

## **PROSPECTUS**

This Prospectus is dated 3 February 2026.

### **NOMURA GLOBAL MULTI-THEME EQUITY FUND**

(constituted on 19 August 2025 and launched on 3 February 2026)

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Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn Bhd  
(Registration No.: 200601028939 (748695-A))

**TRUSTEE:**

Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad  
(Registration No.: 200701005591 (763590-H))

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IF IN DOUBT, PLEASE CONSULT A PROFESSIONAL ADVISER.**

**FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING CERTAIN RISK FACTORS WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED  
BY PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS, SEE "RISK FACTORS" COMMENCING ON PAGE 26.**

## **RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

This Prospectus has been reviewed and approved by the directors of Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn Bhd and they collectively and individually accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information. Having made all reasonable enquiries, they confirm to the best of their knowledge and belief, that there are no false or misleading statements, or omission of other facts which would make any statement in this Prospectus false or misleading.

## **STATEMENTS OF DISCLAIMER**

The Securities Commission Malaysia (“SC”) has authorised the Nomura Global Multi-Theme Equity Fund and a copy of this Prospectus has been registered with the SC.

The authorisation of the Nomura Global Multi-Theme Equity Fund, and registration of this Prospectus, should not be taken to indicate that the SC recommends the Nomura Global Multi-Theme Equity Fund or assumes responsibility for the correctness of any statement made, opinion expressed or report contained in this Prospectus.

The SC is not liable for any non-disclosure on the part of the Manager responsible for Nomura Global Multi-Theme Equity Fund and takes no responsibility for the contents in this Prospectus. The SC makes no representation on the accuracy or completeness of this Prospectus, and expressly disclaims any liability whatsoever arising from, or in reliance upon, the whole or any part of its contents.

**INVESTORS SHOULD RELY ON THEIR OWN EVALUATION TO ASSESS THE MERITS AND RISKS OF THE INVESTMENT. IF INVESTORS ARE UNABLE TO MAKE THEIR OWN EVALUATION, THEY ARE ADVISED TO CONSULT PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS.**

## **ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS**

Investors should note that they may seek recourse under the *Capital Markets and Services Act 2007* for breaches of securities laws including any statement in this Prospectus that is false, misleading, or from which there is a material omission; or for any misleading or deceptive act in relation to this Prospectus or the conduct of any other person in relation to the Nomura Global Multi-Theme Equity Fund.

This Prospectus is not intended to and will not be issued and distributed in any country or jurisdiction other than in Malaysia (“Foreign Jurisdiction”). Consequently, no representation has been and will be made as to its compliance with the laws of any Foreign Jurisdiction. Accordingly, no offer or invitation to subscribe or purchase Units in the Nomura Global Multi-Theme Equity Fund to which this Prospectus relates, may be made in any Foreign Jurisdiction or under any circumstances where such action is unauthorised.

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# 1. CORPORATE DIRECTORY

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## 2. GLOSSARY

In this Prospectus, the following abbreviations or words shall have the following meanings unless otherwise stated:

ADRs	American Depositary Receipts.
Base Currency	USD, the currency in which the Fund is denominated.
BNM	Bank Negara Malaysia.
Bursa Malaysia	The stock exchange managed or operated by Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (Registration No.: 200301033577 (635998-W)).
Business Day	A day on which Bursa Malaysia is open for trading.  We may declare certain Business Day as a non-Business Day if that day is not a dealing day of the Target Fund.  <i>Note: A dealing day means a business day (i.e., every day which is a bank business day in Dublin, London, Japan and New York excluding Saturdays and Sundays) or such other day or days as may be determined by the directors of the Company, in consultation with the manager of the Target Fund and notified in advance to shareholders of the Target Fund (including the Fund) provided that there shall be at least 1 dealing day in every 2 week period.</i>
CBI UCITS Regulations	Central Bank of Ireland (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1) (Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019, as may be amended, consolidated or substituted from time to time, and any notices or guidance issued thereunder.
CIS	Collective investment scheme(s).
Classes	Any class of Units in the Fund representing similar interest in the assets of the Fund and a "Class" means any one class of Units.
CMSA	Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 as may be amended from time to time.
Company	Nomura Funds Ireland Plc.
Debt and Debt-Related Securities	Includes but is not limited to (i) convertible bonds, (ii) preferred securities, (iii) zero coupon, pay-in-kind or deferred payment securities, (iv) variable and floating rate instruments, (v) Eurodollar bonds and Yankee bonds* and (vi) corporate bonds.  * bonds issued by a foreign entity, such as a bank or company, but is issued and traded in the US and denominated in USD.
Deed	The deed in respect of the Fund and any other supplemental deed that may be entered into between the Manager and the Trustee and registered with the SC.
EEA	The countries for the time being comprising the European Economic Area (EU Member States, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein).

Eligible Market	An exchange, government securities market or an OTC market– (a) that is regulated by a regulatory authority of that jurisdiction; (b) that is open to the public or to a substantial number of market participants; and (c) on which financial instruments are regularly traded.
Equity and Equity-Related Securities	includes but is not limited to equities, depository receipts, convertible securities (such as convertible preference shares), real estate investment trusts (REITs), where these meet the transferable securities criteria, and preferred shares.
EU	European Union.
EUR	Euro.
financial institution(s)	If the institution is in Malaysia– (i) licensed bank; (ii) licensed investment bank; or (iii) licensed Islamic bank.  If the institution is outside Malaysia, any institution that is licensed, registered, approved or authorised by the relevant banking regulator to provide financial services.
Forward Pricing	The price of a Unit which is the NAV per Unit calculated at the next valuation point after an application for purchase or redemption request is received by the Manager.
Fund	Nomura Global Multi-Theme Equity Fund.
GBP	British Pound Sterling.
GDRs	Global Depositary Receipts.
Guidelines	Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds issued by the SC.
Index	MSCI All Country World Index.
Index Countries	Countries which form part of the Index.
Investment Manager	Nomura Asset Management U.K. Limited, being the investment manager of the Target Fund.
long-term	A period of 5 years or more.
LPD	30 September 2025, being the latest practicable date of all information in this Prospectus.
Management Company	FundRock Management Company (Ireland) Limited, being the management company of the Target Fund.
Manager / NAMM	Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn Bhd (Registration No.: 200601028939 (748695-A)).
Member State	A member state of the EU.
MYR Class	A Class denominated in MYR.

Net Asset Value / NAV	The value of the Fund's assets less its liabilities at the valuation point; where the Fund has more than 1 Class, there shall be a NAV of the Fund attributable to each Class.
NAV per Unit	The NAV of a Class at the valuation point divided by the total number of Units in circulation of that Class at the same valuation point.
NVDRs	Non-Voting Depositary Receipts.
OECD	The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.
OTC	Over-the-counter.
PNotes	Participatory Notes.
Prospectus	The prospectus for this Fund.
Recognised Exchange(s)	The stock exchanges or markets located in any of the following countries/regions: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, UK and US.
Redemption Price	The price payable by the Manager to a Unit Holder pursuant to a redemption request by the Unit Holder and will be the NAV per Unit. The Redemption Price shall be exclusive of the redemption charge (if any).
RM / MYR	Ringgit Malaysia.
SC	Securities Commission Malaysia.
Selling Price	The price payable by an investor or a Unit Holder pursuant to a purchase application and will be the NAV per Unit. The Selling Price shall be exclusive of the sales charge.
SFDR	Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector, as amended, consolidated or substituted from time to time.
Target Fund	Nomura Funds Ireland – Global Multi-Theme Equity Fund, a sub fund of Nomura Funds Ireland Plc.
Taxonomy Regulation	Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 <sup>th</sup> June, 2020 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment, and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/2088.
Trustee / DTMB	Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad (Registration No.: 200701005591 (763590-H)).
UCITS	Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities established pursuant to Council Directive 2009/65/EC of 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2009 as amended, consolidated or substituted from time to time.
UCITS Regulations	European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011 (S.I. No. 352 of 2011) as

amended, consolidated or substituted from time to time and any notices, requirements or guidance issued thereunder.

UK	United Kingdom.
Unit	A measurement of the right or interest of a Unit Holder in the Fund and means a unit of the Fund or a Class, as the case may be.
Unit Holder or you	A person registered as the holder of a Unit, including persons jointly registered, for the Fund.
US	United States of America.
USD	United States Dollar.
USD Class	A Class denominated in USD.

### **General Words and Expressions**

In this Prospectus, unless the context otherwise requires, words importing the singular shall include the plural and vice-versa.

References to any law, rules, guidelines or orders shall include such laws, rules, guidelines or orders as may be amended from time to time.

Reference to first person pronouns such as “we”, “us” or “our” in this Prospectus means the Manager / NAMM.

### 3. ABOUT NOMURA GLOBAL MULTI-THEME EQUITY FUND

<b>Fund Category</b>	Feeder fund (Global equity)	
<b>Fund Type</b>	Growth	
<b>Base Currency</b>	USD	
<b>Launch Date</b>	<b>USD Class</b>	<b>MYR Class</b>
	3 February 2026	3 February 2026
	<i>Note: We may offer new Classes without having to seek Unit Holders' prior approval. You will be notified of the issuance of the new Classes by way of a notice and prospective investors will be notified of the same by way of a supplementary/replacement prospectus.</i>	
<b>Initial Offer Price</b>	<b>USD Class</b>	<b>MYR Class</b>
	USD 1.00	RM 1.00
<b>Initial Offer Period</b>	21 days commencing on the date of this Prospectus.  <i>Note: We may shorten the initial offer period if we determine that it is in your best interest. If the last day of the initial offer period falls on a non-Business Day, the initial offer period will end on the preceding Business Day.</i>	
<b>Investment Objective</b>	The Fund seeks to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in the Target Fund which invests primarily in global equity securities.  <i>Any material change to the Fund's objective would require Unit Holders' approval.</i>	
<b>Investment Strategy</b>	<p>The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing a minimum of 85% of its NAV in the Target Fund. Up to 15% of the Fund's NAV will be invested in liquid assets such as money market instruments*, deposits**, cash for liquidity purposes and/or derivatives for hedging purposes.</p> <p><i>Notes:</i>  * refer to money market instruments that are dealt in or under the rules of an Eligible Market, and whose residual maturity does not exceed 12 months.  ** refer to short-term deposits with placement duration not exceeding 3 months.</p> <p>We may, in consultation with the Trustee and subject to Unit Holders' approval, replace the Target Fund with another fund of a similar objective if, in our opinion, the Target Fund no longer meets the Fund's investment objective.</p> <p><b><u>Derivatives</u></b></p> <p>We may use derivatives such as foreign exchange forward contracts for hedging purposes. Foreign exchange forward contracts may be used to hedge the principal and/or the returns of the foreign currency exposure of any of any Class(es) (except USD Class) against the Base Currency. The employment of derivatives under these circumstances is expected to reduce the impact of foreign currency movements on the Fund's NAV, irrespective of the currency classes. While the hedging strategy will assist with mitigating the potential foreign exchange losses by the Fund, any potential gains from the hedging will be capped as well.</p>	

	The Fund's global exposure from derivatives position will not exceed the Fund's NAV at all times. The global exposure of the Fund is calculated based on commitment approach as illustrated under the "Investment Restrictions and Limits" below.
<b>Asset Allocation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A minimum of 85% of the Fund's NAV to be invested in the Target Fund; and</li> <li>- A maximum of 15% of the Fund's NAV to be invested in deposits, money market instruments, cash and/or derivatives for hedging purposes.</li> </ul>
<b>Distribution Policy</b>	Distribution of income, if any, is incidental.
<b>Performance Benchmark</b>	<p>MSCI All Country World Index  Source: www.msci.com</p> <p><i>Note: The performance benchmark chosen for the Fund is the same as and is corresponding with the Target Fund to allow for a similar comparison with the performance of the Target Fund. However, you should take note that the risk profile of the Fund is different from the risk profile of the performance benchmark.</i></p>
<b>Permitted Investments</b>	<p>The Fund will invest in the following investments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Target Fund;</li> <li>• money market instruments;</li> <li>• deposits with financial institutions; and</li> <li>• derivatives.</li> </ul>
<b>Investment Restrictions and Limits</b>	<p>The Fund must not invest in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a fund-of-funds;</li> <li>• a feeder fund; and</li> <li>• any Target Fund of an umbrella scheme which is a fund-of-funds or a feeder fund.</li> </ul> <p>The Fund is subject to the following investment restrictions and limits:</p> <p>(a) The Fund must invest at least 85% of its NAV in units or shares of a single collective investment scheme, provided that the collective investment scheme complies with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The collective investment scheme is constituted and regulated in a jurisdiction where the laws and practices provide the level of investor protection that is at least equivalent to that offered in Malaysia;</li> <li>➤ The rules on investments, borrowing and lending are substantially similar to the requirements in the Guidelines. This would exclude hedge funds;</li> <li>➤ The assets of the collective investment scheme are managed by an entity which is approved, authorised or licensed by a securities regulator to conduct fund management activities; and</li> <li>➤ The business of the collective investment scheme is reported in half-yearly and annual reports to enable an assessment to be made of the assets and liabilities, income and operations over the reporting period.</li> </ul> <p>(b) The Fund may invest up to 15% of its NAV in the following permitted investments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ money market instruments that are dealt in or under the rules of an Eligible Market, and whose residual maturity does not exceed 12 months;</li> <li>➤ placement in short-term deposits; and</li> <li>➤ derivatives for the sole purpose of hedging arrangement.</li> </ul>

- (c) The value of the Fund's investments in money market instruments issued by any single issuer must not exceed 15% of the Fund's NAV ("single issuer limit");
- (d) The value of the Fund's placement in deposits with any single financial institution must not exceed 20% of the Fund's NAV ("single financial institution limit"). The single financial institution limit does not apply to placements of deposits arising from:
  - subscription monies received prior to the commencement of investment by the Fund;
  - liquidation of investments prior to the termination of the Fund, where the placement of deposits with various financial institutions would not be in the best interests of Unit Holders; or
  - monies held for the settlement of redemption or other payment obligations, where the placement of deposits with various financial institutions would not be in the best interests of Unit Holders;
- (e) The counterparty of an OTC derivative must be a financial institution with a minimum long-term credit rating of investment grade (including gradation and subcategories) and subject to the aggregate limit in this section, the maximum exposure of the Fund to a counterparty, calculated based on the following method, must not exceed 10% of the Fund's NAV:
  - The exposure to a counterparty of an OTC derivative must be measured based on the maximum potential loss that may be incurred by the Fund if the counterparty defaults and not on the basis of the notional value of the OTC derivative; and
  - The total exposure to a single counterparty is calculated by summing the exposure arising from all OTC derivative transactions entered into with the same counterparty; and
- (f) The Fund's investments in money market instruments must not exceed 10% of the instruments issued by any single issuer. This limit does not apply to money market instruments that do not have a pre-determined issue size.

Please note that the above investment restrictions and limits does not apply to securities or instruments issued or guaranteed by the Malaysian government or BNM.

The aforesaid investment restrictions and limits will be complied with at all times based on the most up-to-date value of the Fund's investments.

We shall notify the SC, within 7 Business Days, of any breach of investment restrictions and limits stated above with the steps taken to rectify and prevent such breach from recurring. However, any breach as a result of:

- (a) appreciation or depreciation in value of the Fund's investments;
- (b) repurchase of Units or payment made out of the Fund;
- (c) change in capital of a corporation in which the Fund has invested in; or
- (d) downgrade in or cessation of a credit rating,

need not be reported to the SC but must be rectified as soon as practicable within 3 months from the date of the breach unless otherwise specified in the Guidelines. The 3-month period may be extended if it is in the best interest of Unit Holders and Trustee's consent is obtained. Such extension must be subject to at least a monthly review by the Trustee.

**Commitment Approach**

The global exposure of the Fund to derivatives is calculated as the sum of the:

- absolute value of the exposure of each individual derivative not involved in netting or hedging arrangements;
- absolute value of the net exposure of each individual derivative after netting or hedging arrangement; and
- the values of cash collateral received pursuant to the reduction of exposure to counterparties of OTC derivatives.

	<p><u>Netting arrangements</u> Netting arrangements may be taken into account to reduce the Fund's exposure to derivatives.</p> <p>The Fund may net positions between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) derivatives on the same underlying constituents, even if the maturity dates are different; or</li> <li>(b) derivatives and the same corresponding underlying constituents, if those underlying constituents are transferable securities, money market instruments, or units or shares in CIS.</li> </ul> <p><u>Hedging arrangements</u> Hedging arrangements may be taken into account to reduce the Fund's exposure to derivatives.</p> <p>The marked-to-market value of transferable securities, money market instruments, or units or shares in CIS involved in hedging arrangements may be taken into account to reduce the exposure of the Fund to derivatives.</p> <p>The hedging arrangement must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) not be aimed at generating a return;</li> <li>(b) result in an overall verifiable reduction of the risk of the Fund;</li> <li>(c) offset the general and specific risks linked to the underlying constituent being hedged;</li> <li>(d) relate to the same asset class being hedged; and</li> <li>(e) be able to meet its hedging objective in all market conditions.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Valuation Point</b></p>	<p>The Fund is valued once every Business Day after the close of the market in which the portfolio of the Fund is invested for the relevant day but not later than the end of the next Business Day.</p> <p>As such, the daily price of the Fund for a particular Business Day will not be published on the next Business Day but will instead be published 2 Business Days later (i.e., the price will be 2 days old).</p>
<p><b>Bases for Valuation of the Assets of the Fund</b></p>	<p><b>Unlisted CIS</b> Investments in unlisted CIS will be valued daily based on the last published price per unit.</p> <p><b>Deposits and/or Cash</b> Placements of deposits with financial institutions will be valued daily by reference to the principal value of the deposits and the interests accrued thereon for the relevant period. Cash held on hand will be valued based on its carrying value.</p> <p><b>Money Market Instruments</b> Investments in money market instruments will be valued by reference to the average indicative price quoted by at least 3 independent and reputable institutions or in accordance to fair value as determined in good faith by us, on methods or bases which have been verified by the auditor of the Fund and approved by the Trustee.</p> <p>Investments in money market instruments with remaining term to maturity of not more than 90 days at the time of acquisition will be valued daily based on the accretion of discount or amortisation of premium on a yield to maturity basis.</p>

	<p><b>Derivatives</b></p> <p>For foreign exchange forward contracts (“FX Forwards”), valuation shall be based on foreign exchange (“FX”) spot bid foreign exchange rate and forward ticks bid rate quoted by Refinitiv at 4:00 p.m. (UK time). If the rates are not available, the FX Forwards will be valued by reference to the average indicative rate quoted by at least 3 independent dealers; or in accordance to fair value as determined in good faith by us on methods or bases which have been verified by the auditor of the Fund and approved by the Trustee.</p>
<b>Financial Year End</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> August
<b>Investor’s Profile</b>	The Fund is for investors who are seeking for long-term capital growth and have a high-risk tolerance.
<b>Financing and Securities Lending</b>	<p>The Fund may not obtain cash financing or borrow other assets in connection with its activities. However, the Fund may obtain cash financing on a temporary basis for the purpose of meeting redemption requests for Units and for short term bridging requirements subject to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Fund’s cash borrowing / cash financing is only on a temporary basis and that borrowing/financing are not persistent;</li> <li>• the borrowing/financing period must not exceed 1 month;</li> <li>• the aggregate borrowing/financing of the Fund must not exceed 10% of the Fund’s NAV at the time the borrowing/financing is incurred; and</li> <li>• the Fund may only obtain borrowing/financing from financial institutions.</li> </ul> <p>The Fund will not participate in securities lending and repurchase transactions within the meaning of the Guidelines as we do not intend to do so.</p>

## 4. ABOUT THE TARGET FUND

Nomura Funds Ireland Plc (“the Company”) is an open-ended investment company with variable capital, incorporated in Ireland on 13 April 2006 under the Ireland Companies Act, 2014 (and every amendment or re-enactment of the same) with registration number 418598. The Company has been authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland as a UCITS pursuant to the UCITS Regulations. The Company is structured as an umbrella fund consisting of different sub-funds each comprising one or more classes. The Company has segregated liability between each of its sub-funds.

The Target Fund is a sub-fund of the Company.

