets through Stock Connect may be adversely affected as a result of such changes.

 Risks associated with the Small and Medium Enterprise board (SME) and/or ChiNext market. SZSE offers the Compartment to access mainly to small and medium capitalisation enterprises. Investing in such companies magnifies the risks listed in the "Risk Factor" section of the concerned Compartment.

## > Bond Connect risk

Bond Connect is an initiative launched in July 2017 for mutual bond market access



between Hong Kong and Mainland China established by CFETS, China Central Depository & Clearing Co., Ltd, Shanghai Clearing House, and HKEx and Central Moneymarkets Unit.

Under the prevailing regulations in Mainland China, eligible foreign investors will be allowed to invest in the bonds circulated in the CIBM through the northbound trading of Bond Connect ("Northbound Trading Link"). There will be no investment quota for Northbound Trading Link.

Under the Northbound Trading Link, eligible foreign investors are required to appoint the CFETS or other institutions recognised by the PBC as registration agents to apply for registration with the PBC.

Pursuant to the prevailing regulations in Mainland China, an offshore custody agent recognised by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (currently, the Central Moneymarkets Unit) shall open omnibus nominee accounts with the onshore custody agent recognised by the PBC (currently, the China Securities Depository & Clearing Co., Ltd and Interbank Clearing Company Limited). All bonds traded by eligible foreign investors will be registered in the name of Central Moneymarkets Unit, which will hold such bonds as a nominee owner.

For investments via Bond Connect, the relevant filings, registration with PBOC and account opening have to be carried out via an onshore settlement agent, offshore custody agent, registration agent or other third parties (as the case may be). As such, a Compartment is subject to the risks of default or errors on the part of such third parties.

Investing in the CIBM via Bond Connect is also subject to regulatory risks.

The relevant rules and regulations on these regimes are subject to change which may have potential retrospective effect. In the event that the relevant Mainland Chinese authorities suspend account opening or trading on the CIBM, a Compartment's ability to invest in the CIBM will be adversely affected. In such event, a Compartment's ability to achieve its investment objective will be negatively affected.

On 22 November 2018, China's Ministry of Finance and the State Administration of taxation indicated in their Circular 108 that a three-year corporate income tax ("CIT") and value added tax ("VAT") exemption, starting on 7 November 2018, would apply to foreign institutional investors on bond interest income derived from the Chinese bond market. Capital gains realized on Chinese bonds are also temporarily exempt from CIT and VAT for the time being. There is however no certainty that these exemptions will be continuously applied in the future (and after the expiry of the 3-year exemption period for bond interest income referred to above)

Chinese currency exchange rate risk. RMB can be traded onshore (in CNY in mainland China) and offshore (in CNH outside mainland China, mainly in Hong Kong). Onshore RMB (CNY) is not a free currency and is controlled by PRC authorities. The Chinese RMB is traded both directly within China (code CNY) and outside the country, primarily in Hong Kong (code CNH). The currency in question is one and the same. The onshore RMB (CNY), traded directly within China, is not freely convertible, and is subject to exchange controls and a number of requirements made by the Chinese government. The offshore RMB (CNH), traded outside China, is free-floating and subject to the impact of private demand on the currency. It may be that the exchange rates traded between a currency and the CNY or CNH, or in "non-deliverable forward" transactions, are different. As a result, the Compartment may be exposed to greater currency exchange risks. Trading restrictions on CNY may limit currency hedging or result in ineffective hedges.

## Product / Techniques risks

This category lists all risks that related to investment products or technics.

Securities Lending Agreement risk. The risk of loss if the borrower (i.e. the counterparty) of securities loaned by the Fund/Compartment defaults on payment, there is a risk of delayed recovery (which may limit the Fund/Compartment's ability to meet its commitments) or risk of loss of rights on the collateral held. This risk, however, is mitigated by the solvency analysis of the borrower performed by the Pictet Group. The Securities Lending Agreements are also



subject to the risk of conflict of interest between the Fund and another entity in the Pictet Group, including the Agent providing services related to the Securities Lending Agreements.

- Repurchase and Reverse Repurchase Agreement risk. The risks associated with Repurchase and Reverse Repurchase Agreements arise if the counterparty to the transaction defaults or goes bankrupt and the Compartment experiences losses or delays in recovering its investments. Although Repurchase Agreements are by their nature fully collateralised, the Compartment could incur a loss if the value of the securities sold has increased in value relative to the value of the cash or margin held by the Compartment. In a reverse repurchase transaction, the Compartment could incur a loss if the value of the purchased securities has decreased in value relative to the value of the cash or margin held by the Compartment.
- Sukuk risk. Sukuk are mainly issued by issuers of emerging countries and the relevant Compartments bear the related risks. Sukuk prices are mostly driven by the interest rate market and react like fixed-income investments to changes in the interest rate market. In addition, the issuers may not be able or willing to repay the principal and/or the return in accordance with the term scheduled due to external or political factors/events. Sukuk holders may also be affected by additional risks such as unilateral rescheduling of the payment calendar and limited legal recourses against the issuers in case of failure or delay in repayment. Sukuk issued by governmental or government-related entities bear additional risks linked to such issuers, including but not limited to political risk.
- Financial derivative instruments risk. Derivative instruments are contracts whose price or value depends on the value of one or multiple underlying assets or data as defined in standardized or tailored contracts. Assets or data may include but are not limited to equity, index, commodity and fixed-income prices, currency pair exchange rates, interest rates, weather conditions as well as, and when applicable, volatility or credit quality related to these assets or data. Derivative instruments can be very complex by nature and subject to valuation risk. Derivatives instruments can be exchange traded (ETD) or dealt over-the-counter (OTC). Depending on the nature of instruments, counterparty risk can

accrue to one or both parties engaged in an OTC contract. A counterparty may not be willing or able to unwind a position in a derivative instrument and this inability to trade may cause the relevant Compartments to be over-exposed to a counterparty among other things. Derivative instruments may have a considerable leverage effect, and due to their volatility, some instruments, such as warrants, present an above-average economic risk. The use of derivative instruments involves certain risks that could have a negative effect on the performance of the Compartments. While the Compartments expect that the returns on a synthetic security will generally reflect those of the related investment, as a result of the terms of the synthetic security, and the assumption of the credit risk of the applicable counterparty, a synthetic security may have, when applicable, a different expected return, a different (and potentially greater) probability of default, a different (and potentially greater) expected loss characteristic following a default, and a different (and potentially lower) expected recovery following default. Upon default on a related investment, or in certain circumstances, default, or other actions by an issuer of a related investment, the terms of the relevant synthetic security may permit, or require the counterparty to satisfy its obligations under the synthetic security by delivering to the Compartments the investment or an amount equal to the then current market value of the investment. In addition, upon maturity, default, acceleration, or any other termination (including a put or call) of the synthetic security, the terms of the synthetic security may permit, or require the counterparty to satisfy its obligations under the synthetic security by delivering to the Compartments' securities, other than the related investment or an amount different to the then current market value of the investment. In addition to the credit risks associated with holding investments, with respect to some synthetic securities, the Compartments will usually have a contractual relationship with the relevant counterparty only, and not with the underlying issuer of the relevant investment. The Compartment generally will not have the right to directly enforce compliance by the issuer with the terms of the investment, or any rights of set-off against the issuer, nor have any voting rights with respect to the investment. The main types of derivative financial instruments include but are not limited to Futures, Forwards, Swaps,



Options, on underlying such as equity, interest rates, credit, foreign exchange rates and Commodity. Examples of financial derivatives instruments include but are not limited to Total Return Swaps, Credit Default Swaps, Swaptions, Interest Rate Swaps, Variance Swaps, Volatility Swaps, Equity Options, Bond Options and Currency Options. Derivative financial products and instruments are defined in the section "Investment restrictions" of the Prospectus.

- Structured Finance Securities risk. Structured finance securities include, but are not limited to, asset-backed securities, asset-backed commercial papers, credit-linked notes and portfolio credit-linked notes. Structured finance securities may sometimes have embedded derivatives. Structure finance securities may have different degrees of risk depending on the characteristics of the security and the risk of the underlying asset or pool of assets. In comparison to the underlying asset or pool of assets, structured finance securities may have greater liquidity, credit and market risk. Structured finance securities are defined in the section "Investment Restrictions" of the Prospectus.
- Contingent Convertibles instruments risk. Certain Compartments may invest in Contingent Convertible Bonds (sometimes referred to as "CoCo Bonds"). Under the terms of a Contingent Convertible Bond, certain triggering events, including events under the control of the management of the Contingent Convertible Bond's issuer, could cause the permanent write-down to zero of principal investment and/or accrued interest, or a conversion to equity. These triggering events may include (i) a deduction in the issuing bank's Core Tier 1/Common Equity Tier 1 (CT1/CET1) ratio (or other capital ratios) below a pre-set limit, (ii) a regulatory authority, at any time, making a subjective determination that an institution is "nonviable", i.e., a determination that the issuing bank requires public sector support in order to prevent the issuer from becoming insolvent, bankrupt, unable to pay a material part of its debts as they fall due or otherwise carry on its business and requiring or causing the conversion of the Contingent Convertibles Bonds into equity in circumstances that are beyond the control of the issuer or (iii) a national authority deciding to inject capital. The attention of investors investing in Compartments that are allowed to invest in Contingent Convertibles

Bonds is drawn to the following risks linked to an investment in this type of instruments.

- Trigger level risk. Trigger levels differ and determine exposure to conversion risk depending on the CET1 distance to the trigger level. The conversion triggers are disclosed in the prospectus of each issuance. The amount of CET1 varies depending on the issuer while trigger levels differ depending on the specific terms of issuance. The trigger could be activated either through a material loss in capital as represented in the numerator or an increase in risk weighted assets as measured in the denominator.
- Write-down, conversion and coupon cancellation risk. All Contingent Convertible Bonds (Additional Tier 1 and Tier 2) are subject to conversion or write down when the issuing bank reaches the trigger level. Compartments could suffer losses related to write downs or be negatively affected by the unfavourable timing of conversion to equity. Additionally, coupon payments on Additional Tier 1 (AT1) Contingent Convertible Bonds are entirely discretionary and may be cancelled by the issuer at any point, for any reason, and for any length of time, in a going concern situation. The cancellation of coupon payments on AT1 Contingent Convertible Bonds does not amount to an event of default. Cancelled payments do not accumulate and are instead written off. This significantly increases uncertainty in the valuation of AT1 Contingent Convertible Bonds and may lead to mispricing of risk. AT1 Contingent Convertible Bonds holders may see their coupons cancelled while the issuer continues to pay dividends on its common equity and variable compensation to its workforce.
- Capital structure inversion risk.
  Contrary to classic capital hierarchy, holders of Contingent



Convertible Bonds may suffer a loss of capital when equity holders do not. In certain scenarios, holders of Contingent Convertible Bonds will suffer losses ahead of equity holders, e.g., when a high trigger principal write-down Contingent Convertible Bond is activated. This cuts against the normal order of capital structure hierarchy where equity holders are expected to suffer the first loss. This is less likely with a low trigger Contingent Convertible Bond when equity holders will already have suffered loss. Moreover, high trigger Tier 2 Contingent Convertible Bonds may suffer losses not at the point of gone concern but conceivably in advance of lower trigger AT1 Contingent Convertible Bonds and equity.

- Call extension risk. Most Contingent Convertible Bonds are issued as perpetual instruments, callable at pre-determined levels only with the approval of the competent authority. It cannot be assumed that the perpetual Contingent Convertible Bonds will be called on call date. Perpetual Contingent Convertible Bonds are a form of permanent capital. The investor may not receive return of principal if expected on call date or indeed at any date.
- Unknown risk. The structure of the instruments is innovative yet untested. In a stressed environment, when the underlying features of these instruments will be put to the test, it is uncertain how they will perform. In the event a single issuer activates a trigger or suspends coupons, potential price contagion and volatility to the entire asset class is possible. This risk may in turn be reinforced depending on the level of underlying instrument arbitrage. There exists uncertainty in the context of a supervisory decision establishing when the point of non-viability has been reached as well as in the context of a statutory bail-in set

up under the new Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive.

- Sector concentration risk. Contingent Convertible Bonds are issued by banking/insurance institutions. If a Compartment invests significantly in Contingent Convertible Bonds its performance will depend to a greater extent on the overall condition of the financial services industry than a Compartment following a more diversified strategy.
- Liquidity risk. In certain circumstances finding a ready buyer for Contingent Convertible Bonds may be difficult and the seller may have to accept a significant discount to the expected value of the bond in order to sell it.
- Valuation risk. Contingent Convertible Bonds often have attractive yields which may be viewed as a complexity premium. Relative to more highly rated debt issues of the same issuer or similarly rated debt issues of other issuers, Contingent Convertible Bonds tend to compare favourably from a yield standpoint. The risk of conversion or, for AT1 Contingent Convertible Bonds, coupon cancellation, may not be fully reflected in the price of Contingent Convertible Bonds. The following factors are important in the valuation of Contingent Convertible Bonds: the probability of a trigger being activated, the extent and probability of any losses upon trigger conversion (not only from writedowns but also from unfavourably timed conversion to equity) and (for AT1 Contingent Convertible Bonds) the likelihood of cancellation of coupons. Individual regulatory requirements relating to the capital buffer, the issuers' future capital position, issuers' behaviour in relation to coupon payments on AT1 Contingent Convertible Bonds, and any risks of contagion are discretionary and/or difficult to estimate.



- ABS and MBS risk. Certain Compartments may have exposure to a wide range of asset-backed securities (including asset pools in credit card loans, auto loans, residential and commercial mortgage loans, collateralised mortgage obligations and collateralised debt obligations), agency mortgage pass-through securities and covered bonds. The obligations associated with these securities may be subject to greater credit, liquidity and interest rate risk compared to other debt securities such as government issued bonds. ABS and MBS are securities that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that are primarily dependent upon the cash flow arising from a specified pool of financial assets such as residential or commercial mortgages, motor vehicle loans or credit cards. ABS and MBS are often exposed to extension and prepayment risks that may have a substantial impact on the timing and size of the cash flows paid by the securities and may negatively impact the returns of the securities. The average life of each individual security may be affected by a large number of factors such as the existence and frequency of exercise of any optional redemption and mandatory prepayment, the prevailing level of interest rates, the actual default rate of the underlying assets, the timing of recoveries and the level of rotation in the underlying assets.
- Depositary receipts risk. Depositary receipts (such as ADRs, GDRs and EDRs) are instruments that represent shares in companies trading outside the markets in which the depositary receipts are traded. Accordingly, whilst the depositary receipts are traded on Recognised Exchanges, there may be other risks associated with such instruments to consider- for example the shares underlying the instruments may be subject to political, inflationary, exchange rate or custody risks.
- Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) risk. There are special risk considerations associated with investing in the real estate industry securities such as Real Estate Investment Trusts (REIT) and the securities of companies principally engaged in the real estate industry. These risks include: the cyclical nature of real estate values, risks related to general and local economic conditions, overbuilding and increased competition, increases in property taxes and

operating expenses, demographic trends and variations in rental income, changes in zoning laws, casualty or condemnation losses, environmental risks, regulatory limitations on rents, changes in neighbourhood values, related party risks, changes in the appeal of properties to tenants, increases in interest rates and other real estate capital market influences. Generally, increases in interest rates will increase the costs of obtaining financing, which could directly and indirectly decrease the value of a Fund investing in the Real Estate Industry.

- Commodity price risk. Prices of commodities (including precious metals) may vary in terms of supply and demand, as well as political, commercial and/or environmental events. Consequently, the investor may be subject to significant volatility linked to this class of assets.
- Risks linked to investments in other UCIs. The investment of the Compartment in other UCIs or UCITS involves the following risks:
  - Fluctuations in the currency of the country in which that UCI/UCITS fund invests, or the regulations governing exchange control, the application of tax regulations of the various countries, including withholding, and changes in governmental, economic or monetary policies of the countries concerned, can have an effect on the value of an investment represented by a UCI/UCITS in which the Compartment invests; in addition, it should be noted that the net asset value per Share of the Compartment can fluctuate in the wake of the net asset value of the UCI/UCITS in question, in particular where the UCI/UCITS funds that invest mainly in equities are concerned, due to the fact that they present volatility greater than that of UCI/UCITS funds that invest in bonds and/or other liquid financial assets.
  - Nonetheless, the risks linked to investments in other UCI/UCITS are limited to the loss of the investment made by the Compartment.