<b>Name of the Target Fund</b>	Nomura Funds Ireland – Global Multi-Theme Equity Fund
<b>Type of Class</b>	Class A USD
<b>Base Currency of the Target Fund</b>	USD
<b>Base Currency of the Class</b>	USD
<b>Date of Establishment of the Target Fund</b>	3 February 2020
<b>Date of Establishment of the Class</b>	3 February 2020
<b>Country of Origin of the Target Fund</b>	Ireland
<b>Regulatory Authority which regulates the Target Fund</b>	Central Bank of Ireland
<b>Legislation Applicable to the Target Fund</b>	European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011 (S.I. No. 352 of 2011) as amended, consolidated or substituted from time to time and any notices, requirements or guidance issued thereunder
<b>Management Company of the Target Fund</b>	<p>FundRock Management Company (Ireland) Limited</p> <p>The Company has appointed FundRock Management Company (Ireland) Limited as its management company pursuant to the management agreement between the Company and the Management Company.</p> <p>The Management Company is authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland to act as a fund management company pursuant to the UCITS Regulations and an Alternative Investment Fund Manager (AIFM) pursuant to the European Union (Alternative Investment Fund Managers) Regulations, 2013, as amended. Its principal business is acting as manager of investment funds.</p>

	<p>The Management Company is responsible on a day-to-day basis, under the supervision of the directors of the Company, for the management of the Target Fund's affairs, portfolio management of the Target Fund's investments and distribution of the shares. The Management Company has appointed the Investment Manager to act as discretionary investment manager of the Target Fund. The Management Company has appointed Brown Brothers Harriman Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited as the administrator to perform the day to-day administration and transfer agency functions of the Company, including the calculation of the net asset value of the shares, and related fund accounting services.</p>
<p><b>Investment Manager of the Target Fund</b></p>	<p>Nomura Asset Management U.K. Limited</p> <p>The Management Company has appointed Nomura Asset Management U.K. Limited to act as investment manager of the Target Fund. The Investment Manager was incorporated in England in 1984 and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd., Tokyo.</p> <p>The Investment Manager had in excess of GBP 29 billion of assets under management as of LPD.</p> <p>The Investment Manager has a long established reputation for the management of Far Eastern equities including the emerging markets in the region. The Investment Manager is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority in UK.</p> <p>The Investment Manager has the responsibility for the investment management, on a discretionary basis, of the assets of the Target Fund. Under the terms of the investment management agreement between the Management Company and the Investment Manager, the Investment Manager is responsible, subject to the overall supervision and control of the directors of the Company, for managing the assets and investments of the Target Fund in accordance with the investment objective and policies of the Target Fund. The Company shall not be liable for any actions, costs, charges, losses, damages or expenses arising as a result of the acts or omissions of the Investment Manager or for its own acts or omissions in following the advice or recommendations of the Investment Manager.</p>
<p><b>Investment Objective</b></p>	<p>The investment objective of the Target Fund is to achieve medium to long-term* capital appreciation through investment in an actively managed portfolio of global equity securities.</p> <p>*Refer to duration between 3 to 5 years.</p>
<p><b>Investment Strategy and Policy</b></p>	<p>The Target Fund shall invest, under normal market conditions, primarily in Equity and Equity-Related Securities listed or traded on a Recognised Exchange in Index Countries.</p> <p>The Target Fund may also invest from time to time less than 20% of net asset value in Equity and Equity-Related Securities listed or traded on any Recognised Exchange in non-Index Countries, if suitable investments are identified which meet the investment strategy of the Investment Manager, as further set out below.</p> <p>The Target Fund may also hold exposure to Index and non-Index Countries through investment in such instruments as ADRs, GDRs, NVDRs or PNotes (as further described in "Investments in ADRs, GDRs, NVDRs and PNotes" below) and which will be listed on a Recognised Exchange.</p> <p>Up to 10% of the net asset value of the Target Fund may be invested, in aggregate, in CIS. The Target Fund will invest in such instruments when such investment is consistent with the Target Fund's primary investment objective.</p>

The Target Fund may also invest in Equity and Equity-Related Securities (such as convertible preferred shares) with embedded derivative instruments. While these securities may embed a derivative element, (such as an option, which would give the holder the option to convert the preferred shares into a fixed number of common shares), they will not embed any leverage.

The Target Fund may hold up to 10% of net assets in Debt and Debt-Related Securities, which are listed or traded on Recognised Exchanges, that it receives or purchases in connection with its ownership of certain Equity and Equity-Related Securities and accordingly, holding such Debt and Debt-Related Securities will be as a result of investment in Equity and Equity-Related Securities. This occurs in circumstances where the Target Fund has purchased Equity and Equity-Related Securities which have subsequently been subject to a corporate action which results in the issuance of Debt and Debt-Related Securities. These Debt and Debt-Related Securities are held by the Target Fund until they can be sold at a price which the Investment Manager believes reflects the underlying value of the security. Such Debt and Debt-Related Securities may be issued by corporations, limited liability companies or limited partnerships, state owned enterprises and sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities and may be rated either investment grade or non-investment grade by at least 1 rating agency (such as Moody's, Standard and Poor's, Fitch or Rating and Investment Information, Inc.).

The Target Fund may invest up to 10% of net assets in Russian markets provided that the Target Fund will only invest in securities that are listed / traded on the Moscow Exchange.

The Target Fund is considered to be actively managed in reference to the Index by virtue of the fact that it uses the Index for performance comparison purposes. Certain of the Target Fund's securities may be components of and may have similar weightings to the Index. However, the Target Fund may deviate significantly from the Index and the Investment Manager will use its discretion to invest in companies or sectors not included in the Index.

#### *Investment Strategy*

The Target Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in Equity and Equity-Related Securities that represent various themes with high growth potential over the medium to long term. The Investment Manager defines these themes as innovations, changes or trends that affect societies, economies and/or industries on a broad basis. When identifying these themes, the Investment Manager will particularly focus on the following perspectives: a) innovative ideas that produce new products or services, b) economic, industrial or social developments in emerging countries that results in generating new demand or expanding existing markets, or c) changes in the structure of societies that leads to new business opportunities. The themes derived from the foregoing perspectives described above will change over time as markets evolve, however, examples of such themes which may from time to time be included are "New Technology" (which looks into tech-related innovative products or services that could affect the society and lifestyles) and "Global Ageing" (which focuses on technologies, services and products targeting ageing population). Further details of such themes will be disclosed in the financial statements of the Company.

The Investment Manager will select the themes based on an assessment of the potential growth in the medium to long term and the availability of sufficient investment candidates.

Each theme will be analysed by the Investment Manager's portfolio managers who specialise in that particular theme. The Investment Manager will initially create a universe of approximately 200 to 300 companies per theme across the industry by using the industry classification adopted by the Index and examining business characteristics of the companies.

The Investment Manager will then carry out fundamental research of the companies focusing on the growth potential and "management execution

capabilities”, which is the ability of the management to strategically achieve the company’s goals, based on bottom up analysis. This will serve to reduce the number of potential stocks to around 30 to 50 per theme. The Investment Manager will then select approximately 40 to 60 stocks across the various themes and weight each stock with a bottom up approach which involves the assessment of the expected return of individual stocks using discounted cash flow (a technique for calculating the present value of cash flows expected in the future).

Although the theme allocation is generally determined as a result of bottom up stock selection, the Investment Manager will also utilise a top down approach to actively reallocate the exposure to each theme based on the analysis of various market conditions and sentiment. For example, when “risk appetite,” which is the level of risk that an organisation is prepared to accept, in the market is low, the Investment Manager will increase the exposure to themes that are less volatile and whose growth patterns are more stable or vice versa.

The Target Fund may also invest from time to time in themes that are growing but with a shorter investment horizon or themes that have a limited number of companies to represent the themes, for the purpose of seeking wider investment opportunities as well as achieving a higher excess return.

#### *General*

Any changes to the investment objective of the Target Fund and any material changes to the investment policy may not be made without the prior written approval of all shareholders of the Target Fund or approval on the basis of a majority of votes cast at a general meeting of shareholders of the Target Fund. Any such changes may not be made without the approval of the Central Bank of Ireland. In the event of a change in investment objective and/or a change to the investment policy, a reasonable notification period will be provided by the Company to enable shareholders of the Target Fund to redeem their shares of the Target Fund prior to implementation of such change.

The Target Fund will, on request, provide to shareholders of the Target Fund supplementary information relating to the risk management methods employed, including the quantitative limits that are applied and any recent developments in the risk and yield characteristics of the main categories of investments.

The Target Fund's investments are subject to the investment restrictions as set out in “Permitted Investments and Investment Restrictions of the Target Fund” below.

A list of the stock exchanges and markets in which the Target Fund is permitted to invest, in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank of Ireland, is contained in Appendix II to the prospectus of the Target Fund and should be read in conjunction with, and subject to, the Target Fund's investment objective and investment policy, as detailed above. The Central Bank of Ireland does not issue a list of approved markets. Other than permitted investments in unlisted securities and OTC derivative instruments, any other investment will be restricted to those stock exchanges and markets listed in Appendix II to the prospectus of the Target Fund.

There can be no assurance that the Target Fund may achieve its investment objective or avoid substantial losses.

#### *Use of Derivatives*

The Target Fund may employ (subject to the conditions and within the limits laid down by the Central Bank of Ireland) financial derivative instruments and techniques for efficient portfolio management and/or hedging. Efficient portfolio management transactions may be entered into by the Investment Manager with 1 of the following aims a) a reduction of risk; b) a reduction of cost with no increase or a minimal increase in risk; c) generation of additional capital or income with no, or an acceptably low level of risk (relative to the expected return).

The financial derivative instruments and techniques which may be used by the Target Fund for efficient portfolio management and/or hedging are futures and forward currency contracts.

#### *Futures*

Futures are contracts to buy or sell a standard quantity of a specific underlying at a pre-determined future date and at a price agreed through a transaction undertaken on an exchange. Futures may also be cash settled. Futures contracts allow investors to hedge against risk or gain exposure to the underlying asset (details of which are set out below). Since these contracts are marked-to-market daily, investors can, by closing out their position, exit from their obligation to buy or sell the underlying prior to the contract's expiry date. Futures may be used where its market access is easier, more liquid or more cost-efficient than direct exposure to the underlying itself.

The Target Fund may use the following futures:

- Foreign exchange futures which may be used to hedge a currency exposure. For example, in order to express the view that the EUR will depreciate against the USD, the Investment Manager may choose to enter into a long USD short EUR future.

Index futures which may be used to take long or short exposure to a particular index such as an equity index. For example, the Investment Manager may buy an index future to reduce the likelihood of a performance shortfall by taking market exposure ahead of the cash receipt of subscription monies.

- Equity futures may be used to purchase or sell a stock on a specified date at a predetermined price, for example instead of buying a certain stock outright in physical format the Investment Manager may choose to go long a future on such stock.
- Dividend futures allow the Investment Manager to take positions on future dividend payments on a single company, a basket of companies or on an equity index. For example, the Investment Manager may choose to go long a dividend future for equitisation of dividends once declared by the underlying equity issuers while waiting for the receipt of the cash.

#### *Forwards*

The Target Fund may also enter into forward contracts. In a forward the contract holders are obliged to buy or sell a particular underlying at a specified price in a specified quantity and on a specified future date. Forwards may also be cash settled. In contrast to futures, forwards are not traded on an exchange, but in the OTC market. Forward contracts may be used to hedge exposure.

The Target Fund may use foreign exchange forwards. Foreign exchange forwards may be used to hedge a currency exposure, for example in order to express the view that the EUR will depreciate against the USD, the Investment Manager may choose to enter into a long USD short EUR forward.

The use of financial derivative instruments by the Target Fund may create leverage. To the extent that leverage is employed, leverage will be measured using the commitment approach of measuring risk, whereby such leverage cannot exceed 100 per cent of the net asset value of the Target Fund. In practise, it is anticipated that the use of financial derivative instruments by the Target Fund will be minimal and, therefore, the actual level of leverage will be in the region of 10% of the net asset value of the Target Fund. It is possible that the Target Fund may be leveraged up to 100% of net asset value of the Target Fund at any point in time.

It is expected that the use of financial derivative techniques and instruments may increase the Target Fund's risk level.

Short positions shall only be achieved through the use of financial derivative instruments as set out above. The gross long and short exposures will not exceed 200% and 100% of the net asset value of the Target Fund, respectively.

#### *Securities Financing Transactions*

The Target Fund may enter into repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements and/or securities lending agreements for efficient portfolio management purposes only where the objective of using such instruments is to hedge against risk and/or to reduce costs borne by the Target Fund or to generate additional capital or income which is consistent with the risk profile of the Target Fund and the risk diversification rules set down under the "Permitted Investments and Investment Restrictions of the Target Fund" of the Prospectus".

All types of assets which may be held by the Target Fund in accordance with its investment objectives and policies may be subject to a securities financing transaction.

The maximum proportion of the Target Fund's assets which can be subject to securities financing transactions is 100% of the net asset value of the Target Fund. However, the expected proportion of the Target Fund's assets which will be subject to securities financing transactions is between 0% and 20% of the net asset value of the Target Fund's assets. The proportion of the Target Fund's assets which are subject to securities financing transactions at any given time will depend on prevailing market conditions and the value of the relevant investments. The amount of assets engaged in each type of securities financing transactions, expressed as an absolute amount and as a proportion of the Target Fund's assets, as well as other relevant information relating to the use of securities financing transactions shall be disclosed in the annual report and semi-annual report of the Company.

A repurchase agreement is an agreement pursuant to which one party sells securities to another party subject to a commitment to repurchase the securities at a specified price on a specified future date. A reverse repurchase agreement is an agreement whereby one party purchases securities from another party subject to a commitment to re-sell the relevant securities to the other party at a specified price on a specified future date. A securities lending arrangement is one where one party transfers securities to another party subject to a commitment from that party that they will return equivalent securities on a specified future date or when requested to do so by the party transferring the securities.

Where the Target Fund enters into a repurchase agreement under which it sells securities to the counterparty, it will incur a financing cost from engaging in this transaction which will be paid to the relevant counterparty. Cash collateral received by the Target Fund under a repurchase agreement is typically reinvested in order to generate a return greater than the financing costs incurred by the Target Fund. In such circumstances, the Target Fund will be exposed to market risk and to the risk of failure or default of the issuer of the relevant security in which the cash collateral has been invested. Furthermore, the Target Fund retains the economic risks and rewards of the securities which it has sold to the counterparty and therefore it is exposed to market risk in the event that it repurchases such securities from the counterparty at the pre-determined price which is higher than the value of the securities. There is no global exposure generated by the Target Fund as a result of entering into reverse repurchase arrangements, nor do any such arrangements result in any incremental market risk unless the additional income which is generated through finance charges imposed by the Target Fund on the counterparty is reinvested, in which case the Target Fund will assume market risk in respect of such investments.

Finance charges received by the Target Fund under a stock-lending agreement may be reinvested in order to generate additional income. Similarly cash collateral received by the Target Fund may also be reinvested in order to generate

	<p>additional income. In both circumstances, the Target Fund will be exposed to market risk in respect of any such investments.</p> <p><i>EU Taxonomy Framework</i></p> <p>The Target Fund does not have as its objective sustainable investment, nor does it promote environmental or social characteristics. As a result, the Target Fund does not fall within the scope of the Taxonomy Regulation. The investments underlying this Target Fund do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.</p> <p><i>Principal Adverse Impact</i></p> <p>The Investment Manager does not consider the adverse impacts of investment decisions taken in respect of the Target Fund on sustainability factors. The Target Fund does not promote environmental or social characteristics or pursue an objective of sustainable investment. Instead, the objective of the Target Fund is to achieve medium to long-term capital appreciation through investment in an actively managed portfolio of global equity securities through employing the policies outlined above.</p>
<p><b>Fees and Charges of the Target Fund</b></p>	<p>The fees and charges incurred by the Fund when investing in the Target Fund are as follows:</p> <p>Sales charge: Up to 5% of the net asset value per share subscribed for by shareholders. <b>However, no sales charge will be charged to the Fund for its investment in the Target Fund.</b></p> <p>Redemption fee: Currently 0%; maximum 3% of the net asset value of the shares being redeemed.</p> <p>Conversion fee: Currently 0%; maximum 5% of the net asset value of the Target Fund.</p> <p>Investment Manager's fee: Currently 1.2% per annum of the net asset value of the Target Fund. <b>The Investment Manager's fee is included in the annual management fee of the Fund and there shall be no double charging of management fee.</b></p> <p>Depository's fee: a trustee fee of 0.0125% per annum of the net asset value of the Target Fund and a custodian fee not exceeding 0.4% per annum, calculated by reference to the market value of the investments that the Target Fund may make in each relevant market, subject to a minimum annual fee of USD12,000 per annum.</p> <p>Administrator's fee: an annual fee at a rate between 0.015% and 0.045% per annum of the aggregate value of the Target Fund subject to an aggregate annual minimum fee of USD48,000 and a register fee of USD10,000 per annum.</p> <p>Operating Expenses and Fees: include but are not limited to brokerage and banking commissions and charges, investment research costs, legal and other professional advisory fees, company secretarial fees, Companies Registration Office filings and statutory fees, regulatory fees, auditing fees, translation and accounting expenses, interest on borrowings, taxes and governmental expenses applicable to the Target Fund, costs of preparation, translation, printing and distribution of reports and notices, all marketing material and advertisements and periodic update of the prospectus of the Target Fund, all expenses in connection with registration and distribution of the Target Fund and shares issued or to be issued, expenses of shareholders meetings, directors' insurance premia, expenses of the publication and distribution of the net asset value, clerical costs of issue or redemption of shares, postage, telephone, facsimile and telex</p>

	<p>expenses and any other expenses in each case together with any applicable value added tax.</p> <p><b>Impact on Fees and Charges of the Target Fund on the Costs of Investing in the Fund</b></p> <p>There are fees and general expenses which will be charged to the Target Fund as mentioned above; therefore, Unit Holders are indirectly bearing the fees and expenses charged at the Target Fund level as well as the fees and expenses of the Fund.</p> <p><b><i>Unit Holders may be subject to higher fees arising from the layered investment structure of a feeder fund.</i></b></p>
<p><b>Redemption Policy of the Target Fund</b></p>	<p>Subject as set out below, redemption proceeds in respect of shares of the Target Fund will normally be paid within 3 business days of the Target Fund after the dealing day of the Target Fund, provided that all the required documentation has been furnished to and received by the administrator of the Target Fund.</p> <p>If the number of shares of the Target Fund in respect of which redemption requests have been received on any dealing day of the Target Fund exceeds one tenth or more of the total number of shares in issue in the Target Fund or class or exceed one tenth of the net asset value of the Target Fund or class in respect of which redemption requests have been received on that day, the directors of the Company or their delegate may at their discretion refuse to redeem any shares in the Target Fund in excess of one tenth of the total number of shares in issue in the Target Fund or class or in excess of ten per cent of the net asset value of the Target Fund or class and, if they so refuse, the requests for redemption on such dealing day of the Target Fund shall be reduced pro rata and the shares to which each request relates which are not redeemed by reason of such reduction shall be treated as if a request for redemption had been made in respect of each subsequent dealing day of the Target Fund until all the shares of the Target Fund to which the original request related have been redeemed.</p> <p><b><i>Withdrawal of Redemption Requests</i></b></p> <p>Requests for redemption may not be withdrawn save with the written consent of the Target Fund or its authorised agent or in the event of suspension of calculation of the net asset value of the Target Fund.</p> <p><b><i>Compulsory/Total Redemption</i></b></p> <p>Shares of the Target Fund may be compulsorily redeemed and all the shares of the Target Fund may be redeemed in the circumstances described below.</p> <p>The Target Fund may by not less than four weeks' written notice to all shareholders (expiring on a dealing day), redeem at the net asset value of the Target Fund on such dealing day of the Target Fund all (but not some) of the shares in issue for the Target Fund on such date in the following instances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• if at any time after the first accounting date of the Target Fund the value of the Target Fund has fallen below USD50 million (or equivalent) on each dealing day of the Target Fund for a period of four consecutive weeks; or</li> <li>• if the shareholders of the Target Fund resolve by special resolution to wind up the Target Fund; or</li> <li>• if the Target Fund is no longer an authorised UCITS; or</li> <li>• if any law is passed which renders it illegal to continue the Target Fund; or</li> <li>• if in the reasonable opinion of the directors of the Company it is impracticable or inadvisable to continue the Target Fund.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Swing Pricing</b></p>	<p>Under certain circumstances (for example, large volumes of deals), investment and/or disinvestment costs may have an adverse effect on the shareholders' interests in the Target Fund. In order to prevent this effect, called "dilution", the directors of the Company may determine that a "Swing Pricing" methodology applies so as to allow for the net asset value per share of the Target Fund to be adjusted upwards or downwards by dealing and other costs and fiscal charges which would be payable on the effective acquisition or disposal of assets in the Target Fund if the net capital activity exceeds, as a consequence of the aggregate transactions in the Target Fund on a given business day of the Target Fund, a threshold (the "Threshold") set by the directors of the Company from time to time.</p> <p><i>Description of the swing pricing methodology</i>  If the Net Capital Activity (as defined below) on a given business day of the Target Fund leads to a net inflow of assets in excess of the Threshold in the Target Fund, the net asset value used to process all subscriptions, redemptions or conversion in the Target Fund is adjusted upwards by the swing factor set by the directors of the Company from time to time.</p> <p>If the Net Capital Activity on a given business day of the Target Fund leads to a net outflow of assets in excess of the Threshold in the Target Fund, the net asset value used to process all subscriptions, redemptions or conversions in the Target Fund is adjusted downwards by the swing factor set by the directors of the Company from time to time.</p> <p>In any case, the swing factor shall not exceed 1.00 per cent of the net asset value per share of the Target Fund. Further, for the purpose of calculating the expenses of the Target Fund which are based on the net asset value of the Target Fund, the administrator of the Target Fund will continue to use the un-swung net asset value.</p> <p>"Net Capital Activity" means the net cash movement of subscriptions and redemptions into and out of the Target Fund across all share classes on a given business day of the Target Fund.</p>
<p><b>Suspension of Valuation of Assets</b></p>	<p>The directors of the Company may, in consultation with the Management Company, at any time and from time to time temporarily suspend the determination of the net asset value of the Target Fund or attributable to a class and the issue, conversion and redemption of shares in the Target Fund or class:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) during the whole or part of any period (other than for ordinary holidays or customary weekends) when any of the Recognised Exchanges on which the Target Fund's investments are quoted, listed, traded or dealt are closed or during which dealings therein are restricted or suspended or trading is suspended or restricted; or</li> <li>b) during the whole or part of any period when circumstances outside the control of the directors of the Company exist as a result of which any disposal or valuation of investments of the Target Fund is not reasonably practicable or would be detrimental to the interests of shareholders of the Target Fund or it is not possible to transfer monies involved in the acquisition or disposition of investments to or from the relevant account of the Target Fund; or</li> <li>c) during the whole or any part of any period when any breakdown occurs in the means of communication normally employed in determining the value of any of the Target Fund's investments; or</li> <li>d) during the whole or any part of any period when for any reason the value of any of the Target Fund's investments cannot be reasonably, promptly or accurately ascertained; or</li> <li>e) during the whole or any part of any period when subscription proceeds cannot be transmitted to or from the account of the Target Fund or the Target</li> </ul>