# 1. MULTI SOLUTIONS – PICTET MULTI ASSET OPPORTUNITIES

## Typical investor profile

The Compartment is an actively managed investment vehicle for investors:

- > Who wish to be exposed to multiple asset classes: equities, debt securities, money market instruments and cash, of different countries and economic sectors.
- > Who Seek the promotion of environmental and/or social characteristics subject to good governance practices: Article 8.

Who are willing to bear variations in market value.

#### Investment policy and objectives

The Compartment's objective is to enable investors to benefit from the growth of the financial markets by offering an exposure to debt securities of any type (including but not limited to corporate and sovereign bonds, convertible bonds, inflation-indexed bonds), money market instruments, deposits, equities and equity related securities (such as ADR, GDR, EDR).

In order to achieve its investment objective, the Compartment will mainly invest:

- directly in the assets mentioned in the previous paragraph; and/or

- in undertakings for collective investment (UCITS and other UCIs in compliance with the provisions of Article 41. (1) e) of the 2010 Act), including, without limitation, other Compartments of the Fund (pursuant to the provisions of Article 181 (8) of the 2010 Act) whose main objective is to invest or have an exposure to the above-mentioned securities / asset classes.

The proportion of assets devoted to each asset class varies over time, and sometimes the Compartment can be exposed to several or only one of the above asset classes (excluding cash).

## The Compartment seeks the promotion of sustainable characteristics through a positive tilt approach as described in the pre-contractual disclosures attached to this Prospectus.

The Compartment may invest in any country (including emerging countries for up to 50% of its net assets), in any economic sector and in any currency. However, depending on market conditions, the investments or exposure may be focused on one country and/or one economic sector and/or one currency and/or in a single asset class (at the exception of cash). The Compartment will however respect the following limits:

The Compartment may invest up to 20% of its net asset in China onshore securities. It may invest in China A Shares, bonds and other debt securities denominated in RMB through (i) the QFI status granted to the Managers (ii) Bond Connect. It may also invest in China A Shares through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect programme, the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect programme and/or any similar acceptable securities trading and clearing linked programmes or access instruments which may be available to the Compartment in the future. The Compartment may also use financial derivative instruments on China A Shares. Investments in Chinese bonds may be performed, inter alia, on the China Interbank Bond Market ("CIBM") either directly or through a status granted to the Managers or through Bond Connect.

The Compartment may be exposed without limitation to non-investment grade debt securities (including defaulted and distressed securities for up to 10% of its net assets). Although the Compartment is not subject to any limit regarding the rating of the non-investment grade debt securities concerned (except for the 10% maximum invested in distressed and defaulted securities), the Managers intend to operate the Compartment in a way that non-sovereign high yield debt securities should not exceed 50% of the Compartment's net assets.

Investments in convertible bonds (other than contingent convertible bonds) may not exceed 20% of the Compartment's net assets.

The Compartment may also invest up to 20% of its net assets in contingent convertible bonds.

The Compartment may invest indirectly up to 10% of its net assets in Sukuk al Ijarah, Sukuk al Wakalah, Sukuk al Mudaraba or any other type of Shariah-compliant fixed-income securities, in compliance with the requirements of the grand-ducal regulation dated 8 February 2008.

Investments in Rule 144A securities may not exceed 30% of the Compartment's net assets.

The Compartment may also invest up to 20% of its net assets in asset-backed securities (bonds whose real assets guarantee the investment) and in debt securitisations (such as but not exclusively ABS and MBS) in compliance with article 2 of the grand-ducal regulation dated 8 February 2008.



The Compartment may also invest in real estate investments trusts (REITs) up to 30% of its net assets.

Under normal market conditions, cash at sight may represent up to 20% of the Compartment net assets.

The Compartment may invest in structured products, with or without embedded derivatives, such as, in particular, notes, certificates or any other transferable securities whose returns are linked to, among others, an index (including indices on volatility), currencies, interest rates, transferable securities, a basket of transferable securities, or an undertaking for collective investment, in accordance with grand-ducal regulation dated 8 February 2008.

In compliance with the grand-ducal regulation dated 8 February 2008, the Compartment may also invest in structured products without embedded derivatives, correlated with changes in commodities (including precious metals) and real estate, with cash settlement.

The underlyings of the structured products with embedded derivatives in which the Compartment will invest will be in line with the grand-ducal regulation dated 8 February 2008 and the 2010 Act.

The Compartment may use derivative techniques and instruments for hedging and/or efficient portfolio management within the limits specified in the investment restrictions.

Financial derivative instruments may include options, futures, contracts for difference, forward exchange contracts (including non-deliverable forwards), swaps (such as but not limited to Credit Default Swaps and Total Return Swaps).

For diversification of risk, the Compartment may use financial derivative instruments whose underliers are commodities indexes, in accordance with the law and with ESMA Guidelines.

The Compartment will achieve its investment policy by positioning itself for the growth and/or the volatility of the markets. To achieve this management objective, the Compartment may use derivative instruments whose underlying assets are market volatility, including, but not exclusively, instruments such as futures contracts and options on volatility futures, volatility swaps or variance swaps.

Under exceptional circumstances, and for a limited period of time, if the Managers consider this to be in the best interest of the Shareholders, the Compartment may hold up to 100% of its net assets in cash and Cash Equivalent.

The Compartment will enter into Securities Lending Agreements in order to increase its capital or its income or to reduce its costs or risks.

Due to the fact the Compartment may invest a substantial part of its assets in other UCIs (UCITS and UCIs other than UCITS), the investor is exposed to a possible duplication of fees and charges. However, when the Compartment invests in other UCIs managed directly or by delegation by the same management company or by any other company with which the management company is linked through common management or control or through a substantial direct or indirect equity holding, the maximum percentage of the fixed management fees that may obtained at the level of the target UCIs will be 1.6%, to which, if applicable, a fee may be added at a maximum of 20% of the performance of the net asset value per share.

## Reference index:

Euro Short Term Rate ( $\in$ STR). Used for performance measurement.

The portfolio composition is not constrained relative to the benchmark, so the similarity of the Compartment's performance to that of the benchmark may vary.

The construction of the reference index does not take into account ESG factors.

## Exposure to total return swaps, Securities Lending Agreements, Reverse Repurchase Agreements and Repurchase Agreements

By way of derogation to the maximum exposure referred to in the general part of the Prospectus, no more than 20% of the Compartment's net assets will be subject to total return swaps.

The expected level of exposure to total return swaps amounts 10% of the Compartment's net assets.

The expected level of exposure to Securities Lending Agreements will be between 0% and 5% of the Compartment's net assets. The use of these transactions will mainly depend on the demand of the market for the securities and the risks inherent to those operations. This demand fluctuates over time and cannot be forecasted precisely.



At the date of the Prospectus, the Compartment will not enter into Repurchase and Reverse Repurchase Agreements. Should the Compartment decide to enter into this type of operations in the future, the Prospectus will be updated.

## **Risk factors**

The risks listed below are the most relevant risks of the Compartment. Investors should be aware that other risks may also be relevant to the Compartment. **Please refer** to the section "Risk Considerations" for a full description of these risks.

- > Counterparty risk
- > Collateral risk
- > Credit risk
- > Credit rating risk
- > Currency risk
- > Equity risk
- > Interest rate risk
- > Emerging market risk
- > QFI risk
- Stock Connect risk
- > Securities Lending Agreement Risk
- > Financial derivative instruments risk
- Structured Finance Securities risk
- Depositary receipts risk
- Real Estate Investment Trust (REITs) risk
- ABS and MBS risk
- Sustainability risks
- High Yield investment risk
- Distressed and defaulted debt securities risk
- > Sukuk risk
- Contingent Convertibles instruments risk
- CIBM risk
- > Bond Connect Risk
- > Leverage risk

The capital invested may fluctuate up or down, and

# investors may not recover the entire value of the capital initially invested.

#### Risk management method:

Absolute value-at-risk approach Expected leverage: 50% Depending on market conditions, the leverage may be greater.

# Leverage calculation method:

Sum of notional amounts Managers: Pictet AM S.A. and PICTET AME-Italy

Reference currency of the Compartment: EUR

Cut-off time for receipt of orders Subscription By 3:00 pm on the relevant Valuation Day.