	<p>Fund is unable to repatriate funds required for making redemption payments or when such payments cannot, in the opinion of the directors of the Company, be carried out at normal rates of exchange; or</p> <p>f) upon mutual agreement between the Target Fund and the depositary of the Target Fund for the purpose of terminating the Target Fund or class; or</p> <p>g) if any other reason makes it impossible or impracticable to determine the value of a substantial portion of the investments of the Target Fund.</p> <p>Any suspension of valuation shall be notified to the Central Bank of Ireland, and the depositary of the Target Fund without delay and, in any event, within the same dealing day of the Target Fund and shall be published and made available on the internet at <a href="http://www.nomuraasset.co.uk">www.nomuraasset.co.uk</a>. Where possible, all reasonable steps will be taken to bring any period of suspension to an end as soon as possible.</p> <p>The Central Bank of Ireland may also require that the Target Fund temporarily suspends the determination of the net asset value and the issue and redemption of shares of the Target Fund or class if it decides that it is in the best interests of the general public and the shareholders of the Target Fund to do so.</p> <p>Applicants for shares and shareholders of the Target Fund requesting redemption and/or conversion of shares of the Target Fund will be notified of such suspension and, unless withdrawn, applications for shares of the Target Fund will be considered and requests for redemption and/or conversion will be processed as at the next dealing day of the Target Fund following the ending of such suspension.</p>
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## **PERMITTED INVESTMENTS AND INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS OF THE TARGET FUND**

### **1 Permitted Investments**

Investments of the Target Fund are confined to:

- 1.1 Transferable securities and money market instruments which are either admitted to official listing on a stock exchange in a Member State or non-Member State or which are dealt on a market which is regulated, operates regularly, is recognised and open to the public in a Member State or non-Member State.
- 1.2 Recently issued transferable securities which will be admitted to official listing on a stock exchange or other market (as described above) within a year.
- 1.3 Money market instruments other than those dealt on a regulated market.
- 1.4 Units of UCITS.
- 1.5 Units of alternative investment funds.
- 1.6 Deposits with credit institutions.
- 1.7 Financial derivative instruments.

## **2 Investment Restrictions**

- 2.1 The Target Fund may invest no more than 10% of net assets in transferable securities and money market instruments other than those referred to in paragraph 1 above.
- 2.2 The Target Fund may invest no more than 10% of net assets in recently issued transferable securities which will be admitted to official listing on a stock exchange or other market (as described in paragraph 1.1 above) within a year.
- 2.3 The Target Fund may invest no more than 10% of net assets in transferable securities or money market instruments issued by the same body provided that the total value of transferable securities and money market instruments held in the issuing bodies in each of which it invests more than 5% is less than 40%.
- 2.4 Subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Ireland, the limit of 10% (in paragraph 2.3 above) is raised to 25% in the case of bonds that are issued by a credit institution which has its registered office in a Member State and is subject by law to special public supervision designed to protect bond-holders. If the Target Fund invests more than 5% of its net assets in these bonds issued by 1 issuer, the total value of these investments may not exceed 80% of the net asset value of the Target Fund.
- 2.5 The limit of 10% (in paragraph 2.3 above) is raised to 35% if the transferable securities or money market instruments are issued or guaranteed by a Member State or its local authorities or by a non-Member State or public international body of which 1 or more Member States are members.
- 2.6 The transferable securities and money market instruments referred to in paragraphs 2.4. and 2.5 above shall not be taken into account for the purpose of applying the limit of 40% referred to in paragraph 2.3 above.
- 2.7 The Target Fund shall not invest more than 20% of its assets in deposits made with the same body.
- 2.8 The risk exposure of the Target Fund to a counterparty to an OTC derivative may not exceed 5% of net assets.
- This limit is raised to 10% in the case of a credit institution authorised in the EEA; a credit institution authorised within a signatory state (other than an EEA Member State) to the Basle Capital Convergence Agreement of July 1988 or a credit institution in Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Australia or New Zealand.
- 2.9 Notwithstanding paragraphs 2.3, 2.7 and 2.8 above, a combination of 2 or more of the following issued by, or made or undertaken with, the same body may not exceed 20% of net assets:
- investments in transferable securities or money market instruments;
  - deposits, and/or
  - risk exposures arising from OTC derivatives transactions.
- 2.10 The limits referred to in paragraphs 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9 above may not be combined, so that exposure to a single body shall not exceed 35% of net assets.
- 2.11 Group companies are regarded as a single issuer for the purposes of paragraphs 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9 above. However, a limit of 20% of net assets may be applied to investment in transferable securities and money market instruments within the same group.
- 2.12 The Target Fund may invest up to 100% of net assets in different transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by any Member State, its local authorities, non-Member States or public international body of which 1 or more Member States are members, drawn from the following list:

OECD Governments (provided the relevant issues are investment grade), Government of Singapore, Government of the People's Republic of China, Government of Brazil (provided the

issues are of investment grade), Government of India (provided the issues are of investment grade), European Investment Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Finance Corporation, International Monetary Fund, Euratom, The Asian Development Bank, European Central Bank, Council of Europe, Eurofima, African Development Bank, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (The World Bank), The InterAmerican Development Bank, EU, Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae), Student Loan Marketing Association (Sallie Mae), Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Tennessee Valley Authority.

The Target Fund must hold securities from at least 6 different issues, with securities from any 1 issue not exceeding 30% of net assets.

### **3 Investment in CIS**

3.1 The Target Fund may not invest more than 10% of net assets in aggregate in underlying CIS.

The CIS are prohibited from investing more than 10% of net assets in other open-ended CIS.

3.2

When the Target Fund invests in the units of other CIS that are managed, directly or by delegation, by the Management Company or by any other company with which the Target Fund is linked by common management or control, or by a substantial direct or indirect holding, the Management Company or other company may not charge subscription, conversion or redemption fees on account of the Target Fund's investment in the units of such other CIS.

3.3

Where a commission (including a rebated commission) is received by the Management Company, the Investment Manager or an investment adviser (if any) by virtue of an investment in the units of another CIS, this commission must be paid into the property of the Target Fund.

3.4

The Target Fund may not invest in another sub-fund of the Company, which itself holds shares in other sub-funds of the Company.

In the event that the Target Fund (the "Investing Fund") invests in the shares of other sub-funds of the Company (each a "Receiving Fund"), the rate of the annual management fee which investors in the Investing Fund are charged in respect of that portion of the Investing Fund's assets invested in Receiving Funds (whether such fee is paid directly at the Investing Fund level, indirectly at the level of the Receiving Funds or a combination of both) shall not exceed the rate of the maximum annual management fee which investors in the Investing Fund may be charged in respect of the balance of the Investing Fund's assets, such that there shall be no double charging of the annual management fee to the Investing Fund as a result of its investments in the Receiving Fund. This provision is also applicable to the annual fee charged by the Investment Manager where this fee is paid directly out of the assets of the Target Fund.

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### **4 General Provisions**

4.1 The Target Fund may not acquire any shares carrying voting rights which would enable it to exercise significant influence over the management of an issuing body.

4.2 The Target Fund may acquire no more than:

- (i) 10% of the non-voting shares of any single issuing body;
- (ii) 10% of the debt securities of any single issuing body;
- (iii) 25% of the units of any single CIS;
- (iv) 10% of the money market instruments of any single issuing body.

NOTE: The limits laid down in (ii), (iii) and (iv) above may be disregarded at the time of acquisition if at that time the gross amount of the debt securities or of the money market instruments, or the net amount of the securities in issue cannot be calculated.

4.3 Paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2 above shall not be applicable to:

- (i) transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State or its local authorities;
- (ii) transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a non-Member State;
- (iii) transferable securities and money market instruments issued by public international bodies of which 1 or more Member States are members;
- (iv) shares held by the Target Fund in the capital of a company incorporated in a non-Member State which invests its assets mainly in the securities of issuing bodies having their registered offices in that non-Member State, where under the legislation of that non-Member State such a holding represents the only way in which the Company can invest in the securities of issuing bodies of that non-Member State. This waiver is applicable only if in its investment policies the company from the non-Member State complies with the limits laid down in paragraphs 2.3 to 2.11, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.4 and 4.5, and provided that where these limits are exceeded, paragraph 4.5 below is observed; and
- (v) shares held by the Target Fund in the capital of subsidiary companies carrying on only the business of management, advice or marketing in the country where the subsidiary is located, in regard to the repurchase of units at unit-holders' request exclusively on their behalf.

4.4 The Target Fund need not comply with the investment restrictions herein when exercising subscription rights attaching to transferable securities or money market instruments which form part of their assets.

4.5 If the limits laid down herein are exceeded for reasons beyond the control of Target Fund, or as a result of the exercise of subscription rights, the Target Fund must adopt as a priority objective for its sales transactions the remedying of that situation, taking due account of the interests of its shareholders.

4.6 The Target Fund may not carry out uncovered sales of:

- transferable securities;
- money market instruments (any short selling of money market instruments by UCITS is prohibited);
- units of CIS; or
- financial derivative instruments.

4.7 The Target Fund may hold ancillary liquid assets.

## **5 Financial Derivative Instruments ('FDIs')**

5.1 The Target Fund's global exposure limit relating to FDI must not exceed 100 percent of its total net asset value.

5.2 Position exposure to the underlying assets of FDI, including embedded FDI in transferable securities, money market instruments or collective investment undertakings, when combined where relevant with positions resulting from direct investments, may not exceed the investment limits set out under "Permitted Investments and Investment Restrictions of the Target Fund" of the Prospectus. When calculating issuer-concentration risk, the Investment Manager will look through the FDI (including embedded FDI) to determine the resultant position exposure. This position exposure will be taken into account in the issuer concentration calculations. It will be calculated using the commitment approach.

5.3 The Target Fund may utilise FDIs dealt in OTC provided that the counterparties to OTC transactions are institutions subject to prudential supervision and belonging to categories approved by the Central Bank of Ireland.

5.4 Investment in FDIs are subject to the conditions and limits laid down by the Central Bank of Ireland.

## 6 Restrictions on Borrowing and Lending

- (a) The Target Fund may borrow up to 10% of its net asset value provided such borrowing is on a temporary basis. The Target Fund may charge its assets as security for such borrowings.
- (b) The Target Fund may acquire foreign currency by means of a “back-to-back” loan agreement. The Company shall ensure that the Target Fund with foreign currency borrowings which exceed the value of a back-to-back deposit treats that excess as borrowings for the purpose of UCITS Regulations.

### ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO THE TARGET FUND

- 1) The value of the Target Fund’s investments in ordinary shares issued by any single issuer must not exceed 10% of the Target Fund’s net asset value.
- 2) The value of the Target Fund’s investments in:
  - (a) transferable securities; and
  - (b) money market instruments,issued by any single issuer must not exceed 15% of the Target Fund’s net asset value (single issuer limit”). In determining the single issuer limit, the value of the Target Fund’s investments in instruments in paragraph 1) above issued by the same issuer must be included in the calculation.
- 3) The single issuer limit in paragraph 3) may be raised to 35% of the Target Fund’s net asset value if the issuing entity is, or the issue is guaranteed by, either a foreign government, foreign government agency, foreign central bank or supranational, that has a minimum long-term credit rating of investment grade (including gradation and subcategories) by an international rating agency.
- 4) The aggregate value of the Target Fund’s investments in, or exposure to, a single issuer through:
  - (a) transferable securities;
  - (b) money market instruments;
  - (c) deposits;
  - (d) underlying assets of derivatives; and
  - (e) counterparty exposure arising from the use of OTC derivatives,must not exceed 25% of the Target Fund’s net asset value (“single issuer aggregate limit”). In determining the single issuer aggregate limit, the value of the Target Fund’s investments in instruments in paragraph 1) issued by the same issuer must be included in the calculation.
- 5) Where the single issuer limit is increased to 35% of the Target Fund’s net asset value, the single issuer aggregate limit in paragraph 5) above may be raised, subject to the group limit in paragraph 10) below not exceeding 35% of the Target Fund’s net asset value.
- 6) The value of the Target Fund’s placement in deposits with any single financial institution must not exceed 20% of the Target Fund’s net asset value. The single financial institution limit does not apply to placements of deposits arising from:
  - (a) subscription monies received prior to the commencement of investment by the Target Fund;
  - (b) liquidation of investments prior to the termination of the Target Fund, where the placement of deposits with various financial institutions would not be in the best interests of shareholders of the Target Fund; or
  - (c) monies held for the settlement of redemption or other payment obligations, where the placement of deposits with various financial institutions would not be in the best interests of shareholders of the Target Fund.
- 7) The value of the Target Fund’s investments in units or shares of a CIS must not exceed 20% of the Target Fund’s net asset value, provided that the CIS complies with paragraphs 6.11(a), (b) and (c) of the Guidelines, excluding a CIS that invests in real estate.
- 8) The value of the Target Fund’s investments in units or shares of a CIS that invests in real estate pursuant to paragraph 6.11(c) of the Guidelines must not exceed 15% of the Target Fund’s net asset value.
- 9) The value of the Target Fund’s investments in transferable securities and money market instruments issued by any group of companies must not exceed 20% of the Target Fund’s net asset value (“group limit”). In determining the group limit, the value of the Target Fund’s investments in instruments in paragraph 1) above issued by the issuers within the same group of companies must be included in the calculation.

- 10) The Target Fund's investments in shares or securities equivalent to shares must not exceed 10% of the shares or securities equivalent to shares, as the case may be, issued by a single issuer;
- 11) The Target Fund's investments in debt securities must not exceed 20% of the debt securities issued by a single issuer. This limit may be disregarded at the time of acquisition if at that time of acquisition, the gross amount of debt securities in issue cannot be determined.
- 12) The Target Fund's investments in money market instruments must not exceed 10% of the instruments issued by any single issuer. This limit does not apply to money market instruments that do not have a pre-determined issue size.
- 13) The Target Fund's investments in CIS must not exceed 25% of the units or shares in the CIS.
- 14) The Target Fund must not use leverage for investments.
- 15) The Target Fund may participate in securities lending and repurchase transactions for the purpose of efficient portfolio management only.
- 16) The securities lending and repurchase transactions must be effected in accordance with good market practice.
- 17) The Investment Manager must have at least 100% collateralisation in respect of the securities lending and repurchase transactions into which it enters and ensure there is no uncollateralised counterparty risk exposure arising from these transactions.
- 18) The counterparty to the securities lending and repurchase transactions must be a financial institution that has a minimum top 3 long-term credit rating (including gradation and subcategories) provided by any global rating agency.
- 19) The counterparty of OTC derivatives must be a financial institution with a minimum long-term credit rating of investment grade (including gradation and subcategories) and must not exceed 10% of the Target Fund's net asset value.
- 20) The global exposure of the Target Fund's investment in derivatives is calculated using the commitment approach methodology.
- 21) Where the Target Fund invested in a CIS operated by the same Management Company of the Target Fund or its related corporation, the Management Company of the Target Fund must ensure that:
  - (a) there is no cross-holding between the Target Fund and the CIS;
  - (b) all initial charges on the CIS are waived; and
  - (c) the management fee must only be charged once, either at the Target Fund or the CIS.
- 22) For the purpose of borrowing:
  - (a) the Target Fund may borrow cash for the purpose of meeting repurchase requests for units and for short-term bridging requirements only;
  - (b) the Target Fund's cash borrowing is only on a temporary basis and that the borrowings are not persistent;
  - (c) the aggregate borrowings of the Target Fund should not exceed 10% of the Target Fund's net asset value at the time the borrowing is incurred;
  - (d) the borrowing period should not exceed 1 month; and
  - (e) the Target Fund only borrows from financial institutions.
- 23) In the case where there is a passive breach of the investment restrictions applicable to the Target Fund, the Target Fund will rectify as soon as practicable within 3 months from the date of the breach. The 3-month period may be extended if it is in the best interest of the shareholders of the Target Fund.

**Prospective investors should read and understand the contents of this Prospectus and, if necessary, should consult their adviser(s).**

**If you are interested in the Fund, have any queries or require further information, please contact our client servicing personnel at our office or at any of our authorised distributors' offices during office hour. Alternatively, you may e-mail your enquiries to [marketing@nomura-asset.com.my](mailto:marketing@nomura-asset.com.my).**

## **5. UNDERSTANDING THE RISKS OF THE FUND AND THE TARGET FUND**

Below are the risks associated with the investments of the Fund and the Target Fund. Before investing, you should first consider these factors. You are recommended to read the whole Prospectus to assess the risk of the Fund and the Target Fund. If necessary, you should consult your professional adviser(s) for a better understanding of the risks.

It is important to note that events affecting the investments cannot always be foreseen. Therefore, it is not always possible to protect investments against all risks. The various asset classes generally exhibit different levels of risk.

### **GENERAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

#### **Market Risk**

The value of an investment will decrease or increase due to changes in market factors i.e. economic, political or other events that impact large portions of the market. Market risk cannot be eliminated, hence the Fund's investment portfolio may be prone to changing market conditions that may result in uncertainties and fluctuations in the value of the underlying of the Fund's investment portfolio, causing the NAV or prices of Units to fluctuate.

#### **Inflation Risk**

This is the risk that your investments in the Fund may not grow or generate income at a rate that keeps pace with inflation. This would reduce your purchasing power even though the nominal value of the investment in monetary terms has increased.

#### **Manager's Risk**

This risk refers to our day-to-day management of the Fund which will impact the performance of the Fund. For example, investment decisions undertaken by us, as a result of an incorrect view of the market or any non-compliance with internal policies, investment mandate, the Deed, relevant law or guidelines due to factors such as human error or weaknesses in operational process and systems, may adversely affect the performance of the Fund. In order to mitigate this risk, the implementation of internal controls and a structured investment process and operational procedures has been put in place by us.

#### **Non-compliance Risk**

This is the risk that we may not follow the provisions set out in this Prospectus or the Deed or the law, rules or guidelines that governs the Fund or our own internal procedures whether by oversight or by omission. This risk may also occur indirectly due to legal risk, which is a risk of circumstances from the imposition and/or amendment on the relevant regulatory frameworks, laws, rules, and other legal practices affecting the Fund. An act of non-compliance/ mismanagement of the Fund may lead to operational disruptions that could potentially be detrimental to the Fund. We aim to mitigate this risk by placing stringent internal policies and procedures and compliance monitoring processes to ensure that the Fund is in compliance with the relevant fund regulations or guidelines.

#### **Loan/Financing Risk**

This risk occurs when investors take a loan/financing to finance their investment. The inherent risk of investing with borrowed or financed money includes investors being unable to service the loan repayments/make financing payments. In the event Units are used as collateral, Unit Holder may be required to top-up his existing instalment if the prices of Units fall below a certain level due to market conditions. Failing which, the Units may be sold at a lower NAV per Unit as compared to the NAV per Unit at the point of purchase towards settling the loan/financing.

### **SPECIFIC RISKS OF THE FUND**

#### **Concentration Risk**

As the Fund invests at least 85% of its NAV in the Target Fund, it is subject to concentration risk as the performance of the Fund would be dependent on the performance of the Target Fund.

### **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk refers to the ease of liquidating an asset depending on the asset's volume traded in the market. If the Fund holds assets that are illiquid, or are difficult to dispose of, the value of the Fund will be negatively affected when it has to sell such assets at unfavourable prices.

The liquidity risk of the Fund also refers to our ability as manager to honour redemption requests or to pay Unit Holders' redemption proceeds in a timely manner. This is subject to the Fund's holding of adequate liquid assets, its ability to borrow on a temporary basis as permitted by the relevant laws and/or its ability to redeem the shares of the Target Fund at fair value. Should there be inadequate liquid assets held, the Fund may not be able to honour requests for redemption or to pay Unit Holders' redemption proceeds in a timely manner and may be forced to dispose the shares of the Target Fund at unfavourable prices to meet redemption requirements.

### **Country Risk**

The investment of the Fund may be affected by risk specific to the country in which it invests in. Such risks include changes in the country's economic, social and political environment. The value of the assets of the Fund may also be affected by uncertainties such as currency repatriation restrictions or other developments in the law or regulations of the country in which the Fund invest in, i.e. Ireland, the domicile country of the Target Fund.

### **Currency Risk**

As the Base Currency is denominated in USD and the currency denomination of the Classes may be denominated in other than USD, the Classes not denominated in USD are also exposed to currency risk. Any fluctuation in the exchange rates between USD and the currency denomination of the Class (other than USD Class) will affect the Unit Holder's investments in those Classes (other than USD Class). The impact of the exchange rate movement between the Base Currency and the currency denomination of the Class (other than USD Class) may result in a depreciation of the Unit Holder's holdings as expressed in the Base Currency.

In order to manage currency risk, we may employ currency hedging strategies to fully or partially hedge the foreign currency exposure of the Classes not denominated in USD. Currency hedging may reduce the effect of the exchange rate movement for the Class being hedged but it does not entirely eliminate currency risk between the Class and the Base Currency. The unhedged portion of the Class will still be affected by the exchange rate movements and it may cause fluctuation of NAV of the Class. You should note that if the exchange rate moves favourably, the Class will not benefit from any upside in currency movement due to the hedging strategy. In addition, hedging is subject to a minimum size of entering into a hedging contract and the cost of hedging will be borne by the Class being hedged and may affect returns of the Class being hedged.

### **Investment Manager of the Target Fund Risk**

The Fund will invest in the Target Fund managed by a foreign asset management company. This risk refers to the risk associated with the Investment Manager, which include:

- i) the risk of non-adherence to the investment objective, strategy and policies of the Target Fund;
- ii) the risk of direct or indirect losses resulting from inadequate or failed operational and administrative processes and systems by the Investment Manager; and
- iii) the risk that the Target Fund may underperform its benchmark due to poor investment decisions by the Investment Manager.

### **Default Risk**

Default risk relates to the risk that an issuer of a money market instrument either defaulting on payments or failing to make payments in a timely manner which will in turn adversely affect the value of the money market instruments. If the financial institution which the Fund places deposits with defaults in payment or become insolvent, the Fund may also suffer capital losses with regards to the capital invested and interests foregone, causing the performance of the Fund to be adversely affected. This could affect the value of the Fund as up to 15% of the NAV of the Fund will be invested in deposits, money market instruments, cash and/or derivatives for hedging purposes.

### **OTC Counterparty Risk**

OTC counterparty risk is the risk associated with the other party to an OTC derivative transaction not meeting its obligations. If the counterparty to the OTC derivative transaction is unable to meet or otherwise

defaults on its obligations (for example, due to bankruptcy or other financial difficulties), the Fund may be exposed to significant losses greater than the cost of the derivatives. The risk of default of a counterparty is directly linked to the creditworthiness of that counterparty. Should there be a downgrade in the credit rating of the OTC derivatives' counterparty, we will evaluate the situation and reassess the creditworthiness of the counterparty. We will take the necessary steps in the best interest of the Fund.

#### **Suspension or Deferral of Redemption Request Risk**

Having considered the best interests of Unit Holders, the redemption requests by the Unit Holders may be subject to suspension due to exceptional circumstances stated under Section 7.8 of this Prospectus. In such case, Unit Holders will not be able to redeem their Units and will be compelled to remain invested in the Fund for a longer period of time than original timeline. Hence, their investments will continue to be subject to the risks inherent to the Fund.

In addition, if the number of shares of the Target Fund in respect of which redemption requests have been received on a dealing day of the Target Fund exceeds one tenth or more of the total number of shares in issue of the Target Fund or exceed one tenth of the net asset value of the Target Fund, the directors of the Company may at their discretion refuse to redeem any shares of the Target Fund in excess of the aforesaid amount, and if they so refuse, the redemption requests on that dealing day of the Target Fund will be reduced pro rata and those shares not yet redeemed will be redeemed on the subsequent dealing day of the Target Fund until all the shares in respect of the redemption requests have been redeemed. In such situation, the Fund may be affected if the Fund does not have sufficient liquidity to meet redemption requests from Unit Holder. Unit Holders will not be able to redeem their Units and will be compelled to remain invested in the Fund for a longer period of time than original timeline. Hence, their investments will continue to be subject to the risks inherent to the Fund. As the Fund may hold up to 15% of its NAV in liquid assets such as deposits, money market instruments, cash and/or derivatives for hedging purposes, this risk is mitigated due to the level of liquidity that the Fund has.

#### **Risks Associated with the Use of Accretion or Amortised Cost Accounting**

We are using accretion or amortised cost accounting to value money market instruments with remaining term to maturity of not more than 90 days at the time of acquisition. Accretion or amortised cost accounting is an accounting process used to adjust the value between the purchase date and maturity date of a money market instruments that has been bought at a discounted rate or premium. Accretion is the accumulation of paper value on a discounted money market instruments until it reaches maturity. Where amortisation is used to calculate the yield at any given time of a money market instruments bought at a premium, it is the writing off of the investment's premium over its projected life until maturity.

We have delegated the fund accounting and valuation services of the Fund to the Trustee. There may be a possibility of incorrect valuation performed by the Trustee due to human error or system failure. To mitigate this risk, we have our own set of accretion or amortised cost accounting to reconcile the accretion or amortised cost performed by the Trustee on a daily basis. Should the difference in valuation exceeds the threshold of 0.05%, we will perform an investigation on the Trustee's valuation.

#### **Suspension of the Target Fund Risk**

If the right of the Fund to redeem its shares of the Target Fund is temporarily suspended, the Fund may also be affected if the Fund does not have sufficient liquidity to meet redemption request from Unit Holder. In such situation, we may suspend the redemption of Units of the Fund and any redemption request received by us during the suspension period will only be accepted and processed on the next Business Day after the cessation of the suspension. However, this risk is mitigated as the Fund may hold up to 15% of its NAV in liquid assets such as deposits, money market instruments, cash and/or derivatives for hedging purposes.

### **SPECIFIC RISKS OF THE TARGET FUND**

#### **Investment in Emerging Markets**

Investing in emerging markets involves risks and special considerations not typically associated with investing in other more established economies or securities markets. Investors should carefully consider their ability to assume the risks listed below before making an investment in the Target Fund. Investing in emerging markets is considered speculative and involves the risk of total loss. Because the Target Fund's investments will be subject to the market fluctuations and risks inherent in all investments, there can be no

assurance that the Target Fund's stated objective will be realised. The Investment Manager will seek to minimize these risks through professional management and investment diversification. As with any long-term investment, the value of shares when sold may be higher or lower than when purchased.

Risks of investing in emerging markets include:

1. The risk that the Target Fund's assets may be exposed to nationalisation, expropriation, or confiscatory taxation;
2. The fact that emerging market securities markets are substantially smaller, less liquid and more volatile than the securities markets of more developed nations. The relatively small market capitalisation and trading volume of emerging market securities may cause the Target Fund's investments to be comparatively less liquid and subject to greater price volatility than investments in the securities markets of developed nations. Many emerging markets are in their infancy and have yet to be exposed to a major correction. In the event of such an occurrence, the absence of various market mechanisms, which are inherent in the markets of more developed nations, may lead to turmoil in the marketplace, as well as the inability of the Target Fund to liquidate its investments;
3. Greater social, economic and political uncertainty (including the risk of war);
4. Greater price volatility, substantially less liquidity and significantly smaller market capitalisation of securities markets;
5. Currency exchange rate fluctuations and the lack of available currency hedging instruments;
6. Higher rates of inflation;
7. Controls on foreign investment and limitations on repatriation of invested capital and on the Target Fund's ability to exchange local currencies for USD;
8. Greater governmental involvement in and control over the economy;
9. The fact that emerging market companies may be smaller, less seasoned and newly organized;
10. The difference in, or lack of, auditing and financial reporting standards that may result in unavailability of material information about issuers;
11. The fact that the securities of many companies may trade at prices substantially above book value, at high price/earnings ratios, or at prices that do not reflect traditional measures of value;
12. The fact that statistical information regarding the economy of many emerging market countries may be inaccurate or not comparable to statistical information regarding the US or other economies;
13. Less extensive regulation of the securities markets;
14. The maintenance of Target Fund portfolio securities and cash with foreign sub-custodians and securities depositories;
15. The risk that it may be more difficult, or impossible, to obtain and/or enforce a judgment than in other countries;
16. The risk that the Target Fund may be subject to income, capital gains or withholding taxes imposed by emerging market countries or other foreign governments;
17. The risk that enterprises in which the Target Fund invests may be or become subject to unduly burdensome and restrictive regulation affecting the commercial freedom of the invested company and thereby diminishing the value of the Target Fund's investment in that company. Restrictive or over regulation may therefore be a form of indirect nationalisation;
18. The risk that businesses in emerging markets have only a very recent history of operating within a market-oriented economy. In general, relative to companies operating in developed economies, companies in emerging markets are characterised by a lack of (i) experienced management, (ii) technology, and (iii) sufficient capital base with which to develop and expand their operations. It is unclear what will be the effect on companies in emerging markets, if any, of attempts to move towards a more market-oriented economy; and
19. Disposition of illiquid securities often takes more time than for more liquid securities, may result in higher selling expenses and may not be able to be made at desirable prices or at the prices at which such securities have been valued by the Target Fund.

#### **Investments in ADRs, GDRs, NVDRs and PNotes**

ADRs are depository receipts typically issued by a US bank or trust company that evidence ownership of underlying equity securities issued by a foreign corporation. GDRs are typically issued by foreign banks or trust companies, although they also may be issued by US banks or trust companies, and evidence ownership of underlying equity securities issued by either a foreign or a US corporation. Generally, depository receipts in registered form are designed for use in the US securities market, and depository receipts in bearer form are designed for use in securities markets outside the US. For purposes of the

Target Fund's investment policies, the Target Fund's investments in depository receipts will be deemed investments in the underlying securities.

NVDRs are trading instruments issued in Thailand by the Thai NVDR Co. Ltd. The main purpose of NVDRs is to stimulate trading activity in the Thai stock market. Foreign investors who are interested in investing in these companies may be prevented from doing so because of foreign ownership restrictions under Thai law. NVDRs provide an alternative option for foreign investors. By investing in NVDRs, investors receive the same financial benefits (i.e., dividends, right issues or warrants), as those who invest directly in a company's ordinary shares. The only difference between investing in NVDR and company shares is in regard to voting.

PNotes are instruments issued by registered foreign institutional investors (FII) to overseas investors, who wish to invest in the Indian stock markets without registering themselves with the market regulator, the Securities and Exchange Board of India - SEBI.

### **Investment in Russia**

Investments in companies organized in or who principally do business in the independent states that were once part of the Soviet Union, including the Russian Federation pose special risks, including economic and political unrest and may lack a transparent and reliable legal system for enforcing the rights of creditors and shareholders of the Target Fund. Furthermore, the standard of corporate governance and investor protection in Russia may not be equivalent to that provided in other jurisdictions. While the Russian Federation has returned to growth, is generating fiscal and current account surpluses, and is current on its obligations to bondholders, uncertainty remains with regard to structural reforms (e.g. banking sector, land reform, and property rights), the economy's heavy reliance on oil, unfavorable political developments and/or government policies, and other economic issues. Evidence of legal title to shares in a Russian company is maintained in book entry form. In order to register an interest of the Target Fund's shares an individual must travel to the company's registrar and open an account with the registrar. The individual will be provided with an extract of the share register detailing his interests but the only document recognised as conclusive evidence of title is the register itself. Registrars are not subject to effective government supervision. There is a possibility that the Target Fund could lose its registration through fraud, negligence, oversight or catastrophe such as a fire. Registrars are not required to maintain insurance against these occurrences and are unlikely to have sufficient assets to compensate the Target Fund in the event of loss. In other circumstances such as the insolvency of a sub-custodian or registrar, or retroactive application of legislation, the Target Fund may not be able to establish title to investments made and may suffer loss as a result. In such circumstances, the Target Fund may find it impossible to enforce its right against third parties. Neither the Target Fund, the Management Company, the Investment Manager, the depository of the Target Fund nor any of their agents make any representation or warranty in respect of, or in guarantee of, the operations or performance of any registrar.

### **Market Capitalisation Risk**

The securities of small-to-medium-sized (by market capitalisation) companies, or financial instruments related to such securities, may have a more limited market than the securities of larger companies. Accordingly, it may be more difficult to effect sales of such securities at an advantageous time or without a substantial drop in price than securities of a company with a large market capitalisation and broad trading market. In addition, securities of small-to-medium-sized companies may have greater price volatility as they are generally more vulnerable to adverse market factors such as unfavourable economic reports.

### **Market Risk**

Some of the Recognised Exchanges in which the Target Fund may invest may be less well-regulated than those in developed markets and may prove to be illiquid, insufficiently liquid or highly volatile from time to time. This may affect the price at which the Target Fund may liquidate positions to meet redemption requests or other funding requirements.

### **Exchange Control and Repatriation Risk**

It may not be possible for the Target Fund to repatriate capital, dividends, interest and other income from certain countries, or it may require government consents to do so. The Target Fund could be adversely affected by the introduction of, or delays in, or refusal to grant any such consent for the repatriation of funds or by any official intervention affecting the process of settlement of transactions. Economic or political

conditions could lead to the revocation or variation of consent granted prior to investment being made in any particular country or to the imposition of new restrictions.

### **Political, Regulatory, Settlement and Sub-Custodial Risk**

The value of the Target Fund's assets may be affected by uncertainties such as international political developments, changes in government policies, changes in taxation, restrictions on foreign investment and currency repatriation, currency fluctuations and other developments in the laws and regulations of countries in which investment may be made. Furthermore, the legal infrastructure and accounting, auditing and reporting standards in certain countries in which investment may be made may not provide the same degree of investor protection or information to investors as would generally apply in major securities markets.

New rules under the settlement discipline regime introduced under Regulation (EU) No 909/2014 (CSDR) which are intended to reduce the number of settlement fails within EU central securities depositories (such as Euroclear and Clearstream) entered into force on 1 February 2022. These measures include the introduction of a new cash penalties regime under which the participant within the relevant CSD responsible for a settlement fail will be required to pay a cash penalty which is in turn distributed to the other participant. This is intended to serve as an effective deterrent for participants that cause settlement fails. In certain circumstances, such penalties and related expenses will be borne (either directly or indirectly) out of the assets of the Target Fund on whose behalf the in-scope transaction was entered into, thus resulting in increased operational and compliance costs being borne by the Target Fund.

### **Legal Infrastructure**

Company laws in some of the targeted countries may be at an early stage of development. As these countries develop, certain new laws might have a negative impact on the value of an investment which cannot be foreseen at the time the investment is made. As the efficacy of such laws are as yet uncertain, there can be no assurance as to the extent to which rights of foreign shareholders of the Target Fund can be protected. In addition, there may also be a shortage of qualified judicial and legal professionals to interpret or advise upon recently enacted and future laws in some jurisdictions.

### **Liquidity Risk**

Not all securities or instruments invested in by the Target Fund will be listed or rated and consequently liquidity may be low. Moreover, the accumulation and disposal of holdings in some investments may be time consuming and may need to be conducted at unfavourable prices. The Target Fund may also encounter difficulties in disposing of assets at their fair price due to adverse market conditions leading to limited liquidity.

### **Redemption Risk**

Large redemptions of shares in the Target Fund might result in the Target Fund being forced to sell assets at a time and price at which it would normally prefer not to dispose of those assets.

### **Credit Risk**

There can be no assurance that issuers of the securities or other instruments in which the Target Fund invests will not be subject to credit difficulties leading to the loss of some or all of the sums invested in such securities or instruments or payments due on such securities or instruments. The Target Fund will also be exposed to a credit risk in relation to the counterparties with whom it transacts or places margin or collateral in respect of transactions in financial derivative instruments and may bear the risk of counterparty default.

### **Currency Risk**

Assets of the Target Fund may be denominated in a currency other than the base currency of the Target Fund and changes in the exchange rate between the base currency of the Target Fund and the currency of the asset may lead to a depreciation of the value of the Target Fund's assets as expressed in the base currency of the Target Fund. It may not be possible or practical to hedge against such exchange rate risk. The Investment Manager may, but is not obliged to, mitigate this risk by using financial derivative instruments.

The Target Fund may from time to time enter into currency exchange transactions either on a spot basis or by buying currency exchange forward contracts. The Target Fund will not enter into forward contracts for speculative purposes. Neither spot transactions nor forward currency exchange contracts eliminate fluctuations in the prices of the Target Fund's securities or in foreign exchange rates, or prevent loss if the prices of these securities should decline. Performance of the Target Fund may be strongly influenced by

movements in foreign exchange rates because currency positions held by the Target Fund may not correspond with the securities positions held.

The Target Fund may enter into currency exchange transactions and/or use techniques and instruments to seek to protect against fluctuation in the relative value of its portfolio positions as a result of changes in currency exchange rates or interest rates between the trade and settlement dates of specific securities transactions or anticipated securities transactions. Although these transactions are intended to minimise the risk of loss due to a decline in the value of hedged currency, they also limit any potential gain that might be realised should the value of the hedged currency increase. The precise matching of the relevant contract amounts and the value of the securities involved will not generally be possible because the future value of such securities will change as a consequence of market movements in the value of such securities between the date when the relevant contract is entered into and the date when it matures. The successful execution of a hedging strategy which matches exactly the profile of the investments of the Target Fund cannot be assured. It may not be possible to hedge against generally anticipated exchange or interest rate fluctuations at a price sufficient to protect the assets from the anticipated decline in value of the portfolio positions as a result of such fluctuations.

### **Valuation Risk**

The Target Fund may invest some of its assets in illiquid and/or unquoted securities or instruments. Such investments or instruments will be valued by the directors of the Company or their delegate in good faith in consultation with the Investment Manager as to their probable realisation value. Such investments are inherently difficult to value and are the subject of substantial uncertainty. There is no assurance that the estimates resulting from the valuation process will reflect the actual sales or "close-out" prices of such securities.

### **Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting Standards**

The accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards of many of the countries in which the Target Fund may invest may be less extensive than those applicable to the US, UK and EU companies.

### **Derivatives and Techniques and Instruments Risks**

#### *General*

The prices of derivative instruments, including futures and options prices, are highly volatile. Price movements of forward contracts, futures contracts and other derivative contracts are influenced by, among other things, interest rates, changing supply and demand relationships, trade, fiscal, monetary and exchange control programs and policies of governments, and national and international political and economic events and policies. In addition, governments from time to time intervene, directly and by regulation, in certain markets, particularly markets in currencies and interest rate related futures and options. Such intervention often is intended directly to influence prices and may, together with other factors, cause all of such markets to move rapidly in the same direction because of, among other things, interest rate fluctuations. The use of techniques and instruments also involves certain special risks, including (1) dependence on the ability to predict movements in the prices of securities being hedged and movements in interest rates, (2) imperfect correlation between the hedging instruments and the securities or market sectors being hedged, (3) the fact that skills needed to use these instruments are different from those needed to select the Target Fund's securities and (4) the possible absence of a liquid market for any particular instrument at any particular time, and (5) possible impediments to effective portfolio management or the ability to meet redemption.

The Target Fund may be invested in certain derivative instruments, which may involve the assumption of obligations as well as rights and assets. Assets deposited as margin with brokers may not be held in segregated accounts by the brokers and may therefore become available to the creditors of such brokers in the event of their insolvency or bankruptcy.

#### *Liquidity of Futures Contracts*

Futures positions may be illiquid because certain exchanges limit fluctuations in certain futures contract prices during a single day by regulations referred to as "daily price fluctuation limits" or "daily limits". Under such daily limits, during a single trading day no trades may be executed at prices beyond the daily limits. Once the price of a contract for a particular future has increased or decreased by an amount equal to the daily limit, positions in the future can neither be taken nor liquidated unless traders are willing to effect trades at or within the limit. This could prevent the Target Fund from liquidating unfavourable positions.

### *Futures Risk*

The Investment Manager may engage in various portfolio strategies on behalf of the Target Fund through the use of futures. Due to the nature of futures, cash to meet margin monies will be held by a broker with whom the Target Fund has an open position. In the event of the insolvency or bankruptcy of the broker, there can be no guarantee that such monies will be returned to the Target Fund.

### *Foreign Exchange Transactions*

Where the Target Fund utilises derivatives which alter the currency exposure characteristics of transferable securities held by the Target Fund the performance of the Target Fund may be strongly influenced by movements in foreign exchange rates because currency positions held by the Target Fund may not correspond with the securities positions held.