*Redemption* By 3:00 pm on the relevant Valuation Day.

#### Switch

Switches between Share Classes of the Compartment are not allowed.

Switches between the Compartment and other compartments of the Fund are not permitted.

#### Frequency of net asset value calculation

The net asset value will be determined as at each Banking Day (the "Valuation Day").

However, the Board of Directors reserves the right not to calculate the net asset value or to calculate a net asset value that cannot be used for trading purposes due to closure of one or more markets in which the Compartment is invested and/or which it uses to value a material part of the assets.

For further information, please refer at our website www.assetmanagement.pictet.

### Calculation Day

The calculation and publication of the net asset value as at a Valuation Day will take place on the Week Day following the relevant Valuation Day (the "Calculation Day").

Payment value date for subscriptions and redemptions Within 4 Week Days following the applicable Valuation Day.



## Additional Classes of shares:

In addition to the Predefined Share Class whose features are described in the main part of the Prospectus, the Board of Directors has decided to issue B share classes which are intended for Institutional Investors which belong to the Belfius group.

# MULTI SOLUTIONS - PICTET MULTI ASSET OPPORTUNITIES

Type of	Initial min.	Fees (max %) *		%) *	Fees (max %) ***		
Share		Manage- ment	Ser- vice**	Depositary Bank	Front end load	Back end load	
Р	-	1.90%	0.35%	0.10%	0%	0%	
В	-	1.90%	0.35%	0.10%	Up to 5%	Up to 2%	
Z	_	0%	0.35%	0.10%	0%	0 %	

\* Per year of the average net assets attributable to this type of Share.

\*\* An additional 5 basis points fee applies for hedged Share Classes.

\*\*\* One-time fees may be charged on the net asset value per share, in case of subscription/ redemption by intermediaries but are not levied by the Fund or the Management Company

This table describes the types of Share Classes available as at the Prospectus date. Additional Share Classes can be made accessible after the issue of the Prospectus. For the most current information on available Share Classes, go to <a href="https://www.assetmanagement.pictet">www.assetmanagement.pictet</a>.



## 2. MULTI SOLUTIONS – PICTET SUSTAINABLE MEGATREND 2028

### Typical investor profile

The Compartment is an actively managed investment vehicle for wholesale and retail investors:

- who wish to be exposed to multiple asset classes;
- who are willing to bear variations in market value;
- who seek the promotion of environmental and/or social characteristics subject to good governance practices: Article 8;
- who have an investment time horizon of six years and are therefore prepared to remain invested until the Compartment's maturity.

### Investment policy and objective

The investment objective of the Compartment is to achieve a positive investment performance through a combination of income and capital appreciation and to manage risk within an annualised target volatility of 6,5% and an expected maximum annualised volatility of 8.5%. No guarantee is made that the objective of the Compartment will be achieved.

The Compartment is a fund of funds which will offer an exposure to the following asset classes:

- corporate and sovereign debt securities of any type, including money market instruments;
- equities and equity related securities (such as ADR, GDR, EDR);
- real estate and commodities.

The Compartment may be exposed to any country (including emerging countries), to any economic sector and to any currency. However, depending on market conditions, the exposure may be focused on one country or on a limited number of countries and/or one economic activity sector and/or one currency.

In order to achieve its objective, the Compartment will mainly invest in undertakings for collective investment (UCITS and/or other UCIs), having as main objective to invest or grant an exposure to the above-mentioned securities/asset classes.

The exposure to the real estate asset class will be achieved by investing in UCITS offering an exposure to the real estate sector, such as investing in REITs or in financial derivative instruments on real estate indices.

The exposure to the commodities asset class will be obtained via structured products (as described below), offering an exposure to commodities, and/or in UCITS which offer an exposure to commodities (usually a basket of commodities), via the use of financial derivative instruments on commodities indices.

The Manager actively adjusts the allocation between the above-mentioned asset classes over time to optimize the portfolio to markets environments. It relies on an in-depth analysis of fundamental macroeconomic criteria, in conjunction with an analysis of market cycles. This flexible top-down approach to the allocation aims to adapt the portfolio to changing market conditions and to take advantage and/or smooth out the impact of economic cycles and asset values.

The proportion of assets devoted to each asset class varies over time, and sometimes the Compartment can be exposed to some of them above-mentioned.

The Compartment seeks the promotion of sustainable characteristics through a combination of best in class / best effort, positive impact and positive tilt approaches as described in the pre-contractual disclosures attached to this Prospectus. This fund follows a combination of Best in class/ best effort, positive impact and positive tilt approaches.

On an ancillary basis, the Compartment may invest in cash, Cash Equivalent or structured products, such as notes or other transferable securities whose returns are linked, for example, to the performance of an index in accordance with Article 9 of the Luxembourg regulation of 8 February 2008, transferable securities or a basket of transferable securities, or an undertaking for collective investment in accordance with the Luxembourg regulations of 8 February 2008 and the 2010 Act. In compliance with the Grand-Ducal Regulation of 8 February 2008, the Compartment may also invest up to in structured products without embedded derivatives, correlated with changes in commodities (including precious metals) with cash settlement.

Under normal market conditions, cash at sight may represent up to 20% of the Compartment net assets.

Due to the fact the Compartment is a fund of funds, the investor is exposed to a possible duplication of fees and charges. However, when the Compartment invests in other UCITS and other UCIs managed directly or by delegation by the same management company or by any other company with which the management company is linked through common management or control or through a substantial direct or indirect equity holding, the



maximum percentage of the fixed management fees that may be obtained at the level of the target UCITS and other UCIs will be 1.60%, to which, if applicable, a fee may be added at a maximum of 20% of the performance of the net asset value per share.

The Compartment can be exposed to investment grade and non-investment grade debt securities with a maximum of 25% of the Compartment's net assets (both investments combined) as follows:

- a maximum of 25% of its net assets in UCITS and other UCIs having an exposure mainly to non-investment grade debt securities;
- a maximum of 10% of its net assets in UCITS and other UCIs having an exposure mainly to distressed and defaulted debt securities.

The exposure to equities and equity related securities is limited to 43.5% of the Compartment's net assets, via UCITS and other UCIs having an exposure mainly to equities and equity related securities.

The Compartment will not invest in UCITS and other UCIs which mainly offer an exposure to convertible bonds, including contingent convertible bonds.

The Compartment may use derivative techniques and instruments for hedging, efficient portfolio management and investment purposes, within the limits specified in the investment restrictions.

Financial derivative instruments may include options, futures, swaps, contracts for difference, forward exchanges contracts (including non-deliverable forwards).

Under exceptional circumstances, and for a limited period of time, if the Manager considers this to be in the best interest of the Shareholders, the Compartment may hold up to 100% of its net assets in cash and Cash Equivalents.

#### Reference index:

The Compartment has no benchmark.

#### Maturity

The Compartment will be liquidated on 28 February 2028 at the latest, or such earlier or later date as determined by the Board of Directors or the Management Company.

Despite the maturity, the Compartment does not provide any capital guarantee.

Exposure to total return swaps, Securities Lending Agreements, Reverse Repurchase Agreements and Repurchase Agreements

At the date of the Prospectus, the Compartment will not enter into total return swaps, Securities Lending Repurchase and Reverse Repurchase Agreements. Should the Compartment decide to enter into this type of operations in the future, the Prospectus will be updated.

#### Risk factors

The risks listed below are the most relevant risks of the Compartment. Investors should be aware that other risks may also be relevant to the Compartment. Please refer to the section "Risk Considerations" for a full description of these risks.

- > Counterparty risk
- > Collateral risk
- > Credit risk
- > Credit rating risk
- > Currency risk
- > Distressed and defaulted debt securities risk
- Interest rate risk
- > Depositary receipts risk
- > Equity risk
- > Volatility risk
- > Emerging market risk
- > Concentration risk
- > Financial derivative instruments risk
- > Investment restriction risk
- > Risk linked to investments in other UCIs
- > Sustainability risks
- > Structured Finance Securities risk

The capital invested may fluctuate up or down, and investors may not recover the entire value of the capital initially invested.

#### Risk management method: Commitment approach.

Manager: Pictet AM S.A.