### *Forward Trading*

Forward contracts, unlike futures contracts, are not traded on exchanges and are not standardized; rather, banks and dealers act as principals in these markets, negotiating each transaction on an individual basis. Forward and "cash" trading is substantially unregulated; there is no limitation on daily price movements and speculative position limits are not applicable. The principals who deal in the forward markets are not required to continue to make markets in the currencies they trade and these markets can experience periods of illiquidity, sometimes of significant duration. Market illiquidity or disruption could result in major losses to the Target Fund.

### *OTC Markets Risk*

Where the Target Fund acquires securities on OTC markets, there is no guarantee that the Target Fund will be able to realise the fair value of such securities due to their tendency to have limited liquidity and comparatively high price volatility.

### *Correlation*

Derivatives prices may be imperfectly correlated to the prices of the underlying securities, for example, because of transaction costs and interest rate movements. The prices of exchange traded derivatives may also be subject to changes in price due to supply and demand factors.

### *Loss of Favourable Performance*

The use of derivatives to hedge or protect against market risk or to generate additional revenue by writing covered call options may reduce the opportunity to benefit from favourable market movements.

### *Counterparty exposure and legal risk*

The use of OTC derivatives, such as forward contracts, will expose the Target Fund to credit risk with respect to the counterparty involved and the risk that the legal documentation of the contract may not accurately reflect the intention of the parties.

### *Margin*

The Investment Manager will be obliged to pay margin deposits to brokers in relation to futures entered into for the Target Fund. While exchange traded contracts are generally guaranteed by the relevant exchange, the Target Fund may still be exposed to the fraud or insolvency of the broker through which the transaction is undertaken. The Investment Manager will seek to minimise this risk by trading only through brokers, which are in the opinion of the Investment Manager, high quality or reputable names.

### *Volatility*

The net asset value of the Target Fund may have a high volatility due to the use of derivatives and the management techniques used. The possible effect on the risk profile of the Target Fund from the use of these instruments and techniques could be to increase volatility when taking additional market or securities exposure although the intention is that volatility should not be markedly different from the Target Fund directly holding the underlying investments.

## **Money Market Instruments Risk**

The Target Fund may invest in deposits or money market instruments. Potential investors and shareholders of the Target Fund should note that an investment in the Target Fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by any government, government agencies or instrumentalities or any bank guarantee fund. Shares of the Target Fund are not deposits or obligations of, or guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank and the amount invested in shares of the Target Fund may fluctuate up and/or down. An investment in the Target Fund involves certain investment risks, including the possible loss of principal.

## **Risks Associated with Securities Financing Transactions**

### *General*

Entering into repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements and stocklending agreements create several risks for the Target Fund and its investors. The Target Fund is exposed to the risk that a counterparty to a securities financing transaction may default on its obligation to return assets equivalent to the ones provided to it by the Target Fund. It is also subject to liquidity risk if it is unable to liquidate collateral provided to it to cover a counterparty default. Such transactions may also carry legal risk in that the use of standard contracts to effect securities financing transactions may expose the Target Fund to legal risks such as the contract may not accurately reflect the intention of the parties or the contract may not be enforceable against the counterparty in its jurisdiction of incorporation. Such transactions may also involve operational risks in that the use of securities financing transactions and management of collateral are subject to the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events. Risks may also arise with respect to any counterparty's right of re-use of any collateral as outlined below under "*Risks Associated with Collateral Management*".

### *Securities Lending*

The Target Fund may engage in securities lending activities. As with any extensions of credit, there are risks of delay and recovery. Should the borrower of securities fail financially or default in any of its obligations under any securities lending transaction, the collateral provided in connection with such transaction will be called upon. The value of the collateral will be maintained to a certain level to ensure that the exposure to a given counterparty does not breach any risk-spreading rules imposed under the UCITS Regulations. However, there is a risk that the value of the collateral may fall below the value of the securities transferred. In addition, as the Target Fund may invest cash collateral received under a securities lending arrangement in accordance with the requirements set down in the CBI UCITS Regulations, the Target Fund will be exposed to the risk associated with such investments, such as failure or default of the issuer or the relevant security.

### *Repurchase Agreements*

Under a repurchase agreement, the Target Fund retains the economic risks and rewards of the securities which it has sold to the counterparty and therefore is exposed to market risk in the event that it must repurchase such securities from the counterparty at the pre-determined price which is higher than the value of the securities. If it chooses to reinvest the cash collateral received under the repurchase agreement, it is also subject to market risk arising in respect of such investment.

### *Reverse Repurchase Agreements*

The Target Fund may enter into reverse repurchase agreement. If the seller of securities to the Target Fund under a reverse repurchase agreement defaults on its obligation to repurchase the underlying securities, as a result of its bankruptcy or otherwise, the Target Fund will seek to dispose of such securities, which action could involve costs or delays. If the seller becomes insolvent and subject to liquidation or reorganisation under applicable bankruptcy or other laws, the Target Fund's ability to dispose of the underlying securities may be restricted. It is possible, in a bankruptcy or liquidation scenario, that the Target Fund may not be able to substantiate its interest in the underlying securities. Finally, if a seller defaults on its obligation to repurchase securities under a reverse repurchase agreement, the Target Fund may suffer a loss to the extent that it is forced to liquidate its position in the market, and proceeds from the sale of the underlying securities are less than the repurchase price agreed to by the defaulting seller.

### *Risks Associated with Collateral Management*

Where the Target Fund enters into an OTC derivative contract or a securities financing transaction, it may be required to pass collateral to the relevant counterparty or broker. Collateral that the Target Fund posts to a counterparty or a broker that is not segregated with a third-party custodian may not have the benefit of customer-protected "segregation" of such assets. Therefore, in the event of the insolvency of a counterparty or a broker, the Target Fund may become subject to the risk that it may not receive the return of its collateral

or that the collateral may take some time to return if the collateral becomes available to the creditors of the relevant counterparty or broker. In addition, notwithstanding that the Target Fund may only accept non-cash collateral which is highly liquid, the Target Fund is subject to the risk that it will be unable to liquidate collateral provided to it to cover a counterparty default. The Target Fund is also subject to the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events.

Where cash collateral received by the Target Fund is re-invested in accordance with the conditions imposed by the Central Bank of Ireland, the Target Fund will be exposed to the risk of a failure or default of the issuer of the relevant security in which the cash collateral has been invested.

Where collateral is posted to a counterparty or broker by way of a title transfer collateral arrangement or where the Company on behalf of the Target Fund grants a right of re-use under a security collateral arrangement which is subsequently exercised by the counterparty, the Company on behalf of the Target Fund will only have an unsecured contractual claim for the return of equivalent assets. In the event of the insolvency of a counterparty, the Target Fund shall rank as an unsecured creditor and may not receive equivalent assets or recover the full value of the assets. Investors should assume that the insolvency of any counterparty would result in a loss to the Target Fund, which could be material. In addition, assets subject to a right of re-use by a counterparty may form part of a complex chain of transactions over which the Company or its delegates will not have any visibility or control.

Because the passing of collateral is effected through the use of standard contracts, the Target Fund may be exposed to legal risks such as the contract may not accurately reflect the intentions of the parties or the contract may not be enforceable against the counterparty in its jurisdiction of incorporation.

#### **Investment Manager Valuation Risk**

The administrator of the Company may consult the Investment Manager with respect to the valuation of certain investments. Since the fees of the Investment Manager are based on the value of the Target Fund's investments (which fees will increase as the value of the Target Fund's investments increases), there is an inherent conflict of interest between the involvement of the Investment Manager in determining the valuation price of the Target Fund's investments and the Investment Manager's other duties and responsibilities in relation to the Target Fund. The Investment Manager has in place pricing procedures designed to ensure fair pricing of all unlisted investments, which follows industry standards for valuing such investments.

#### **Tax Risk**

Any change in the Target Fund's tax status or in taxation legislation could affect the value of the investments held by the Target Fund and affect the Target Fund's ability to provide investor returns. Potential investors and shareholders of the Target Fund should note that the statements on taxation which are set out herein are based on advice which has been received by the directors of the Company regarding the law and practice in force in the relevant jurisdiction as at the date of the prospectus of the Target Fund. As is the case with any investment, there can be no guarantee that the tax position or proposed tax position prevailing at the time an investment is made in the Target Fund will endure indefinitely.

#### **Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act**

The foreign account tax compliance provisions of the US Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act of 2010, as amended ("FATCA") which apply to certain payments are essentially designed to require reporting of Specified US Person's direct and indirect ownership of non-US accounts and non-US entities to the US Internal Revenue Service, with any failure to provide the required information resulting in a 30% US withholding tax on direct US investments (and possibly indirect US investments). In order to avoid being subject to US withholding tax, both US investors and non-US investors are likely to be required to provide information regarding themselves and their investors. In this regard the Irish and US Governments signed an intergovernmental agreement ("Irish IGA") with respect to the implementation of FATCA on 21 December 2012.

Under the Irish IGA (and the relevant Irish regulations and legislation implementing the same), foreign financial institutions (such as the Target Fund) should generally not be required to apply 30% withholding tax. To the extent the Target Fund however incurs US withholding tax on its investments as a result of FATCA, or is not in a position to comply with any requirement of FATCA, the administrator acting on behalf of the Target Fund may take any action in relation to a shareholder's investment in the Target Fund to redress such non-compliance and/or to ensure that such withholding is economically borne by the relevant shareholder of the Target Fund whose failure to provide the necessary information or to become a

participating foreign financial institution or other action or inaction gave rise to the withholding or non-compliance, including compulsory redemption of some or all of such shareholder's holding of shares in the Target Fund.

Shareholders and prospective investors of the Target Fund should consult their own tax advisor with regard to US federal, state, local and non-US tax reporting and certification requirements associated with an investment in the Target Fund.

### **Common Reporting Standard**

Drawing extensively on the intergovernmental approach to implementing FATCA, the OECD developed the Common Reporting Standard ("CRS") to address the issue of offshore tax evasion on a global basis. Additionally, on 9 December 2014, the EU adopted EU Council Directive 2014/107/EU, amending Directive 2011/16/EU as regards mandatory automatic exchange of information in the field of taxation ("DAC2").

The CRS and DAC2 provide a common standard for due diligence, reporting and exchange of financial account information. Pursuant to the CRS and DAC2, participating jurisdictions and Member States will obtain from reporting financial institutions, and automatically exchange with exchange partners on an annual basis, financial information with respect to all reportable accounts identified by financial institutions on the basis of common due diligence and reporting procedures. The first information exchanges began in 2017. Ireland has legislated to implement the CRS and DAC2. As a result, the Target Fund will be required to comply with the CRS and DAC2 due diligence and reporting requirements, as adopted by Ireland. Shareholders of the Target Fund may be required to provide additional information to the Target Fund to enable the Target Fund to satisfy its obligations under the CRS and DAC2. Failure to provide requested information may subject an investor of the Target Fund to liability for any resulting penalties or other charges and/or compulsory redemption of their shares in the Target Fund.

Shareholders and prospective investors of the Target Fund should consult their own tax advisor with respect to their own certification requirements associated with an investment in the Target Fund.

### **Charging Expenses to Capital Risk**

Where recurring fees and expenses, or a portion thereof, are charged to capital, shareholders of the Target Fund should note that capital may be eroded and income shall be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth. Thus, on redemptions of holdings shareholders of the Target Fund may not receive back the full amount invested. The policy of charging recurring expenses, or a portion thereof, to capital seeks to maximise distributions but it will also have the effect of lowering the capital value of a shareholder of the Target Fund's investment and constraining the potential for future capital growth.

### **Cyber Security Risk**

The Target Fund and its service providers are susceptible to operational and information security and related risks of cyber security incidents. In general, cyber incidents can result from deliberate attacks or unintentional events. Cyber security attacks include, but are not limited to, gaining unauthorized access to digital systems (e.g., through "hacking" or malicious software coding) for purposes of misappropriating assets or sensitive information, corrupting data or causing operational disruption. Cyber attacks also may be carried out in a manner that does not require gaining unauthorized access, such as causing denial-of-service attacks on websites (i.e., efforts to make services unavailable to intended users). Cyber security incidents affecting the Target Fund, Investment Manager, administrator or depositary or other service providers such as financial intermediaries have the ability to cause disruptions and impact business operations, potentially resulting in financial losses, including by interference with the administrator of the Target Fund's ability to calculate the Target Fund's net asset value; impediments to trading for the Target Fund; the inability of shareholders of the Target Fund to transact business relating to the Target Fund; violations of applicable privacy, data security or other laws; regulatory fines and penalties; reputational damage; reimbursement or other compensation or remediation costs; legal fees; or additional compliance costs. Similar adverse consequences could result from cyber security incidents affecting issuers of securities in which the Target Fund invests, counterparties with which the Company on behalf of the Target Fund engages in transactions, governmental and other regulatory authorities, exchange and other financial market operators, banks, brokers, dealers, insurance companies and other financial institutions and other parties. While information risk management systems and business continuity plans have been developed which are designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security, there are inherent limitations in any cyber security risk management systems or business continuity plans, including the possibility that certain risks have not been identified.

## **Market Disruptions**

The Target Fund may incur major losses in the event of disrupted markets and other extraordinary events which may affect markets in a way that is not consistent with historical pricing relationships. The risk of loss from such a disconnection is compounded by the fact that in disrupted markets many positions become illiquid, making it difficult or impossible to close out positions against which the markets are moving.

Such a disruption may also result in substantial losses to the Target Fund because market disruptions and losses in 1 sector can cause effects in other sectors. For example, during the “credit crunch” of 2007 2009 many investment vehicles suffered heavy losses even though they were not necessarily heavily invested in credit-related investments.

In addition, market disruptions caused by unexpected political, military and terrorist events may from time to time cause dramatic losses for the Target Fund and such events can result in otherwise historically low-risk strategies performing with unprecedented volatility and risk. A financial exchange may from time to time suspend or limit trading. Such a suspension could render it difficult or impossible for the Target Fund to liquidate affected positions and thereby expose it to losses. There is also no assurance that investments that are not traded on an exchange will remain liquid enough for the Target Fund to close out positions.

A widespread health crisis such as a global pandemic could cause substantial market volatility, exchange trading suspensions and closures, and affect fund performance. For example, the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has resulted in significant disruptions to global business activity. The impact of a health crisis and other epidemics and pandemics that may arise in the future, could affect the global economy in ways that cannot necessarily be foreseen at the present time. A health crisis may exacerbate other pre-existing political, social and economic risks. Any such impact could adversely affect the Target Fund’s performance, resulting in losses to your investment.

## **Sustainability Risks**

The management of sustainability risk forms an important part of the due diligence process implemented by the Investment Manager. Under SFDR, “sustainability risk” means an environmental, social or governance event or condition that, if it occurs, could cause an actual or a potential material negative impact on the value of an investment.

Sustainability risks identified by the Investment Manager may include but are not limited to:

### **Environmental:**

- Climate change
- Carbon emissions
- Air pollution
- Water pollution
- Harm to biodiversity
- Deforestation
- Energy inefficiency
- Poor waste management practices
- Increased water scarcity
- Rising sea levels / coastal flooding
- Wildfires / bushfires

### **Social:**

- Human rights violations
- Human trafficking
- Modern slavery/forced labour
- Child labour
- Discrimination
- Restrictions on or abuse of the rights of consumers
- Restricted access to clean water, to a reliable food supply, and/or to a sanitary living environment
- Infringements of rights of local communities/indigenous populations

- Cluster Munitions

#### Governance:

- Lack of diversity at board or governing body level
- Inadequate external or internal audit
- Infringement or curtailment of rights of (minority) shareholders
- Bribery and corruption
- Lack of scrutiny of executive pay
- Poor safeguards on personal data / information technology security (of employees and/or customers)
- Discriminatory employment practices
- Health and safety concerns for the workforce
- Poor sustainability practices in the supply chain
- Workplace harassment, discrimination and bullying
- Restrictions on rights of collective bargaining or trade unions
- Inadequate protection for whistleblowers
- Non-compliance with minimum wage or (where appropriate) living wage requirements

Under SFDR, the Investment Manager is not under any obligation to nor does it currently promote environmental or social characteristics or have sustainable investment as an investment objective when managing the Target Fund. As a result, the Target Fund does not come within the scope of Article 8 or Article 9 of SFDR.

The Investment Manager ensures that every security analysed for investment purposes is assessed for sustainability risks.

The Investment Manager makes use of data from third-party providers such as ISS-ESG, Sustainalytics and MSCI in identifying and assessing sustainability risks. The focus of the analysis will vary depending on the security in question, as some are more prone to environmental, and others are to social risks, however, the Investment Manager will incorporate a detailed review of the governance practices of the security issuer.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Investment Manager may invest in securities with higher sustainability risks should the Investment Manager believe that such investments offer attractive financial return on a sustainability risk-adjusted basis.

#### **Assessment**

The likely impacts of sustainability risks are difficult to quantify. Although the sustainability practices of a company may influence its long-term value, there can be no guarantee regarding the performance of individual investments, nor on the returns of the Target Fund's portfolio as a whole despite the integration of sustainable risks.

#### *Principal Adverse Impact Reporting*

As permitted under Article 4 of the SFDR, the Management Company does not consider adverse impact of investment decisions on sustainability factors on the basis that it is not a financial market participant that is required to do so given that the Management Company does not have on its balance sheet an average number of employees exceeding 500 during the financial year. The Management Company may choose at a later date to publish and maintain on its website the consideration of principal adverse impacts of decisions on sustainability factors. The Management Company will review its approach to considering the principal adverse impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors within the meaning of the SFDR on a periodic basis.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES**

The Fund may reduce its investments in the Target Fund and shift to increase the Fund's allocation in deposits, money market instruments and/or held in cash.

In terms of the daily operational risks, the Fund would employ systems to ensure that certain limits and controls are not breached while investing in the various asset classes.

## Liquidity Risk Management

We have established liquidity risk management policies to enable us to identify, monitor and manage the liquidity risk of the Fund in order to meet the redemption requests from the Unit Holders with minimal impact to the Fund as well as safeguarding the interests of the remaining Unit Holders. Such policies have taken into account, amongst others, the asset class of the Fund and the redemption policy of the Fund. To manage the liquidity risk, we have put in place the following procedures:

- The Fund may hold a maximum of 15% of its NAV in deposits, money market instruments, cash and/or derivatives for hedging purposes. This will allow the Fund to have sufficient buffer to meet the Unit Holders' redemption request.
- Regular review by the designated fund manager on the Fund's investment portfolio including its liquidity profile.
- Daily monitoring of the Fund's net flows against repurchase requests during normal and adverse market conditions are performed as pre-emptive measures in tracking the Fund's liquidity status. This will ensure that we are prepared and able to take the necessary action proactively to address any liquidity concerns, which would mitigate potential risks in relation to meeting Unit Holders' redemption requests.

To avoid suspension of the Fund, the Fund will hold adequate liquid assets (up to 15% of the Fund's NAV) and if the liquid assets are insufficient to meet redemption requests, we will either liquidate the investments of the Fund or seek temporary financing, considering which is in the best interests of Unit Holders. If we have exhausted all possible avenues to avoid a suspension of the Fund, we may as a last resort, in consultation with the Trustee and having considered the interests of the Unit Holders, suspend the sale (if applicable) and repurchase of Units where it is impractical for us to calculate the NAV of the Fund due to exceptional circumstances stated under Section 7.8 of this Prospectus. During the suspension period, the redemption requests from the Unit Holders will not be accepted and such redemption requests will be dealt on the next Business Day once the suspension is lifted. In such case, Unit Holders will not be able to redeem their Units and will be compelled to remain invested in the Fund for a longer period of time than original timeline. That said, the action to suspend redemption requests from the Unit Holders shall be exercised only as a last resort by the Manager.

**THE ABOVE SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED TO BE AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST OF THE RISKS WHICH INVESTORS SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE INVESTING IN THE FUND. INVESTORS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUND MAY BE EXPOSED TO OTHER RISKS FROM TIME TO TIME. INVESTORS SHOULD CONSULT A PROFESSIONAL ADVISER FOR A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE RISKS.**

## 6. WHAT ARE THE FEES AND CHARGES INVOLVED?

### ***Charges***

The following describes the charges that you may **directly** incur when buying or redeeming Units:

#### **6.1 Sales Charge**

USD Class	MYR Class
Up to 5.00% of the NAV per Unit.	

#### Notes:

- (1) *Investors may negotiate for a lower sales charge.*
- (2) *We reserve the right to waive or reduce the sales charge.*
- (3) *All sales charge will be rounded up to 2 decimal places and will be retained by us.*
- (4) *The Fund's investment in the Target Fund will not be subject to any sales charge. The sales charge will be charged at the Fund level only.*

#### **6.2 Redemption Charge**

Nil.

#### **6.3 Transfer Fee**

Nil.

#### **6.4 Switching Fee**

Nil.

### ***Fees and Expenses***

The fees and expenses **indirectly** incurred by you when investing in the Fund are as follows:

#### **6.5 Annual Management Fee**

USD Class	MYR Class
Up to 1.80% per annum of the NAV of each Class.	

The management fee is calculated and accrued daily, and is paid monthly to us. We may in our discretion, from time to time, charge an annual management fee that is lower than that stated above. Please refer to <https://www.nomura-asset.com.my/news-announcements/> for information on the current annual management fee charged to each Class.

We reserve the right to enter into separate fee sharing and/or fee reimbursement arrangements with the Unit Holders. Such fee as may be agreed between the Manager and the relevant Unit Holder will be calculated and paid/reimbursed by the Manager from its management fee.

Notes:

- (1) *The investment management fee charged to the Target Fund will be paid from the annual management fee of the Fund. There will be no double charging of management fee.*
- (2) *In the event of a leap year, the computation will be based on 366 days. The management fee is apportioned to each Class based on the multi-class ratio.*

## **6.6 Annual Trustee Fee**

The Trustee is entitled to a trustee fee of up to 0.03% per annum of the NAV of the Fund (including local custodian fees and expenses but excluding foreign custodian fees and charges), subject to a minimum fee of RM12,000 per annum.

The trustee fee is accrued daily and paid monthly to the Trustee. The trustee fee is calculated using the Base Currency. Please refer to <https://www.nomura-asset.com.my/news-announcements/> for information on the current annual trustee fee charged to the Fund.

Note:

*In the event of a leap year, the computation will be based on 366 days. The trustee fee is apportioned to each Class based on the multi-class ratio.*

## **6.7 Other Costs of Investing in a Feeder Fund**

As the Fund invests in the shares of the Target Fund, there are other fees and expenses incurred at the Target Fund level which is set out in detail under “Fees and Charges of the Target Fund” at page 18.

## **6.8 Fund Expenses**

Only the expenses (or part thereof) which are directly related and necessary to the operation and administration of the Fund or each Class may be charged to the Fund or each Class respectively. These would include (but are not limited to) the following:

- (i) commissions or fees paid to brokers or dealers in effecting dealings in the investments of the Fund, shown on the contract notes or confirmation notes (if any);
- (ii) taxes and other duties charged on the Fund by the government and/or other authorities;
- (iii) fees and expenses properly incurred by the auditors and tax agent appointed for the Fund;
- (iv) fees for the valuation of any investment of the Fund;
- (v) costs, fees and expenses incurred for any modification of the Deed save where such modification is for the benefit of the Manager and/or the Trustee;
- (vi) costs, fees and expenses incurred for any meeting of the Unit Holders save where such meeting is convened for the benefit of the Manager and/or the Trustee;
- (vii) costs, commissions, fees and expenses of the sale, purchase, insurance and any other dealing of any asset of the Fund;
- (viii) costs, fees and expenses incurred in engaging any specialist approved by the Trustee for investigating or evaluating any proposed investment of the Fund;
- (ix) costs, fees and expenses incurred in engaging any adviser for the benefit of the Fund;
- (x) costs, fees and expenses incurred in the preparation and audit of the taxation, returns and accounts of the Fund;

- (xi) costs, fees and expenses incurred in the termination of the Fund or a Class or the removal or retirement of the Trustee or the Manager and the appointment of a new trustee or management company;
- (xii) costs, fees and expenses incurred in relation to any arbitration or other proceedings concerning the Fund or any asset of the Fund, including proceedings against the Trustee or the Manager by the other for the benefit of the Fund (save to the extent that legal costs incurred for the defence of either of them are ordered by the court not to be reimbursed by the Fund);
- (xiii) remuneration and out of pocket expenses of the person(s) or members of a committee undertaking the oversight function of the Fund, unless the Manager decides otherwise;
- (xiv) costs, fees and expenses deemed by the Manager to have been incurred in connection with any change or the need to comply with any change or introduction of any law, regulation or requirement (whether or not having the force of law) of any governmental or regulatory authority;
- (xv) (where the custodial function is delegated by the Trustee) charges and fees paid to sub-custodians taking into custody any foreign assets of the Fund;
- (xvi) expenses and charges incurred in connection with the printing and postage for the annual or semi-annual report, tax certificates, reinvestment statements and other services associated with the administration of the Fund;
- (xvii) all costs and expenses associated with the distributions declared pursuant to the Deed and the payment of such distribution including without limitation fees, costs and/or expenses for the revalidation or reissuance of any distribution cheque or warrant or telegraphic transfer;
- (xviii) fees in relation to fund accounting; and
- (xix) any tax now or hereafter imposed by law or required to be paid in connection with any costs, fees and expenses incurred under sub-paragraphs (i) to (xviii) above.

## **6.9 Policy on Rebates and Soft Commissions**

We, our delegate, the Trustee or Trustee's delegate must not retain any rebate from, or otherwise share in any commission with, any broker or dealer in consideration for directing dealings in the investments of the Fund.

However, soft commissions may be retained by us if:

- (i) the soft commissions bring direct benefit or advantage to the management of the Fund and may include research and advisory related services;
- (ii) any dealing with the broker or dealer is executed on terms which are the most favourable for the Fund; and
- (iii) the availability of soft commissions is not the sole or primary purpose to perform or arrange transactions with such broker or dealer, and we or our delegate must not enter into unnecessary trades in order to achieve a sufficient volume of transactions to qualify for soft commissions.

## **6.10 Tax**

Unit Holders and/or the Fund, as the case may be, will bear any tax which may be imposed by the government or other authorities from time to time in addition to the applicable fees, charges and expenses stated in this Prospectus.

***There are fees and charges involved and you are advised to consider the fees and charges before investing in the Fund.***

***You may be subjected to higher fees arising from the layered investment structure of a feeder fund.***

## 7. DEALING INFORMATION

You are advised not to make payment in cash to any individual agent when purchasing Units of the Fund.

If you intend to invest in a Class not denominated in MYR, you are required to have a foreign currency account with any financial institution as all transactions relating to foreign currency will ONLY be made via telegraphic transfers.

You can obtain a copy of this Prospectus, account opening form, investment application form, redemption form, transfer form and switching form from our office or from any of our authorised distributors as set out in Section 16 of this Prospectus.

### 7.1 How Can I Invest?

In order to invest in the Fund, you have to be:

- i) an individual who is at least 18 years of age. In the case of joint applicant, the jointholder whose name appears first in the register of Unit Holders must be at least 18 years of age; or
- ii) a corporation such as registered businesses, co-operative, foundations and trusts.

The Fund's completed application form which consists of account opening form and investment application form can be handed directly to us or sent by mail, together with proof of payment of the telegraphic transfer, crossed cheque, bank draft or money order. Bank charges (if applicable) will be borne by you. Please note that other than telegraphic transfer, crossed cheque, bank draft or money order, no other form of payment is allowed. Please also note that third-party payment (i.e. payment made via an account that is not under your name) will not be accepted.

- **Telegraphic Transfer**  
You may transfer the purchase payment into our bank account via telegraphic transfer or online transfer, and include your name in the transaction description for our reference. You may obtain our bank account details from our office.
- **Crossed Cheque, Bank Draft or Money Order**  
Issuance of cheque, bank draft or money order for investment in RM (for MYR Class only) should be made payable to "**Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn Bhd – Collection (Client's Trust Account) (MYR)**", crossed and drawn on a local bank. You are required to write your name, Malaysian National Registration Identity Card ("NRIC") number or passport number (for foreigner) or business registration number at the back of the crossed cheque, bank draft or money order.

Units can be bought on any Business Day at our office between 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. However, the cut-off time is 4:00 p.m. Any application form which is received by us after the cut-off time will be deemed to have been received on the next Business Day and will be processed on the next Business Day. Our authorised distributors may have an earlier cut-off time. Please check with the respective authorised distributors for their respective cut-off time.

We reserve the right to vary the terms and conditions of investment and payment modes from time to time, which shall be communicated to you in writing. We may also at our sole discretion reject any application that is not complete and/or not accompanied by the required documents.

## Transaction Details

	USD Class	MYR Class
<b>Minimum Initial Investment<sup>^</sup></b>	USD 1,000	RM 1,000
<b>Minimum Additional Investment<sup>^</sup></b>	USD 500	RM 500
<b>Minimum Redemption of Units<sup>^</sup></b>	1,000 Units	1,000 Units
<b>Minimum Switching of Units<sup>^</sup></b>	1,000 Units	1,000 Units
<b>Minimum Holding of Units<sup>^</sup></b>	1,000 Units	1,000 Units
	If the balance of your investment (i.e. total number of Units) in the Class is less than the minimum holding of Units, you will be required to make an additional investment in order to meet the required minimum balance of investment. Otherwise, we may withdraw all your Units in the Fund and pay the proceeds to you.	

<sup>^</sup>subject to our discretion, you may negotiate for a lower amount or value.

## 7.2 How Can I Redeem?

You may redeem your Units by completing a redemption application form and returning it to us on any Business Day between 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. However, the cut-off time is 4:00 p.m. Any application form which is received by us after the cut-off time will be deemed to have been received on the following Business Day and will be processed on the next Business Day. Our authorised distributors may have an earlier cut-off time. Please check with the respective authorised distributors for their respective cut-off time.

Redemption of Units must be made in terms of Units and the minimum Units for redemption is 1,000 Units. There is no restriction on the frequency of redemption. However, you will need to comply with the minimum Units held (which may be changed at our discretion), otherwise all the remaining Units you hold in the Fund will be redeemed automatically.

As the Fund is a feeder fund offering multiple classes of Units denominated in currencies that are different from the Base Currency, the proceeds from the sale of the Fund's assets may be subject to currency conversion before the redemption proceeds is paid to you. You will receive the redemption proceeds within 5 Business Days from the Fund's receipt of the redemption proceeds from the Target Fund via telegraphic transfer transferred to your bank account, which will be within 9 Business Days from our receipt of your redemption application provided that all documentations are complete and verifiable as:

- (i) the Fund will only be receiving the proceeds from the sale of the Fund's assets on the 4th Business Day; and
- (ii) the proceeds from the sale will be converted to the currencies of the respective classes of Units and would only be available in the Fund's account on the 6th Business Day,

from our receipt of your redemption application.

Where there is a suspension of dealing in Units by the Fund, due to exceptional circumstances as disclosed in Section 7.8 of this Prospectus (which resulted from the suspension of dealing by the Target Fund) the redemption application from the Unit Holders will be accepted but will not be processed. This will result in the delay of processing the redemption application and such redemption application will only be processed on the next Business Day once the suspension is lifted. In this regard, you will be paid within 9 Business Days from the next Business Day after the suspension of dealing in Units is lifted. However, for redemption application that has been accepted prior to the suspension, we will process the redemption application and make the redemption application to Unit Holder within 9 Business Days from the day that redemption application is received by us.

In the event there is a deferral payment from the Target Fund, such limitation will be applied pro rata to all Unit Holders who have validly made a redemption request on such Business Day. The Manager will notify those Unit Holders whose redemption requests are not processed in full due to the above circumstance within 2 Business Days following the day when the redemption requests are received.

Please note that if the conditions for redemptions stated above are imposed, the Unit Holders' redemption proceeds will be calculated based on valuation points at which when the Target Fund makes further proceeds available to the Fund. Accordingly, under such circumstances, the Unit Holders will receive the redemption proceeds within 5 Business Days from the Fund's receipt of the redemption proceeds from the Target Fund.

Where Units are held jointly, payment will be made to the person whose name appears first in the register of Unit Holders. Payment can only be made in the same currency as per the Class which you have invested in. Any bank charges or fees incurred due to a withdrawal by way of telegraphic transfer will be borne by you.

However, if the request to the Trustee to repurchase or cancel the Units results in the sale of assets of the Fund, or sale of assets which cannot be liquidated at an appropriate price or on adequate terms and is as such not in the interest of existing Unit Holders, the Trustee may refuse the said request in accordance to the Deed.

### **7.3 Transfer of Units**

Transfer of Units between Unit Holders is only allowed at our discretion.

If allowed, the transfer of Units may be effected by completing a transfer form which is available at our office and returning it to us on any Business Day between 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. However, the cut-off time is 4:00 p.m. Any transfer form which is received by us after the cut-off time will be deemed to have been received on the following Business Day and will be processed on the next Business Day. Our authorised distributors may have an earlier cut-off time. Please check with the respective authorised distributors for their respective cut-off time. The minimum Units to be held in the Fund shall apply to both the transferor and transferee.

However, if the transferee does not have any account with us prior to this transfer application, he must also submit his completed account opening form in addition to the transfer form.

### **7.4 Switching of Units**

Switching of Units is a process to assist you in moving your investment between funds which are managed by us in response to a change in your investment goals and/or market conditions. A switch is effected by repurchasing units from the fund in which the units are held and in turn investing the net proceeds into another fund, subject to the minimum units held and the terms and conditions applicable to that other fund.

You may switch your Units on any Business Day by completing a switching form and returning it to us on any Business Day between 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. However, the cut-off time is 4:00 p.m. Any

switching form which is received by us after the cut-off time will be deemed to have been received on the following Business Day and will be processed on the next Business Day. Our authorised distributors may have an earlier cut-off time. Please check with the respective authorised distributors for their respective cut-off time.

There is no limit on the frequency of switching. However, the switching facility is only available to you if the currency denomination of the other fund that you intend to switch into is the same as the Fund. During the initial offer period of the Fund, the units of other funds which are managed by us are not allowed to switch to Units of the Fund except at our discretion.

We reserve the right to reject any switching request: (a) if we are of the view that such switch would be disruptive to efficient portfolio management; (b) if we deem it to be contrary to the best interests of either fund; or (c) if the Unit Holder would hold less than the minimum Units held after the switch.

You should note that the pricing day of the Fund or Class may not be on the same day as when we receive your switching application. Please see below the pricing policy of switching for all our funds:

Switching Out Fund	Switching In Fund	Pricing Day	
		Switching Out Fund	Switching In Fund
Money market fund	Non-money market fund	T Day	T Day
Non-money market fund	Non-money market fund		
Money market fund	Money market fund	T Day	T + 1 Business Day
Non-money market fund	Money market fund	T Day	At the next valuation point, subject to clearance of payment and money received by the intended fund

## 7.5 Cooling-off Right

A cooling-off right refers to the right of the individual Unit Holder to obtain a refund of his investment in the Fund if he so requests within the cooling-off period. A cooling-off right is only given to you as an investor, other than those listed below, who is investing in any of our funds for the first time:

- (i) our staff; and
- (ii) persons registered with a body approved by the SC to deal in unit trusts.

The cooling-off period shall be for a total of 6 Business Days commencing from the date the application for Units is received by us. Cooling-off application should be made before the cut-off time of 4:00 p.m. on any Business Day. Any application which is received by us after the cut-off time will be deemed to have been received on the following Business Day and will be processed on the next Business Day.

The refund for every Unit held by you pursuant to the exercise of your cooling-off right shall be as follows:

- (a) if the NAV per Unit on the day the Units were first purchased is higher than the NAV per Unit at the point of exercise of the cooling-off right, the NAV per Unit at the point of exercise of the cooling-off right; or
- (b) if the NAV per Unit at the point of exercise of the cooling-off right is higher than the NAV per Unit on the day the Units were first purchased, the NAV per Unit on the day the Units were first purchased; and

the sales charge per Unit originally imposed on the day the Units were purchased.

You will be refunded within 7 Business Days from our receipt of your cooling-off application.

## **7.6 Mode of Distribution**

You may elect to receive the income distribution by way of reinvestment as additional Units into the Fund or cash payment. However, if you do not elect the mode of distribution, we will reinvest the income distribution as additional Units into the Fund for you based on the NAV per Unit on the income payment date in accordance to the Forward Pricing policy, which is 2 Business Days after the income distribution date at no cost.

### Reinvestment Process

If you elect to receive income distribution by way of reinvestment as additional Units into the Fund, we shall create Units for you based on the NAV per Unit on the income payment date in accordance to the Forward Pricing policy, which is 2 Business Days after the income distribution date at no cost.

### Cash Payment Process

If you elect to receive income distribution by way of cash payment, we shall transfer the money to your designated bank account unless a specific instruction is received by us to do otherwise.

Any income distribution payable which is less than or equal to RM1,000.00 (or its equivalent amount in the currency denomination of the respective Class) will be automatically reinvested on your behalf.

The money shall be transferred to you 2 Business Days after the income distribution date.

Please note that we have the right to make provisions for reserves in respect of distribution. If the income available is too small or insignificant, any distribution may not be of benefit to you as the total cost to be incurred in any such distribution may be higher than the amount for distribution. We have the discretion to decide on the amount to be distributed to you.

## **7.7 Unclaimed Money**

Any moneys payable to you which remain unclaimed after two (2) years as prescribed by Unclaimed Moneys Act 1965 ("UMA"), as may be amended from time to time, will be surrendered to the Registrar of Unclaimed Moneys by us in accordance with the requirements of the UMA. Thereafter, all claims need to be made by you with the Registrar of Unclaimed Moneys.

However, any income distribution payout via bank transfer shall be transmitted to your valid and active bank account. If the bank transfer is unsuccessful for any reason whatsoever, it will be reinvested into the Fund at such date as may be determined by us provided that you still hold Units of the Fund. No fee is payable for the reinvestment. In the event that you no longer hold any Unit in the Fund, the income distribution would be subject to the treatment mentioned in the above paragraph as prescribed by the UMA.

## **7.8 Temporary Suspension**

We and the Trustee may temporarily suspend the dealing in Units of the Class or Fund, subject to the requirements in the Guidelines and/or the Deed, and where there is good and sufficient reason to do so.

To avoid suspension of the Fund, the Fund will hold adequate liquid assets (up to 15% of the Fund's NAV) and if the liquid assets are insufficient to meet redemption requests, we will either liquidate the investments of the Fund or seek temporary financing, considering which is in the best interests of Unit Holders. If we have exhausted all possible avenues to avoid a suspension of the Fund, we may as a last resort, in consultation with the Trustee and having considered the interests of the Unit Holders, suspend the sale (if applicable) and repurchase of Units where it is impractical for us to calculate the NAV of the Fund due to the following:

- (i) the suspension of valuation of the assets of the Target Fund; or
- (ii) an emergency or other state of affairs; or
- (iii) the declaration of a moratorium in Ireland, the country where the Target Fund is domiciled; or
- (vi) for the purpose of conversion of any currency, a closure or restrictions on trading in the relevant foreign exchange market.

Please note that during the suspension period, there will be no NAV per Unit available and hence, we will not accept any transactions for the applications, redemptions, switching and/or transfers of Units. If we have earlier accepted your request for redemptions and switching of Units, please note that the requests will only be processed on the next Business Day after the cessation of suspension of the Fund. You will be notified of the suspension and when the suspension is lifted.

**Unit prices and distributions payable, if any, may go down as well as up.**

## 8. PRICING OF UNITS

### 8.1 Computation of NAV and NAV per Unit

Due to multiple Classes in this Fund, the indirect fees and/or charges for the Fund are apportioned based on the size of the Class relative to the whole Fund. This means that the multi-class ratio ("MCR") is calculated by taking the "value of a Class" for a particular day and dividing it with the "value of the Fund" for that same day. This apportionment is expressed as a ratio and is calculated as a percentage. As an illustration, assuming there is an indirect fee chargeable to the Fund of USD100 and the size of MYR Class and USD Class over the size of the Fund is 75% and 25% respectively, the ratio of the apportionment based on the percentage will be 75:25, 75% being borne by MYR Class and 25% being borne by USD Class.

The NAV of the Fund is determined by deducting the value of the Fund's liabilities from the value of the Fund's assets, at a valuation point.

Please note that the example below is for illustration only:

	<b>Fund (USD)</b>	<b>MYR Class (USD)</b>	<b>USD Class (USD)</b>
Value of the Fund/Class	101,500,000.00	76,125,000.00	25,375,000.00
<b>Multi-class ratio<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>25%</b>
Add: Other assets (including cash) & income	200,000.00	150,000.00	50,000.00
Less: Liabilities	100,000.00	75,000.00	25,000.00
NAV before deducting management fee and trustee fee for the day	101,600,000.00	76,200,000.00	25,400,000.00
Less: Management fee for the day		(76,200,000 x 1.80% / 365 days)	(25,400,000 x 1.80% / 365 days)
	5,010.41	3,757.81	1,252.60
Less: Trustee fee for the day		(76,200,000 x 0.03% / 365 days)	(25,400,000 x 0.03% / 365 days)
	83.51	62.63	20.88
<b>Total NAV (USD)</b>	<b>101,594,906.08</b>	<b>76,196,179.56</b>	<b>25,398,726.52</b>

<sup>^</sup>Multi-class ratio is apportioned based on the size of the Class relative to the whole Fund. This means the multi-class ratio is calculated by taking the value of a Class for a particular day and dividing it with the value of the Fund for that same day. This apportionment is expressed as a ratio and calculated as a percentage.

The NAV per Unit of a Class is calculated by dividing the NAV of the Fund attributable to the Class by the number of Units in circulation of that Class at the end of each Business Day.