# Reference currency of the Compartment: EUR

#### Cut-off time for receipt of orders

## Subscription

By 3.00 pm on the Banking Day preceding the relevant



Valuation Day.

#### Redemption

By 3.00 pm on the Banking Day preceding the relevant Valuation Day.

#### Switch

Switches between Share Classes of the Compartment are not allowed.

Switches between the Compartment and other compartments of the Fund are not permitted.

### Frequency of net asset value calculation

The net asset value will be determined as at each Banking Day (the "**Valuation Day**").

However, the Board of Directors reserves the right not to calculate the net asset value or to calculate a net asset value that cannot be used for trading purposes due to closure of one or more markets in which the Compartment is invested and/or which it uses to value a material part of the assets.

For further information, please refer at our website www.assetmanagement.pictet.

#### Calculation Day

The calculation and the publication of the net asset value as at a Valuation Day will take place on the Week Day following the relevant Valuation Day (the "Calculation Day").

Payment value date for subscriptions and redemptions Within 3 Weekdays following the applicable Valuation Day.

Following the closure of the initial offer period (i.e. 22 February 2022 at 15.00 (3:00 pm) Luxembourg time the compartment will no longer be open to new subscriptions from any investors into the compartment.

### Additional Classes of shares:

In addition to the Predefined Share Classes whose features are described in the main part of the Prospectus, the Board of Directors has decided to issue C and C dy Shares Classes which will be subject to a placement fee as described below. C Shares and C dy Shares Classes are intended for financial intermediaries or platforms that have been approved by the Management Company or by the Distributor and that have fee arrangements with their clients which are based entirely on accepting and keeping commissions.

#### **Placement Fee**

At the end of the Initial Subscription Period, a placement fee equal to 2.00% of the initial net asset value per Share (i.e.100 EUR) multiplied by the number of Shares issued during that period, is calculated; it is levied on the Share Class's assets collected as formation expenses and is amortized over the 5 year period following the initial subscription period.

If, whatever the circumstances, including material changes made to the characteristics of the Compartment, a Shareholder is redeeming all or part of its C or C dy Shares before the end of the 5-year period following the initial subscription period, he will have to bear the percentage of the placement fee not yet amortized. This remaining amount will be paid to the relevant Class of Shares to compensate for the portion of the placement fee not yet amortized.

This amount will be taken on the initial net asset value per Share (i.e.100 EUR) multiplied by the number of Shares issued during that initial subscription period, as follows:

Holding Period:	<u>Rate</u>
Up to 1 year: More than 1 year up to 2 years:	Up to 2.5% Up to 2.0%
More than 2 years up to 3 years:	Up to 1.50%
More than 3 years up to 4 years:	Up to 1.00%



More than 4 years up to 5 years:	Up to 0.50%
More than 5 years:	0%

The C and C dy Share Classes will be closed to subscription after the initial subscription period.

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		Fees (max %)	Fees (max %) *			Fees (max %) ****	
Type of	Initial						
Share	Min	Placement fee	Management **	Service	Depositary Bank	front-end load	back-end load
С	100€	2%	1.7%	0.20%	0.15%	0%	0%
C dy***	100€	2%	1.7%	0.20%	0.15%	0%	0%

\* Per year of the average net assets attributable to this type of Share.

\*\* The effective management fees shall be adjusted ex ante for the following year based on the cash and equity target allocation.

\*\*\* Class "C dy" Shares is seeking to deliver but does not guarantee 2,25% p.a. coupon distribution", starting January 2023. Investors must be aware that coupon can be withdrawn from capital.

\*\*\*\* One-time fees may be charged on the net asset value per share, in case of subscription/ redemption by intermediaries but are not levied by the Fund or the Management Company

This table describes the types of Share Classes available as at the Prospectus date. Additional Share Classes can be made accessible after the issue of the Prospectus. For the most current information on available Share Classes, go to <u>www.assetmanagement.pictet</u>.



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#### Typical investor profile

The Compartment is an actively managed investment vehicle for investors:

- Who wish to invest gradually into global equity;
- Who are willing to bear variations in market value;

#### Investment policy and objectives

The Compartment's objective is to achieve a positive performance through a combination of income and capital appreciation.

The Compartment will offer an exposure to the following asset classes:

- debt securities of any type such as corporate and sovereign bonds, convertible bonds, inflation-indexed bonds), including money market instruments;
- equities and equity related securities (ADR, GDR, EDR).

Without being a constraint, the Manager endeavours to increase gradually the Compartment's exposure towards equities (via UCITS and other UCIs as mentioned below) from less than 10% of its net assets at the launch date, reaching a target exposure of more than 90% of its net assets after four years, except if equity markets conditions are unfavourable and if not in the interest of the Shareholders.

In order to achieve its investment objective, the Compartment, will mainly invest:

- directly in the assets mentioned in the previous paragraphs; and/or
- in undertakings for collective investment (UCITS and other UCIs in compliance with the provisions of Article 41. (1) e) of the 2010 Act), including, without limitation, other Compartments of the Fund (pursuant to the provisions of Article 181 (8) of the 2010 Act) whose main objective is to invest or have an exposure to the above-mentioned assets.

Direct investments in debt securities (including money market instruments) will be made via instruments having an investment grade credit rating or when there is no official rating system, in debt securities considered by the Board of Directors as having identical quality criteria. If the credit rating of a security held by the Compartment deteriorates to non-investment grade, the security may be kept or sold, at the Manager's discretion, in the best interests of the Shareholders. If the credit ratings differ among several credit rating agencies, the highest rating will be taken into account.

The Compartment may be exposed to any country (including emerging countries), may invest in any economic sector and in any currency. However, depending on market conditions, the investments or exposure may be focused on one country and/or one economic sector and/or one currency and/or in one of the two above mentioned asset classes.

In order to achieve its investment goals and/or for treasury purposes, the Compartment may have ancillary liquid assets and deposits.

The Compartment will respect the following limits:

Under normal market conditions, ancillary liquid assets in the form of cash at sight may represent up to 20% of the Compartment's net assets.

Under exceptional circumstances, and for a limited period of time, if the Manager considers this to be in the best interest of the Shareholders, the Compartment may hold up to 100% of its net assets in cash and Cash Equivalent.

Due to the fact that the Compartment may invest a substantial part of its assets in other UCIs (UCITS and UCIs other than UCITS), the investor is exposed to a possible duplication of fees and charges. However, when the Compartment invests in other UCIs managed directly or by delegation by the same management company or by any other company with which the management company is linked through common management or control or through a substantial direct or indirect equity holding, the maximum percentage of the fixed management fees that may obtained at the level of the target UCIs will be 1.6%, to which, if applicable, a fee may be added at a maximum of 20% of the performance of the net asset value per share.



The Compartment complies with Article 6 of SFDR. The investment process integrates ESG factors based on proprietary and third-party research to evaluate investment risks and opportunities. As a result of this integration, sustainability risks may have a positive or a negative effect on the returns of the Compartment's portfolio.

#### Reference index:

The Compartment has no benchmark.

Exposure to total return swaps, Securities Lending Agreements, Reverse Repurchase Agreements and Repurchase Agreements

At the date of the Prospectus, the Compartment will not enter into Securities Lending, Repurchase and Reverse Repurchase Agreements and total return swaps. Should the Compartment decide to enter into this type of operations in the future, the Prospectus will be updated prior to such use.

#### **Risk factors**

The risks listed below are the most relevant risks of the Compartment. Investors should be aware that other risks may also be relevant to the Compartment. Please refer to the section "Risk Considerations" for a full description of these risks.

- > Credit risk
- > Credit rating risk
- > Currency risk
- Equity risk
- > Interest rate risk
- > Emerging market risk
- > Depositary receipts risk
- > Sustainability risks

The capital invested may fluctuate up or down, and investors may not recover the entire value of the capital initially invested.

Risk management method:

Commitment approach

Manager:

Pictet AM S.A.

Reference currency of the Compartment:

# EUR

Cut-off time for receipt of orders

#### Subscription

By 3:00 pm on the Banking Day preceding the relevant Valuation Day.

## Redemption

By 3:00 pm on the Banking Day preceding the relevant Valuation Day.

## Switch

Switches between Share Classes of the Compartment are not allowed.

Switches between the Compartment and other compartments of the Fund are not permitted.