Assuming there are 325,000,000 Units of the Fund in circulation at the point of valuation, the NAV per Unit of a Class shall therefore be calculated as follows:

	<b>Fund (USD)</b>	<b>MYR Class (USD)</b>	<b>USD Class (USD)</b>
NAV	101,594,933.92	76,196,200.44	25,398,733.48
Divide: Units in circulation	325,000,000	300,000,000	25,000,000
NAV per Unit of the Class		USD0.2540	USD1.0159
Conversion to RM (at USD1:RM4.00 exchange rate)		RM1.0160	

*The NAV per Unit of each Class will be rounded up to 4 decimal places for the purposes of publication of the NAV per Unit.*

## 8.2 Selling Price and Redemption Price

### Single Pricing Regime

We adopt a **single pricing regime** in calculating your investments into the Fund and redemption of Units. This means that all purchases and redemptions are transacted on a single price (i.e. NAV per Unit). You would therefore purchase and redeem Units at NAV per Unit. The Selling Price per Unit and Redemption Price per Unit are based on Forward Pricing.

### Selling Price of Units

The Selling Price of a Unit of a Class of the Fund is the NAV per Unit at the next valuation point after the request to purchase Units is received by us (Forward Pricing). The sales charge applicable to the Class is payable by you in addition to the Selling Price for the Units purchased.

### Calculation of Selling Price

#### **Illustration – Sale of Units**

##### **Example:**

If you wish to invest RM10,000.00 in MYR Class before 4:00 p.m. on a Business Day, and if the sales charge is 5.00% of the NAV per Unit, the total amount to be paid by you and the number of Units issued to you will be as follows:

Sales charge incurred	=	$\frac{\text{Investment amount}}{1 + \text{sales charge (\%)}}$	x	sales charge (%)
	=	$\frac{\text{RM10,000}}{1 + 5.00\%}$	x	5.00%
	=	RM476.19		
Net investment amount	=	Investment amount – sales charge		
	=	RM10,000 – RM476.19		
	=	RM9,523.81		
Units credited to investor	=	Net investment amount / NAV per Unit		
	=	RM9,523.81 / RM1.000		
	=	9.523.81 Units		

**You are advised not to make payment in cash when purchasing Units of the Fund via any individual agent.**

### Redemption Price of Units

The Redemption Price of a Unit of a Class of the Fund is the NAV per Unit at the next valuation point after the redemption request is received by us (Forward Pricing).

### Calculation of Redemption Price

#### **Illustration – Redemption of Units**

##### ***Example:***

If you wish to redeem 10,000 Units from MYR Class before 4:00 p.m. on a Business Day, and if no redemption charge is imposed, the total amount to be paid to you and the number of Units redeemed by you will be as follows:

In the event that the NAV per Unit for MYR Class at the end of the Business Day = RM1.0000

Redemption charge payable by you =  $0\% \times [10,000.00 \text{ Units} \times \text{RM}1.0000] = \underline{\text{RM}0.00}$

The total amount to be paid to you will be the number of Units to be redeemed multiplied with the NAV per Unit.

=  $[10,000.00 \text{ Units} \times \text{RM}1.0000 \text{ (the NAV per Unit)}] - \text{redemption charge}$

=  $\text{RM}10,000.00 - \text{RM}0.00$

= **RM10,000.00**

Therefore, you will receive **RM10,000.00** as redemption proceeds.

### **8.3 Incorrect Pricing**

We shall ensure that the Fund and the Units are correctly valued and priced according to the Deed and all relevant laws. Where there is an error in the valuation and pricing of the Fund and/or Units, any incorrect valuation and pricing of the Fund and/or Units which is deemed to be significant will involve the reimbursement of money in the following manner:

- (i) by us to the Fund; or
- (ii) by the Fund to you and/or the former Unit Holders.

However, reimbursement of money shall only apply if the error is at or above the significant threshold of 0.5% of the NAV per Unit and the amount to be reimbursed is RM10.00 (or in the case of a foreign currency Class, 10.00 denominated in the foreign currency denomination of the Class) or more.

***There are fees and charges involved and you are advised to consider the fees and charges before investing in the Fund.***

## 9. THE MANAGER

### 9.1 Background Information

NAMM was incorporated on 27 September 2006 and is licensed under the CMSA for the regulated activity of fund management. NAMM is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nomura Asset Management Co. Ltd. (NAM Tokyo). As at LPD, Nomura Asset Management group operates in 14 offices globally. NAMM is a full-fledged asset management company with on the ground resources to support the investment management, middle and back-office functions.

### 9.2 Board of Directors

Our board of directors is responsible for the overall management of the company and the Fund. Our board of directors not only ensures corporate governance is practised but policies and guidelines are adhered to. Our board of directors will sit at least 4 times every year, or more should the need arise.

The list of board of directors are available on our website, <https://www.nomura-asset.com.my/nomura-asset-management-malaysia/>.

### 9.3 Our Role as the Manager

We are responsible for the investment management and marketing of the Fund; servicing Unit Holders' needs; keeping proper administrative records of Unit Holders and the Fund, ensuring compliance with stringent internal procedures and guidelines of the relevant authorities.

### 9.4 Investment Team

The Manager's investment team is headed by the head of investments and is supported by a team of experienced fund managers who are responsible to manage the Fund.

#### **Mr Leslie Yap Kim Loong – Managing Director and Head of Investments, Malaysia**

Leslie is the Head of Investments in NAMM and is the **designated person responsible for the fund management of the Fund**. He oversees the developed markets equities team based in Kuala Lumpur and is responsible for the investment management of developed markets equities (including ethical and Shariah-compliant listed equities). Leslie's team works closely with Nomura Asset Management's London office where dedicated global sector specialists sit. Leslie is also a contributing member of a number of investment committees within the Nomura Asset Management group.

Leslie brings with him over 27 years of industry experience in the area of funds management and research coverage. He was managing Malaysian equity funds for a local insurance company prior to relocating to a research house in Shanghai where he expanded his research coverage to include Hong Kong and Chinese companies. Leslie holds a Bachelor of Engineering in Manufacturing and Operations Management from the University of Nottingham in UK. Leslie also holds a Capital Markets Services Representative's Licence for fund management.

## **9.5 Material Litigation**

As at LPD, there is no material litigation or arbitration, including any pending or threatened, and there are no facts likely to give rise to any proceedings which might materially affect our business/ financial position.

*Note: For more information and/or updated information about the Trustee, the Manager, the board of directors and the fund manager, please refer to our website at <http://www.nomura-asset.com.my>.*

## **10. THE TRUSTEE**

### **10.1 About Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad**

Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad was incorporated in Malaysia on 22 February 2007 and commenced business in May 2007. DTMB is registered as a trust company under the Trust Companies Act 1949, with its business address at Level 20, Menara IMC, 8 Jalan Sultan Ismail, 50250 Kuala Lumpur.

DTMB is a member of Deutsche Bank Group (“Deutsche Bank”). Deutsche Bank provides commercial and investment banking, retail banking, transaction banking, and asset and wealth management products and services to corporations, governments, institutional investors, small and medium-sized businesses, and private individuals.

### **10.2 Experience in Trustee Business**

DTMB is part of Deutsche Bank’s Securities Services, which provides trust, custody and related services on a range of securities and financial structures. As at LPD, DTMB is the trustee for 196 CIS including unit trust funds, wholesale funds, exchange-traded funds and private retirement schemes.

DTMB’s trustee services are supported by Deutsche Bank (Malaysia) Berhad (“DBMB”), a subsidiary of Deutsche Bank, financially and for various functions, including but not limited to financial control and internal audit.

### **10.3 Duties and Responsibilities of the Trustee**

DTMB’s main functions are to act as trustee and custodian of the assets of the Fund and to safeguard the interests of Unit Holders. In performing these functions, the Trustee has to exercise due care and vigilance and is required to act in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Deed, the CMSA and all relevant laws.

### **10.4 Trustee’s Disclosure of Material Litigation**

As at LPD, the Trustee is not (a) engaged in any material litigation and arbitration, including those pending or threatened, nor (b) aware of any facts likely to give rise to any proceedings which might materially affect the business or financial position of the Trustee.

### **10.5 Trustee’s Delegate**

The Trustee has appointed DBMB as the custodian of the assets of the Fund. DBMB is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Deutsche Bank AG. DBMB offers its clients access to a growing domestic custody network that covers over 30 markets globally and a unique combination of local expertise backed by the resources of a global bank. In its capacity as the appointed custodian, DBMB’s roles encompass safekeeping of assets of the Fund; trade settlement management; corporate actions notification and processing; securities holding and cash flow reporting; and income collection and processing.

All investments of the Fund are registered in the name of the trustee for the Fund, or where the custodial function is delegated, in the name of the custodian, to the order of the trustee for the Fund. As custodian, DBMB shall act only in accordance with instructions from the Trustee.

## 11. SALIENT TERMS OF THE DEED

### 11.1 Unit Holders' Rights and Liabilities

#### Unit Holders' Rights

A Unit Holder has the right, amongst others:

1. to receive distributions, if any, of the Fund;
2. to participate in any increase in the value of the Units;
3. to call for Unit Holders' meetings and to vote for the removal of the Trustee or the Manager through special resolution;
4. to receive annual and semi-annual reports on the Fund; and
5. to enjoy such other rights and privileges as are provided for in the Deed.

A Unit Holder would not, however, have the right to require the transfer to the Unit Holder of any of the Fund's assets. Neither would a Unit Holder have the right to interfere with or to question the exercise by the Trustee (or the Manager on the Trustee's behalf) of the rights of the Trustee as registered owner of the Fund's assets.

#### Unit Holders' Liabilities

1. No Unit Holder is liable for any amount in excess of the purchase price paid for the Units as determined in accordance with the Deed at the time the Units were purchased and any charges payable in relation thereto.
2. A Unit Holder shall not be under any obligation to indemnify the Manager and/or the Trustee in the event that the liabilities incurred by the Manager and/or the Trustee in the name of or on behalf of the Fund pursuant to and/or in the performance of the provisions of the Deed exceed the value of the Fund's assets, and any right of indemnity of the Manager and/or the Trustee shall be limited to recourse to the Fund.

### 11.2 Maximum Fees and Charges Permitted by the Deed

Class of Units	Maximum Sales Charge	Maximum Redemption Charge	Maximum Annual Management Fee	Maximum Annual Trustee Fee
MYR Class	5.00% of the NAV per Unit.	5.00% of the NAV per Unit.	3.00% per annum of the NAV of the relevant Class.	0.10% per annum of the NAV of the Fund (including local custodian fees and expenses but excluding foreign custodian fees and charges), subject to a minimum fee of RM12,000 per annum.
USD Class				

Any increase of the fees and/or charges above the maximum stated in the Deed shall require Unit Holders' approval.

### **11.3 Procedures to Increase the Direct and Indirect Fees and Charges**

#### **Sales Charge**

The Manager may not charge a sales charge at a rate higher than that disclosed in this Prospectus unless:

- (a) the Manager has notified the Trustee in writing of and the effective date for the higher charge;
- (b) a supplemental prospectus or replacement prospectus in respect of the Fund setting out the higher charge is registered, lodged and issued; and
- (c) such time as may be prescribed by any relevant law has elapsed since the effective date of the supplemental prospectus or replacement prospectus.

#### **Redemption Charge**

The Manager may not charge a redemption charge at a rate higher than that disclosed in this Prospectus unless:

- (a) the Manager has notified the Trustee in writing of and the effective date for the higher charge;
- (b) a supplemental prospectus or replacement prospectus in respect of the Fund setting out the higher charge is registered, lodged and issued; and
- (c) such time as may be prescribed by any relevant law has elapsed since the effective date of the supplemental prospectus or replacement prospectus.

#### **Management Fee**

The Manager may not charge a management fee at a rate higher than that disclosed in this Prospectus unless:

- (a) the Manager has come to an agreement with the Trustee on the higher rate;
- (b) the Manager has notified the Unit Holders of the higher rate and the date on which such higher rate is to become effective; such time as may be prescribed by any relevant law shall have elapsed since the notice is sent;
- (c) a supplemental prospectus or replacement prospectus stating the higher rate is registered, lodged and issued thereafter; and
- (d) such time as may be prescribed by any relevant law shall have elapsed since the date of the supplemental prospectus or replacement prospectus.

#### **Trustee Fee**

The Trustee may not charge a trustee fee at a rate higher than that disclosed in the Prospectus unless:

- (a) the Manager has come to an agreement with the Trustee on the higher rate;
- (b) the Manager has notified the Unit Holders of the higher rate and the date on which such higher rate is to become effective; such time as may be prescribed by any relevant law shall have elapsed since the notice is sent;
- (c) a supplemental prospectus or replacement prospectus stating the higher rate is registered, lodged and issued thereafter; and
- (d) such time as may be prescribed by any relevant law shall have elapsed since the date of the supplemental prospectus or replacement prospectus.

#### 11.4 Expenses Permitted by the Deed

Only the expenses (or part thereof) which are directly related and necessary to the operation and administration of the Fund or each Class may be charged to the Fund or each Class respectively. These would include (but are not limited to) the following:

- (i) commissions or fees paid to brokers or dealers in effecting dealings in the investments of the Fund, shown on the contract notes or confirmation notes (if any);
- (ii) taxes and other duties charged on the Fund by the government and/or other authorities;
- (iii) fees and expenses properly incurred by the auditors and tax agent appointed for the Fund;
- (iv) fees for the valuation of any investment of the Fund;
- (v) costs, fees and expenses incurred for any modification of the Deed save where such modification is for the benefit of the Manager and/or the Trustee;
- (vi) costs, fees and expenses incurred for any meeting of the Unit Holders save where such meeting is convened for the benefit of the Manager and/or the Trustee;
- (vii) costs, commissions, fees and expenses of the sale, purchase, insurance and any other dealing of any asset of the Fund;
- (viii) costs, fees and expenses incurred in engaging any specialist approved by the Trustee for investigating or evaluating any proposed investment of the Fund;
- (ix) costs, fees and expenses incurred in engaging any adviser for the benefit of the Fund;
- (x) costs, fees and expenses incurred in the preparation and audit of the taxation, returns and accounts of the Fund;
- (xi) costs, fees and expenses incurred in the termination of the Fund or a Class or the removal or retirement of the Trustee or the Manager and the appointment of a new trustee or management company;
- (xii) costs, fees and expenses incurred in relation to any arbitration or other proceedings concerning the Fund or any asset of the Fund, including proceedings against the Trustee or the Manager by the other for the benefit of the Fund (save to the extent that legal costs incurred for the defence of either of them are ordered by the court not to be reimbursed by the Fund);
- (xiii) remuneration and out of pocket expenses of the person(s) or members of a committee undertaking the oversight function of the Fund, unless the Manager decides otherwise;
- (xiv) costs, fees and expenses deemed by the Manager to have been incurred in connection with any change or the need to comply with any change or introduction of any law, regulation or requirement (whether or not having the force of law) of any governmental or regulatory authority;
- (xv) (where the custodial function is delegated by the Trustee) charges and fees paid to sub-custodians taking into custody any foreign assets of the Fund;
- (xvi) expenses and charges incurred in connection with the printing and postage for the annual or semi-annual report, tax certificates, reinvestment statements and other services associated with the administration of the Fund;
- (xvii) all costs and expenses associated with the distributions declared pursuant to the Deed and the payment of such distribution including without limitation fees, costs and/or expenses for the revalidation or reissuance of any distribution cheque or warrant or telegraphic transfer;

- (xviii) fees in relation to fund accounting; and
- (xix) any tax now or hereafter imposed by law or required to be paid in connection with any costs, fees and expenses incurred under sub-paragraphs (i) to (xviii) above.

### **11.5 Retirement, Removal and Replacement of the Manager**

The Manager shall have the power to retire in favour of some other corporation and as necessary under any written law upon giving to the Trustee 3 months' notice in writing of its desire so to do, or such other shorter period as the Manager and the Trustee may agree upon, and subject to fulfilment of the conditions as stated in the Deed.

Subject to the provisions of any relevant law, the Trustee shall take all reasonable steps to remove the Manager:

- (a) if the Manager has failed or neglected to carry out its duties to the satisfaction of the Trustee and the Trustee considers that it would be in the interest of the Unit Holders for the Trustee to do so after the Trustee has given notice to the Manager of that opinion and the reasons for that opinion, and has considered any representations made by the Manager in respect of that opinion and after consultation with the relevant authorities and with the approval of the Unit Holders by way of a special resolution;
- (b) unless expressly directed otherwise by the relevant authorities, if the Manager is in breach of any of its obligations or duties under the Deed or the relevant laws, or has ceased to be eligible to be a management company under the relevant laws; or
- (c) the Manager has gone into liquidation except for the purpose of amalgamation or reconstruction or some similar purpose, or has had a receiver appointed or has ceased to carry on business.

If any of the events set out above occurs, the Manager shall upon receipt of a written notice from the Trustee cease to be the management company of the Fund. The Trustee shall, at the same time, in writing appoint some other corporation already approved by the relevant authorities to be the management company of the Fund; such corporation shall have entered into such deed or deeds as the Trustee may consider to be necessary or desirable to secure the due performance of its duties as management company for the Fund.

### **11.6 Retirement, Removal and Replacement of the Trustee**

The Trustee may retire upon giving 3 months' notice to the Manager of its desire to do so (or such other shorter period as the Manager and the Trustee may agree) and may by deed appoint in its stead a new trustee approved by the relevant authorities and under any relevant law.

The Trustee may be removed and another trustee may be appointed by special resolution of the Unit Holders at a Unit Holders' meeting convened in accordance with the Deed or as stipulated in the CMSA.

The Manager shall take all reasonable steps to replace the Trustee as soon as practicable after becoming aware that:

- (a) the Trustee has ceased to exist;
- (b) the Trustee has not been validly appointed;
- (c) the Trustee was not eligible to be appointed or to act as trustee under any relevant law;

- (d) the Trustee has failed or refused to act as trustee in accordance with the provisions or covenants of the Deed or any relevant law;
- (e) a receiver has been appointed over the whole or a substantial part of the assets or undertaking of the Trustee and has not ceased to act under the appointment, or a petition is presented for the winding up of the Trustee (other than for the purpose of and followed by a reconstruction, unless during or following such reconstruction the Trustee becomes or is declared to be insolvent); or
- (f) the Trustee is under investigation for conduct that contravenes the Trust Companies Act 1949, the Trustee Act 1949, the Companies Act 2016 or any relevant law.

## 11.7 Termination of the Fund

### 1. Termination of the Fund

The Fund may be terminated or wound up should the following occur:-

- (a) the authorisation of the Fund has been revoked by the SC; or
- (b) a special resolution is passed at a Unit Holders' meeting to terminate or wind up the Fund.

### 2. Termination of a Class

The Manager may terminate a particular Class via the passing of a special resolution by the Unit Holders of such Class at a meeting of such Unit Holders, and subject to and in accordance with the relevant laws. The Manager may only terminate a particular Class if the termination of that Class does not prejudice the interests of Unit Holders of any other Class. For the avoidance of doubt, the termination of a Class shall not affect the continuity of any other Class of the Fund.

The Fund and/or any of the Class may be terminated or wound-up, without the need to seek Unit Holders' prior approval, upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (i) if any law shall be passed which renders it illegal; or
- (ii) if, in the reasonable opinion of the Manager, it is impracticable or inadvisable to continue the Fund and/or the Class and the termination of the Fund and/or the Class is in the best interest of the Unit Holders.

### Procedures and processes on termination of the Fund or a Class

Upon termination of the Fund, the Trustee shall:

- (a) sell all the Fund's assets then remaining in its hands and pay out of the Fund any liabilities of the Fund; such sale and payment shall be carried out and completed in such manner and within such period as the Trustee considers to be in the best interests of the Unit Holders;
- (b) from time to time distribute to the Unit Holders, in proportion to the number of Units held by them respectively:
  - (1) the net cash proceeds available for the purpose of such distribution and derived from the sale of the Fund's assets less any payments for liabilities of the Fund; and
  - (2) any available cash produce; and
- (c) in relation to any monies held by the Trustee that remains unclaimed after such time as may be prescribed under the Unclaimed Moneys Act 1965, transfer such monies to the Registrar of Unclaimed Moneys, in accordance with the requirements of the Unclaimed Moneys Act 1965.

The Manager or the Trustee shall also arrange for a final review and audit of the final accounts of the Fund by the auditor of the Fund in accordance with the Deed.

In the event of the Fund being terminated:

- (a) the Trustee shall be at liberty to call upon the Manager to grant the Trustee, and the Manager shall so grant, a full and complete release from the Deed;
- (b) the Manager and the Trustee shall notify the relevant authorities in such manner as may be prescribed by any relevant law; and
- (c) the Manager or the Trustee shall notify the Unit Holders in such manner as may be prescribed by any relevant law.

If at a meeting of Unit Holders of a particular Class to terminate such Class, a Special Resolution to terminate the Class is passed by the Unit Holders:

- (a) the Trustee shall cease to create Units of that Class;
- (b) the Manager shall cease to deal in Units of that Class;
- (c) the Trustee and the Manager shall notify the relevant authorities in writing of the passing of the Special Resolution; and
- (d) the Trustee or the Manager shall as soon as practicable inform all Unit Holders of the Fund of the termination of that Class.

## **11.8 Unit Holders' Meeting**

A Unit Holders' meeting may be called by the Manager, Trustee or Unit Holders. Any such meeting must be convened in accordance with the Deed and/or the Guidelines.

Every question arising at any meeting shall be decided in the first instance by a show of hands unless a poll is demanded or, if it be a question which under the Deed requires a special resolution, a poll shall be taken. On a show of hands every Unit Holder who is present in person or by proxy shall have 1 vote.

### Quorum

- (a) The quorum required for a meeting of the Unit Holders of the Fund or a Class, as the case may be, shall be 5 Unit Holders, whether present in person or by proxy; however, if the Fund or a Class, as the case may be, has 5 or less Unit Holders, the quorum required for a meeting of the Unit Holders of the Fund or a Class, as the case may be, shall be 2 Unit Holders, whether present in person or by proxy.
- (b) If the meeting has been convened for the purpose of voting on a special resolution, the Unit Holders present in person or by proxy must hold in aggregate at least 25% of the Units in circulation of the Fund or a Class, as the case may be, at the time of the meeting.
- (c) If the Fund or a Class, as the case may be, has only 1 remaining Unit Holder, such Unit Holder, whether present in person or by proxy, shall constitute the quorum required for the meeting of the Unit Holders of the Fund or a Class, as the case may be.

## 12. CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

### Related Party Transactions

Save as disclosed below, there are no existing or proposed related party transactions involving the Fund, us as the manager, the Trustee and/or persons connected to them as at LPD:

Name of Party	Name of Related Party and Nature of Relationship	Existing / Potential Related Party Transaction
Manager	Nomura Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd  Nomura Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd and the Manager are both subsidiaries of Nomura Holdings, Inc.	Nomura Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd provides system maintenance and information technology support to the Manager.
	Nomura Asset Management Singapore Limited  Nomura Asset Management Singapore Limited and the Manager are both wholly owned by Nomura Asset Management Co. Ltd.	Nomura Asset Management Singapore Limited provides system maintenance and information technology administrative support to the Manager.
	Nomura Asset Management U.K. Limited  Nomura Asset Management U.K. Limited and the Manager are both wholly owned by Nomura Asset Management Co. Ltd.	Investment Manager of the Target Fund:  Nomura Asset Management U.K. Limited is the investment manager of the Target Fund.

### Policies On Dealing With Conflict Of Interest Situations

We (including our directors) will at all time act in your best interests and will not conduct ourselves in any manner that will result in a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest. In the unlikely event that any conflict of interest arises, such conflict shall be resolved so that the Fund is not disadvantaged. In the unlikely event that we face conflicts in respect of our duties as the manager to the Fund and to other funds that we manage, we are obliged to act in the best interests of all our investors and will seek to resolve any conflicts fairly and in accordance with the Deed.

We shall not act as principal in the sale and purchase of any securities or investments to and from the Fund. We shall not make any investment for the Fund in any securities, properties or assets in which we or our officer have financial interest in or from which we or our officer derives a benefit. Our staff are required to obtain management approval prior to making any sale and/or purchase of any security. Management approval will not be given if the proposed transaction results in a conflict of interest or a potential conflict of interest.

We (including our directors) who hold substantial shareholdings or directorships in public companies shall refrain from any decision making relating to that particular investment of the Fund.

We generally discourage cross trades and prohibit any transactions between client(s) accounts and fund accounts. Any cross trade activity require prior approval with the relevant supporting justification(s) to ensure the trades are executed in the best interest of both funds and such transactions were executed at arm's length. Cross trades will be reported to the committee undertaking the oversight function of the Fund to ensure compliance to the relevant regulatory requirements.

As at LPD, we are not aware of any existing or potential conflict of interest situations which may arise.

#### **Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad**

As the trustee for the Fund and the Manager's delegate for the fund accounting and valuation services (where applicable), there may be related party transactions involving or in connection with the Fund in the following events:

- 1) where the Fund invests in the products offered by Deutsche Bank AG and any of its group companies (e.g. money market placement, etc.);
- 2) where the Fund has obtained financing from Deutsche Bank AG and any of its group companies, as permitted under the SC's guidelines and other applicable laws;
- 3) where the Manager appoints DTMB to perform its back office functions (e.g. fund accounting and valuation where applicable); and
- 4) where DTMB has delegated its custodian function for the Fund to Deutsche Bank (Malaysia) Berhad.

DTMB will rely on the Manager to ensure that any related party transactions, dealings, investments and appointments are on terms which are the best that are reasonably available for or to the Fund and are on an arm's length basis as if between independent parties.

While DTMB has internal policies intended to prevent or manage conflicts of interests, no assurance is given that their application will necessarily prevent or mitigate conflicts of interests. The Trustee's commitment to act in the best interests of the Unit Holders of the Fund does not preclude the possibility of related party transactions or conflicts.

#### **Other Declarations**

The solicitors and tax adviser confirm that there are no existing or potential conflicts of interest in their respective capacity as advisors for us and/or the Fund.

## 13. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### (a) Enquiries

Unit Holders can seek assistance on any issue relating to the Fund, from our client servicing personnel at our office or at any of our authorised distributors' offices during office hour. Alternatively, you may e-mail your enquiries to [marketing@nomura-asset.com.my](mailto:marketing@nomura-asset.com.my).

### (b) Keeping Track of the Daily Prices of Units

We will publish the Fund's NAV per Unit on our website at <https://www.nomura-asset.com.my>.

As the Fund has exposure to investment in foreign markets, the NAV per Unit for a particular Business Day will be published 2 Business Days later.

### (c) Financial Reports

You will be informed of the Fund's performance through the audited annual reports and semi-annual unaudited reports. The reports will be sent to you within 2 months after the close of the financial year-end or semi-annual period.

### (d) Deed

<b>Deed of the Fund</b>	19 August 2025
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The Deed can be inspected at our office during office hours on any Business Day.

### (e) Approvals and Conditions

There is no exemption and/or variation to the Guidelines applied for this Fund.

### (f) Consents

- (i) The consent of the Trustee, Management Company and Investment Manager for the inclusion of its name in this Prospectus in the manner and form in which such name appear has been given before the date of issue of this Prospectus and has not subsequently withdrawn its written consent.
- (ii) The tax adviser has given its consent to the inclusion of its name and the Tax Adviser's Letter on taxation of the Fund and Unit Holders in the form and context in which it appears in this Prospectus and has not subsequently withdrawn its consent prior to the date of this Prospectus.

**The Fund's annual and semi-annual report is available upon request.**

## 14. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

Copies of the following documents are available for inspection at our registered office or such other place as the SC may determine, during normal business hours:

- (a) the Deed;
- (b) this Prospectus and supplementary or replacement prospectus, if any;
- (c) the latest annual and semi-annual reports for the Fund;
- (d) each material contract disclosed in this Prospectus and, in the case of a contract not reduced into writing, a memorandum which gives full particulars of the contract;
- (e) where applicable, the audited financial statements of the Manager and the Fund for the current financial year and the last 3 financial years or if less than 3 years, from the date of incorporation or commencement;
- (f) any report, letter or other document, valuation and statement by an expert, any part of which is extracted or referred to in this Prospectus;
- (g) writ and relevant cause papers for all material litigation and arbitration disclosed in this Prospectus; and
- (h) consent given by an expert disclosed in this Prospectus.

## 15. TAXATION ADVISER'S LETTER



### TAXATION ADVISER'S LETTER ON TAXATION OF THE FUND AND UNIT HOLDERS (Prepared for inclusion in this First Prospectus)

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#### TAXATION OF THE FUND AND UNIT HOLDERS

Dear Sirs,

This letter has been prepared for inclusion in the First Prospectus in connection with Nomura Global Multi-Theme Equity Fund ("the Fund").

The taxation of income for both the Fund and the Unit Holders are subject to the provisions of the Malaysian Income Tax Act, 1967 ("the Act"). The applicable provisions are contained in Section 61 of the Act, which deals specifically with the taxation of trust bodies in Malaysia.

#### TAXATION OF THE FUND

The Fund will be regarded as resident for Malaysian tax purposes since the Trustee of the Fund is resident in Malaysia.

##### (1) Foreign Investments

Generally, gross foreign-sourced income, including capital gains, remitted to Malaysia by Malaysian resident unit trusts will be subject to Malaysian income tax at the prevailing rate, currently at 24%.

Such income from foreign investments may be subject to taxes or withholding taxes in the specific foreign country. Subject to meeting the relevant prescribed requirements, the Fund in Malaysia is entitled for double taxation relief on any foreign tax suffered on the income in respect of overseas investment.

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### **Exemption from tax on foreign-sourced income (“FSI”) for unit trusts**

The Income Tax (Unit Trust in relation to Income Received in Malaysia from Outside Malaysia) (Exemption) Order 2024 provides a Malaysian resident unit trust, exemption from tax on FSI from all sources of income received in Malaysia.

To qualify for this tax exemption, unit trusts must satisfy one of the following conditions:

- a. The FSI has been subjected to foreign tax, with the source jurisdiction’s minimum headline income tax rate being at least 15%; or
- b. The management company of the unit trust has met Economic Substance Requirements in Malaysia, which includes employing an adequate number of employees and incurring sufficient operating expenditure.

The exemption from income tax on FSI takes effect from 1 January 2024 until 31 December 2026\*.

[\*Budget 2026 announced on 10 October 2025 proposed that the exemption be extended to 31 December 2030. However, this proposal has not been gazetted yet.]

## **(2) Domestic Investments**

### **(i) General Taxation**

Subject to certain exemptions, the income of the Fund consisting of dividends or interest or profit<sup>1</sup> (other than interest and profit<sup>1</sup> which is exempt from tax) and other investment income derived from or accruing in Malaysia, after deducting tax allowable expenses, is liable to Malaysian income tax at the rate of 24 per cent.

Gains from disposal of Malaysian unlisted shares will be subject to Capital Gains Tax (“CGT”). Please refer to the CGT section below for further details.

### **(ii) Dividends and Other Exempt Income**

Malaysian companies adopt the single-tier system. Hence dividends received would be exempted from tax and the deductibility of expenses incurred against such dividend income would be disregarded. Dividends received from companies under the single-tier system would be exempted and there will not be any tax refunds available for single-tier dividends received.

The Fund may receive Malaysian dividends which are tax exempt. The exempt dividends may be received from investments in companies which had previously enjoyed or are currently enjoying the various tax incentives provided under the law. The Fund will not be taxable on such exempt income.

Interest or profit<sup>1</sup> derived from the following investments is exempt from tax:

- (a) Interest or profit<sup>1</sup> paid or credited by any bank or financial institution licensed under the Financial Services Act 2013 and Islamic Financial Services Act 2013;

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<sup>1</sup> Under Section 2(7) of the Income Tax Act 1967, any reference to interest shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to gains or profits received and expenses incurred, in lieu of interest, in transactions conducted in accordance with the principles of Shariah.

The effect of this is that any gains or profits received and expenses incurred, in lieu of interest, in transactions conducted in accordance with the principles of Shariah, will be accorded the same tax treatment as if they were interest.

- (b) Interest or profit<sup>1</sup> paid or credited by any development financial institution regulated under the Development Financial Institutions Act 2002;
- (c) Bonds, other than convertible loan stocks, paid or credited by any company listed in Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ACE Market; and
- (d) Interest or profit<sup>1</sup> paid or credited by Malaysia Building Society Berhad<sup>2</sup>.

The interest or profit<sup>1</sup> or discount income exempted from tax at the Fund level will also be exempted from tax upon distribution to the Unit Holders.

Exception:

- i. Wholesale money market fund

The exemption shall not apply to interest paid or credited to a unit trust that is a wholesale money market fund.

- ii. Retail money market fund ("RMMF")

The interest or profit<sup>1</sup> income of a RMMF will remain tax exempted under Paragraph 35A, Schedule 6 of the Act. However, resident and non-resident Unit Holders (other than individual Unit Holders), who receive income distributed from interest or profit<sup>1</sup> income of the RMMF which are exempted under Paragraph 35A of Schedule 6, will be subject to withholding tax ("WHT") at the rate of 24 per cent.

The WHT is to be withheld and remitted by the RMMF to the tax authorities within 30 days upon distribution of the income to the Unit Holders.

### **(3) Hedging Instruments**

The tax treatment of hedging instruments would depend on the particular hedging instruments entered into.

Generally, any gain / loss relating to the principal portion will be treated as capital gain / loss. Gains / losses relating to the income portion would normally be treated as revenue gains / losses. The gain / loss on revaluation will only be taxed or claimed upon realisation. Any gain / loss on foreign exchange is treated as capital gain / loss if it arises from the revaluation of the principal portion of the investment.

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<sup>2</sup> Exemption granted through letters from Ministry of Finance Malaysia dated 11 June 2015 and 16 June 2015 and it is with effect YA 2015.

#### (4) Real Property Gains Tax (“RPGT”)

Gains on disposal of real properties would be subject to RPGT as follows: -

Disposal time frame	RPGT rates (Companies incorporated in Malaysia and Trustee of a trust)
Within 3 years	30%
In the 4 <sup>th</sup> year	20%
In the 5 <sup>th</sup> year	15%
In the 6 <sup>th</sup> year and subsequent years	10%

Capital gains tax (“CGT”) will be applicable on the gains from sale of Malaysian unlisted shares instead. Please refer to the section on CGT.

#### (5) Capital Gains Tax (“CGT”)

CGT has been introduced in Malaysia and will be imposed on gains from the disposal of Malaysian unlisted shares.

CGT will be imposed on the disposal of Malaysian unlisted shares by companies, Limited Liability Partnerships, cooperatives and trust bodies (which include unit trusts).

The CGT rate to be imposed is as follows:

Shares Acquisition Date	CGT Rate
Before 1 January 2024	The taxpayers may choose:  i. 10% on the net gain of the disposal of shares; or ii. 2% on the gross disposal price.
From 1 January 2024	10% on the net gain of the disposal of shares

“shares” has been defined as in relation to a company, includes stock other than debenture stock.

#### (6) Tax Deductible Expenses

Expenses wholly and exclusively incurred in the production of gross income are allowable as deductions under Section 33(1) of the Act. In addition, Section 63B of the Act provides for tax deduction in respect of managers’ remuneration, expenses on maintenance of the register of Unit Holders, share registration expenses, secretarial, audit and accounting fees, telephone charges, printing and stationery costs and postages based on a formula subject to a minimum of 10 per cent and a maximum of 25 per cent of the expenses.

#### **(7) Sales and Service Tax (“SST”)**

Sales tax will be chargeable on taxable goods manufactured in Malaysia by registered manufacturer or imported into Malaysia, unless specifically exempted by the Minister. Whereas, only specific taxable services provided by specific taxable persons will be subject to service tax. Sales tax and service tax are single stage taxes. As such, SST incurred would generally form an irrecoverable cost to the business. The rates for sales tax are nil, 5 per cent, 10 per cent or a specific rate whereas the rate for service tax is at 8 per cent for all prescribed taxable services with certain exceptional taxable services at 6 per cent.

Certain brokerage, professional, consultancy or management services obtained by the Fund may be subject to service tax at 8 percent.

Service tax will apply to any taxable service that is acquired by any business in Malaysia from a non-Malaysian service provider. In this connection, the Fund, being non-taxable person who acquire imported taxable services (if any) will need to declare its imported taxable services through the submission of prescribed declaration..

Service tax on digital services was implemented at the rate of 8 per cent. Under the service tax on digital services, foreign service providers selling digital services to Malaysian consumers are required to register for and charge service tax. Digital services are defined as services which are delivered or subscribed over the internet or other electronic network, cannot be delivered without the use of IT and the delivery of the service is substantially automated.

Furthermore, the provision of digital services has also been prescribed as a taxable service when provided by a local service provider. Hence, where the Fund obtains any of the prescribed digital services, those services may be subject to service tax at 8 percent.

The scope of Sales Tax and Service Tax has been expanded with effect from 1 July 2025, with the relevant gazette orders being issued. Certain financial services are currently exempted from service tax until further notice.

The scope of service tax is expanded to include financial services. An 8% service tax rate will be imposed on fee or commission-based services.

Exemption will be granted for certain financial services such as basic banking, interest or profit based Islamic financing, foreign exchange, capital market gains, etc. Additionally, exemptions will be available for shariah-compliant arrangements and service providers for Bursa Malaysia and Labuan.

With the expansion of service tax scope, fund management services will be subject to tax at 8 percent.

#### **TAXATION OF UNIT HOLDERS**

Unit Holders will be taxed on an amount equivalent to their share of the total taxable income of the Fund to the extent of the distributions received from the Fund. The income distribution from the Fund will carry a tax credit in respect of the Malaysian tax paid by the Fund. Unit Holders will be entitled to utilise the tax credit against the tax payable on the income distribution received by them. Generally, no additional withholding tax will be imposed on the income distribution from the Fund; unless the Fund is an RMMF, in which case there is a WHT on distribution from interest income of a RMMF which are exempted under Paragraph 35A of Schedule 6 and distributed to non-individual Unit Holders.

Non-resident Unit Holders may also be subject to tax in their respective jurisdictions. Depending on the provisions of the relevant country’s tax legislation and any double tax treaty with Malaysia, the Malaysian tax suffered may be creditable against the relevant foreign tax.



Corporate Unit Holders, resident<sup>3</sup> and non-resident, will generally be liable to income tax at 24 per cent on distribution of income received from the Fund. The tax credits attributable to the distribution of income can be utilised against the tax liabilities of these Unit Holders.

Individuals and other non-corporate Unit Holders who are tax resident in Malaysia will be subject to income tax at graduated rates ranging from 1 per cent to 30 per cent. Individuals and other non-corporate Unit Holders who are not resident in Malaysia will be subject to income tax at 30 per cent. The tax credits attributable to the distribution of income can be utilised against the tax liabilities of these Unit Holders.

The distribution of exempt income by the Fund will be exempted from tax in the hands of the Unit Holders.

Any gains realised by Unit Holders (other than those in the business of dealing in securities, insurance companies or financial institutions) on the sale or redemption of the Units are treated as capital gains and will not be subject to income tax. This tax treatment will include in the form of cash or residual distribution in the event of the winding up of the Fund.

Unit Holders electing to receive their income distribution by way of investment in the form of new units will be regarded as having purchased the new Units out of their income distribution after tax.

Unit splits issued by the Fund are not taxable in the hands of Unit Holders.

#### Retail Money Market Fund ("RMMF")

Resident and non-resident corporate Unit Holders (other than individual Unit Holders), who receive income distributed from interest or profit<sup>4</sup> income of a RMMF which are exempted under Paragraph 35A of Schedule 6, will be subject to WHT at the rate of 24 per cent.

For resident corporate Unit Holders, the WHT is not a final tax. The resident corporate Unit Holders will need to subject the income distributed from interest or profit<sup>4</sup> income of a RMMF which are exempted under Paragraph 35A of Schedule 6 to tax in its income tax returns and the attached tax credit i.e. the 24 per cent WHT suffered will be available for set-off against the tax chargeable on the resident corporate Unit Holders.

For non-resident Corporate Unit Holders, the 24 per cent WHT on income distributed from interest or profit<sup>4</sup> income of a RMMF which are exempted under Paragraph 35A of Schedule 6, is a final tax.

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<sup>3</sup> Resident companies with paid up capital in respect of ordinary shares of RM2.5 million and below and having an annual sales of not more than RM50 million will pay tax at 15% for the first RM150,000 of chargeable income, 17% for RM150,001 to RM600,000 with the balance taxed at 24% with effect from YA 2023.

The above shall not apply if more than –

- (a) 50% of the paid up capital in respect of ordinary shares of the company is directly or indirectly owned by a related company;
- (b) 50% of the paid up capital in respect of ordinary shares of the related company is directly or indirectly owned by the first mentioned company;
- (c) 50% of the paid up capital in respect of ordinary shares of the first mentioned company and the related company is directly or indirectly owned by another company.

"Related company" means a company which has a paid up capital in respect of ordinary shares of more than RM2.5 million at the beginning of the basis period for a YA.

Additional shareholding condition of not more than 20% of the paid up capital or capital contribution, at the beginning of a YA is directly own or indirectly by one or more:

- Companies incorporated outside of Malaysia, or
- individuals who are not Malaysian citizens,

which is required to be observed from YA 2024.




We hereby confirm that the statements made in this report correctly reflect our understanding of the tax position under current Malaysian tax legislation. Our comments above are general in nature and cover taxation in the context of Malaysian tax legislation only and do not cover foreign tax legislation. The comments do not represent specific tax advice to any investors, and we recommend that investors obtain independent advice on the tax issues associated with their investments in the Fund.

Yours faithfully,

for and on behalf of

**PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS TAXATION SERVICES SDN BHD**

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PricewaterhouseCoopers Taxation Services Sdn Bhd have given their written consent to the inclusion of their report as taxation adviser in the form and context in which they appear in this First Prospectus and have not, before the date of issue of the First Prospectus, withdrawn such consent.

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