#### Frequency of net asset value calculation

The net asset value will be determined as at each Banking Day (the "Valuation Day").

However, the Board of Directors reserves the right not to calculate the net asset value or to calculate a net asset value that cannot be used for trading purposes due to closure of one or more markets in which the Compartment is invested and/or which it uses to value a material part of the assets.

For further information, please refer at our website <u>www.assetmanagement.pictet</u>.

## Calculation Day

The calculation and publication of the net asset value as at a Valuation Day will take place on the Week Day following the relevant Valuation Day (the "Calculation Day").

#### Payment value date for subscriptions and redemptions

Within 2 Week Days following the applicable Valuation Day.

#### Initial subscription period

The initial subscription period will be limited to subscription in Class C Shares and will take place from 1 March until 30 April 2024, at an initial price equal to EUR 100. The payment value date will be 3 May 2024.

Following the closure of the initial subscription period (i.e. 30 April 2024 at 15.00 (3:00 pm) Luxembourg time, the Compartment will be closed for subscriptions of C share class.



The Compartment may however be launched on any other date decided by the Board of Directors of the Fund.

The Class I Shares and the Class R Shares will be launched after the initial subscription period.

#### Additional Classes of shares:

In addition to the Predefined Share Classes whose features are described in the main part of the Prospectus, the Board of Directors has decided to issue a C Shares Class which will be subject to a placement fee as described below. The C Share Class is intended for financial intermediaries or platforms that have been approved by the Management Company or by the distributor and that have fee arrangements with their clients which are based entirely on accepting and keeping commissions.

### **Placement Fee**

At the end of the Initial Subscription Period, a placement fee equal to 2.00% of the initial net asset value per Share (i.e.100 EUR) multiplied by the number of Shares issued during that period, is calculated; it is levied on the Share Class's assets collected as formation expenses and is amortized over the 4 year period following the initial subscription period.

If, whatever the circumstances, including material changes made to the characteristics of the Compartment, a Shareholder is redeeming all or part of its C Shares before the end of the 4 years period following the initial subscription period, he will have to bear the percentage of the placement fee not yet amortized and this remaining amount will be retained from the relevant NAV of the C Share Class and be calculated based on its holding period

Holding Period:	Rate
Up to 1 year:	Up to 2.0% of the initial NAV
More than 1 year up to 2 years:	Up to 1.50% of the initial NAV
More than 2 years up to 3 years:	Up to 1.00% of the initial NAV
More than 3 years up to 4 years:	Up to 0.50% of the initial NAV
More than 4 years :	0.00%

The C Share Class will be closed for subscription after the initial subscription period.

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Туре	of	Initial min.	Fees (max %)	Fees (max %) *			Fees (max %)***		
Share			Placement fee	Management	Service**	Depositary Bank	Front end load	Back end load	
С		100€	2%	1.90%	0.30%	0.10%	0%	0%	
R		100€	0%	2.90%	0.30%	0.10%	3%	1%	
1		100€	0%	1%	0.30%	0.10%	3%	1%	

\* Per year of the average net assets attributable to this type of Share.

\*\* An additional 5 basis points fee applies for hedged Share Classes.

\*\*\* One-time fees may be charged on the net asset value per share, in case of subscription/ redemption by intermediaries but are not levied by the Fund or the Management Company

This table describes the types of Share Classes available as at the Prospectus date. Additional Share Classes can be made accessible after the issue of the Prospectus. For the most current information on available Share Classes, go to <a href="http://www.assetmanagement.pictet">www.assetmanagement.pictet</a>.



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Template pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

## Product name: Multi Solutions - Pictet Multi Asset Opportunities

## Legal entity identifier: 2221001EAWZ8PD9R5W41

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

Sustainable investment means an investment in an	Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?						
economic activity that contributes to an	••		Yes		•0	$\checkmark$	No
environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the			I make a minimum of susta stments with an environmer %			chara its ob have	omotes Environmental/Social (E/S) acteristics and while it does not have as ojective a sustainable investment, it will a minimum proportion of 5% of ninable investments
investee companies follow good governance practices.			in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy			with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the	
The EU Taxonomy is a classification system laid							EU Taxonomy
down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of environmentally sustainable economic activities. That Regulation			in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy		<b>V</b>	with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	
does not include a list of socially sustainable						$\checkmark$	with a social objective
economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.			I make a minimum of susta stments with a social object				omotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not</b> a any sustainable investments

Note: Pictet Asset Management uses a proprietary reference frameworks as well as the objectives of the EU Taxonomy to define sustainable investments. Sustainable investments are calculated on a pass/fail basis including labelled bonds (where relevant to the asset class), and securities from issuers with minimum 20% exposure (as measured by revenue, EBIT, enterprise value or similar metrics) to economic activities that contribute to environmental or social objectives.



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

The environmental and/or social characteristics of this financial product are:

Positive tilt:

The fund seeks to increase the weight of securities with low sustainability risks and/or decrease the weight of securities with high sustainability risks and, as a result, has a better environmental, social and governance (ESG) profile than the investment universe. The fund mainly invests in a broad range of bonds, including convertible bonds, money market instruments, equities and deposits. The fund may invest in Mainland China and in emerging markets. The fund invests worldwide, and can invest across any sector, currency and credit quality.

No reference index has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the fund.

• Norms- and values-based exclusions:

The fund excludes issuers that are in severe breach of international norms or have significant activities with adverse impacts on society or the environment.

#### • Active ownership:

The fund methodically exercises its voting rights. The fund may also engage with the management of companies on material ESG issues. The proxy voting and engagement process is mainly led by investment professionals across several investment teams in Pictet Asset Management, with the support of a central ESG team.

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

## What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

Indicators the fund uses include:

• Sustainable investments: exposure to companies that derive a significant proportion of revenue, EBIT, enterprise value or similar metrics from economic activities that contribute to environmental or social objectives, and labelled bonds where relevant to the asset class

• overall ESG profile

• Principle Adverse Impact (PAI) indicators such as exposure to issuers that are in severe breach of international norms or have significant activities with adverse E/S impacts on society or the environment

- percentage of eligible company meetings where voting rights were exercised
- What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives? The fund partially invests in securities financing economic activities that substantially contribute to environmental or social objectives such as:

Environmental

- climate change mitigation
- climate change adaptation
- sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources
- transition to a circular economy
- pollution prevention and control, or
- protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems

Social

- inclusive and sustainable communities
- adequate living standards and well-being for end users, or
- decent work

This is achieved by investing in securities financing economic activities that substantially contribute to environmental or social objectives such as those listed above.

Eligible securities include equities issued by companies with a significant proportion of activities (as measured by revenue, EBIT, enterprise value or similar metrics) derived from such economic activities.

## How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The fund considers an investment sustainable if it does no significant harm to any E/S objective, which the investment team determines by using a combination of quantitative and qualitative assessments at issuer level. The assessments draw on both general and industry-relevant indicators, and include exposure to material sustainability risks. Periodic reviews and risk controls are in place to monitor implementation.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

The fund considers and, where possible, mitigates adverse impacts of its investments on society and the environment through a combination of portfolio management decisions, active ownership activities, and exclusion of issuers associated with controversial conduct or activities.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? The fund excludes issuers that are subject to severe controversies in areas such as human rights, labour standards, environmental protection and anti-corruption.

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters. The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



# Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

 $\square$  Yes, the fund considers and, where possible, mitigates adverse impacts of its investments on society and the environment that are deemed material to the investment strategy through a combination of portfolio management decisions, active ownership activities, and exclusion of issuers associated with controversial conduct or activities.

Please refer to Pictet Asset Management's Responsible Investment policy for the list of PAIs.

 See also detailed information on exclusions in Pictet Asset Management's Responsible Investment policy.

🗆 No



The investment strategy guides investment

decisions based on

and risk tolerance.

factors such as investment objectives

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

## Objective:

To increase the value of your investment.

Reference index:

Euro Short Term Rate (€STR) an index that does not take into account environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors. Used for performance measurement.

Portfolio assets:

The fund mainly invests in a broad range of bonds, including convertible bonds, money market instruments, equities and deposits. The fund may invest in Mainland China and in emerging markets. The fund invests worldwide, and can invest across any sector, currency and credit quality. The fund may gain exposure to portfolio assets by investing in other funds, which may incur a duplication of certain fees.

Derivatives and structured products:

The fund may use derivatives to reduce various risks (hedging) and for efficient portfolio management, and may use structured products to gain exposure to portfolio assets.

#### Investment process:

In actively managing the fund, the investment manager uses a risk-managed approach to seek additional performance opportunities, and pursues a flexible asset allocation strategy. The investment manager considers ESG factors a core element of its strategy by adopting a tilted approach which seeks to increase the weight of securities with low sustainability risks and/or to decrease the weight of securities with high sustainability risks, subject to good governance practices. Activities that adversely affect society or the environment are also avoided. Voting rights are methodically exercised and there may be engagement with companies to positively influence ESG practices. For further information, please refer to our exclusion framework in the Responsible Investment policy, SFDR product category Article 8. The portfolio composition is not constrained relative to the benchmark, so the similarity of the fund's performance to that of the benchmark may vary.

Fund currency:

EUR

#### What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The fund's binding elements include:

- exclusion of issuers that:
- are involved with nuclear weapons from countries that are not signatories to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and other controversial weapons
- derive a significant portion of their revenue from activities detrimental to society or the environment, such as thermal coal extraction and power generation, unconventional oil and gas exploration and production, conventional weapons and small arms, military contracting weapons, tobacco production, adult entertainment production, gambling operations. Please refer to Pictet Asset Management's Responsible Investment policy for further details on exclusion thresholds applicable to the above activities.
- severely violate the UN Global Compact principles on human rights, labour standards, environmental protection and anti-corruption
- exclusions of countries subject to international sanctions
- a better ESG profile than the investment universe

 ESG criteria analysis of eligible securities that covers at least 90% of net assets or the number of issuers in the portfolio

To ensure ongoing compliance, the fund monitors the ESG profile of all securities and issuers that form part of the minimum percentage of E/S investments stated in "What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?". The fund draws on information from various sources, such as proprietary fundamental analysis, ESG research providers, third-party analyses (including those from brokers), credit rating services and financial and general media. Based on this information, the investment manager may decide to add or discontinue certain securities, or increase or decrease its holdings in certain securities.

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

Not applicable

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

The fund assesses company decision-making processes and controls, as well as how management balances the interests of shareholders, employees, suppliers, customers, the community and other stakeholders.

Assessed areas may include:

- the composition of the executive team and board of directors, including the experience, diversity and distribution of roles, along with succession planning and board evaluation
- executive remuneration, including short term and long term incentives and their alignment with investor interests
- risk control and reporting, including auditor independence and tenure
- shareholder rights, including one-share-one-vote and related-party transactions



What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

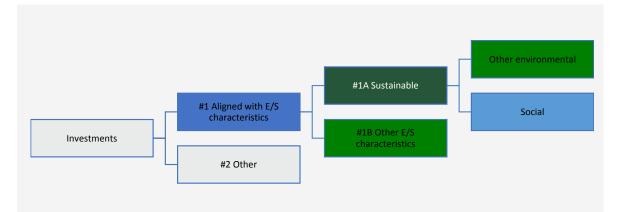
Good governance practices include sound

employee relations, remuneration of staff and

tax compliance.

management structures,

The fund is at least 75% aligned with E/S characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics) and up to 25% invested in Other (#2 Other). At least 5% are allocated to Sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable) and the remainder will be invested in investments aligned with other environmental and/or social characteristics (#1B Other E/S characteristics).



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

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

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.

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

• Pictet Asset Management uses a proprietary reference frameworks as well as the objectives of the EU Taxonomy to define sustainable investments. Sustainable investments are calculated on a pass/fail basis including labelled bonds (where relevant to the asset class), and securities from issuers with minimum 20% exposure (as measured by revenue, EBIT, enterprise value or similar metrics) to economic activities that contribute to environmental or social objectives.

• In the absence of an EU social taxonomy, Pictet has developed a proprietary social taxonomy framework. The framework is based on the Report on Social Taxonomy published by the EU Platform on Sustainable Finance in 2022. Eligible activities are defined as socially beneficial goods and services that substantially contribute to one of the following three social objectives: (1) inclusive and sustainable communities, (2) adequate living standards and well-being for end users and (3) decent work.

• Whilst the fund includes achieving a positive environmental or social objective, its investment policy does not target specifically investments with climate change mitigation and climate change adaptation objectives as defined by the technical screening criteria of the Taxonomy Regulation.

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

The fund does not use derivatives to attain the promoted environmental or social characteristics. However, exclusions are applied to all types of securities (equities, bonds, convertible bonds) issued by excluded entities, including participation notes and derivatives issued by third parties on such securities.



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

Not applicable

Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy 1?

Yes:

□ In fossil gas □ In nuclear energy ☑ No

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds<sup>\*</sup>, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or lowcarbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of: - **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies - capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy. - operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

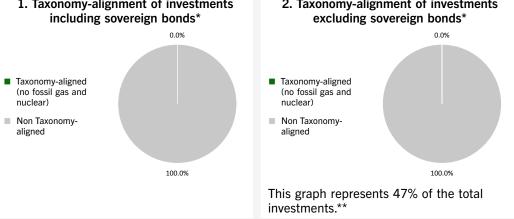
Enabling activities

directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

Transitional activities are activities for which lowcarbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy. relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.
 1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments
 2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures. \*\* This percentage is purely indicative and may vary.

## What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities? 0%

The fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy? 1% (see note in the asset allocation chart above for calculation method)



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

4% (see note in the asset allocation chart above for calculation method)



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

The fund's "other" investments include cash positions, and derivatives. Where relevant, minimum environmental or social safeguards apply to the underlying securities.



Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote. No reference index has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the fund.

- How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product? Not applicable
- How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis? Not applicable

How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?

Not applicable

• Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found? Not applicable

## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the website: <u>https://documents.am.pictet/?isin=LU2393314831&dla=en&cat=sfdr-permalink</u> Pictet Asset Management's Responsible Investment policy: <u>https://documents.am.pictet/library/en/other?documentTypes=RI\_POLICY&businessLine=PAM</u> Template pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 **Product name: Multi Solutions - Pictet Sustainable Megatrend** 2028

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

Sustainable investment means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The EU Taxonomy is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of environmentally sustainable economic activities. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does t	Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?							
••	Yes	•0	✓ No					
	It will make a minimum of sustainable investments with an environmental objective: %		It promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 5% of sustainable investments					
	in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy		with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy					
	in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy		✓ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy					
			✓ with a social objective					
	It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable</b> investments with a social objective:%		It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not</b> make any sustainable investments					

Note: Pictet Asset Management uses a proprietary reference frameworks as well as the objectives of the EU Taxonomy to define sustainable investments. Sustainable investments are calculated on a pass/fail basis including labelled bonds (where relevant to the asset class), and securities from issuers with minimum 20% exposure (as measured by revenue, EBIT, enterprise value or similar metrics) to economic activities that contribute to environmental or social objectives.



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

The environmental and/or social characteristics of this financial product are:

The fund will mainly invests in other collective investment schemes including those with the following investment approaches:

- Best in class/ best effort which seeks to invest in securities of issuers with low and/or decreasing sustainability risks while avoiding those with high and/or increasing sustainability risk;
- Positive impact which seeks to invest mainly in economic activities that contribute to an environmental and/or social objective;
- Positive tilt which seeks to increase the weight of securities with low sustainability risks and/or to decrease the weight of securities with high sustainability risks.

No reference index has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the fund.

• Norms- and values-based exclusions:

The fund's underlying art.8 or art.9 funds excludes issuers that are in severe breach of international norms or have significant activities with adverse impacts on society or the environment.

• Active ownership:

The fund methodically exercises its voting rights. The fund may also engage with the management of companies on material ESG issues. The proxy voting and engagement process is mainly led by investment professionals across several investment teams in Pictet Asset Management, with the support of a central ESG team.

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

## What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

Indicators the fund uses include:

• investment in at least 51% of article 8 and/ or 9 funds

• Principle Adverse Impact (PAI) indicators such as exposure to issuers that are in severe breach of international norms or have significant activities with adverse E/S impacts on society or the environment

• percentage of eligible company meetings where voting rights were exercised

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives? The fund's underlying art.8 or art.9 funds partially invest in securities financing economic activities that substantially contribute to environmental or social objectives such as:

Environmental

- climate change mitigation
- climate change adaptation
- sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources
- transition to a circular economy
- pollution prevention and control, or
- protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems

Social

- inclusive and sustainable communities
- adequate living standards and well-being for end users, or
- decent work

This is achieved by investing in securities financing economic activities that substantially contribute to environmental or social objectives such as those listed above.

Eligible securities include equities issued by companies with a significant proportion of activities (as measured by revenue, EBIT, enterprise value or similar metrics) derived from such economic activities.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The underlying art.8 or art.9 funds consider an investment sustainable if it does no significant harm to any E/S objective, which the investment team determines by using a combination of quantitative and qualitative assessments at issuer level. The assessments draw on both general and industry-relevant indicators, and include exposure to material sustainability risks. Periodic reviews and risk controls are in place to monitor implementation.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

The fund's underlying art.8 or art.9 funds consider and, where possible, mitigate adverse impacts of their investments on society and the environment through a combination of portfolio management decisions, active ownership activities, and exclusion of issuers associated with controversial conduct or activities.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? The underlying art.8 or art.9 funds exclude issuers that are subject to severe controversies in areas such as human rights, labour standards, environmental protection and anti-corruption.

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters. The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



# Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

 $\square$  Yes, the fund considers and, where possible, mitigates adverse impacts of its investments on society and the environment that are deemed material to the investment strategy through a combination of portfolio management decisions, active ownership activities, and exclusion of issuers associated with controversial conduct or activities.

Please refer to Pictet Asset Management's Responsible Investment policy for the list of PAIs.

 See also detailed information on exclusions in Pictet Asset Management's Responsible Investment policy.

🗆 No



The investment strategy guides investment

decisions based on

investment objectives and risk tolerance.

factors such as

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

## Objective:

To increase the value of your investment through income and investment growth and to manage risk within an annualised target volatility of 6,5% and expected maximum annualised volatility of 8,5%. No guarantee to achieve the objective of the fund.

Maturity period 6 years from launch date after which the fund will be liquidated.

Reference index:

The fund is actively managed and has no benchmark index.

Portfolio assets:

The fund gains exposure to corporate and government bonds, money market instruments, equities (maximum exposure 43,5% of its net assets), real estate and commodities by investing mainly in funds. It may invest worldwide including emerging markets, and can invest across any sector credit quality and currency. It may be exposed up to 25% of its net assets to non investment grade bonds and up to 10% of its net assets to distressed/defaulted bonds (maximum exposure both investments combined 25% of its net assets). The proportion of assets devoted to each asset class varies over time. In the period leading up to the maturity date, it may hold progressively higher levels of cash-like assets. Investing in other funds may incur a duplication of certain fees.

#### Derivatives and structured products:

The fund may use derivatives to reduce various risks (hedging) and for efficient portfolio management, and may use derivatives and structured products to gain exposure to portfolio assets.

#### Investment process:

In actively managing the fund, the investment manager uses a combination of macroeconomic and market analysis to flexibly adjust asset allocation to market cycles. The investment manager also integrates ESG factors when assessing investment risks and opportunities. It favours investing in funds that have a sustainable approach such as ESG best-in-class that restricts investments to securities of issuers with low sustainability risks, positive impact that contribute to an environmental and/or social objective or ESG positive tilt that favours securities with low sustainability risks.

#### Fund currency:

EUR

# What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The binding elements of the fund's underlying art.8 or art.9 funds include:

• exclusion of issuers that:

- are involved with nuclear weapons from countries that are not signatories to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and other controversial weapons
- derive a significant portion of their revenue from activities detrimental to society or the environment, such as thermal coal extraction and power generation, unconventional oil and gas exploration and production, conventional weapons and small arms, military contracting weapons, tobacco production, adult entertainment production, gambling operations. Please refer to Pictet Asset Management's Responsible Investment policy for further details on exclusion thresholds applicable to the above activities.
- severely violate the UN Global Compact principles on human rights, labour standards, environmental protection and anti-corruption
- exclusions of countries subject to international sanctions
- investment in at least 51% of article 8 and/or 9 funds

• ESG criteria analysis of eligible securities that covers at least 90% of net assets or the number of issuers in the portfolio

To ensure ongoing compliance, the fund monitors the ESG profile of all securities and issuers that form part of the minimum percentage of E/S investments stated in "What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?". The underlying art.8 or art.9 funds draw on information from various sources, such as proprietary fundamental analysis, ESG research providers, third-party analyses (including those from brokers), credit rating services and financial and general media. Based on this information, the investment manager may decide to add or discontinue certain securities, or increase or decrease its holdings in certain securities.

## What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy? Not applicable

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

The fund's underlying art.8 or art.9 funds assess company decision-making processes and controls, as well as how management balances the interests of shareholders, employees, suppliers, customers, the community and other stakeholders.

Assessed areas may include:

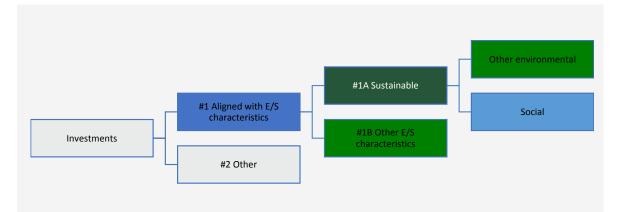
- the composition of the executive team and board of directors, including the experience, diversity and distribution of roles, along with succession planning and board evaluation
- executive remuneration, including short term and long term incentives and their alignment with investor interests
- risk control and reporting, including auditor independence and tenure
- shareholder rights, including one-share-one-vote and related-party transactions



What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets. The fund is at least 75% aligned with E/S characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics) and up to 25% invested in Other (#2 Other). At least 5% are allocated to Sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable) and the remainder will be invested in investments aligned with other environmental and/or social characteristics (#1B Other E/S characteristics).

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



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

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

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.

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

• Pictet Asset Management uses a proprietary reference frameworks as well as the objectives of the EU Taxonomy to define sustainable investments. Sustainable investments are calculated on a pass/fail basis including labelled bonds (where relevant to the asset class), and securities from issuers with minimum 20% exposure (as measured by revenue, EBIT, enterprise value or similar metrics) to economic activities that contribute to environmental or social objectives.

• In the absence of an EU social taxonomy, Pictet has developed a proprietary social taxonomy framework. The framework is based on the Report on Social Taxonomy published by the EU Platform on Sustainable Finance in 2022. Eligible activities are defined as socially beneficial goods and services that substantially contribute to one of the following three social objectives: (1) inclusive and sustainable communities, (2) adequate living standards and well-being for end users and (3) decent work.

• Whilst the fund's underlying art.8 or art.9 funds include achieving a positive environmental or social objective, its investment policy does not target specifically investments with climate change mitigation and climate change adaptation objectives as defined by the technical screening criteria of the Taxonomy Regulation.

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

The fund does not use derivatives to attain the promoted environmental or social characteristics. However, exclusions are applied to all types of securities (equities, bonds, convertible bonds) issued by excluded entities, including participation notes and derivatives issued by third parties on such securities.



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

Not applicable

Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy 1?

Yes:

□ In fossil gas □ In nuclear energy ☑ No

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds<sup>\*</sup>, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or lowcarbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of: - **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies - capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy. - operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

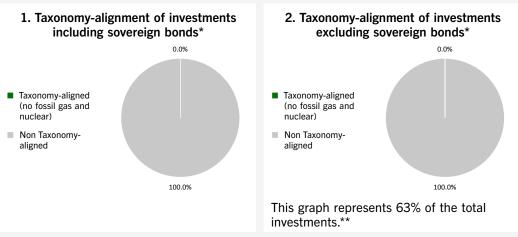
Enabling activities

directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

Transitional activities are activities for which lowcarbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy. relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures. \*\* This percentage is purely indicative and may vary.

## What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities? 0%

The fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy? 2,5% (see note in the asset allocation chart above for calculation method)



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

2,5% (see note in the asset allocation chart above for calculation method)



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

The fund's "other" investments include cash positions, and derivatives. Where relevant, minimum environmental or social safeguards apply to the underlying securities.



Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

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- How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product? Not applicable
- How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis? Not applicable

How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?

Not applicable

• Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found? Not applicable

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