

**LUCELEN**  
**SICAV with multiple sub-funds incorporated under**  
**Luxembourg law**

**PROSPECTUS**  
**&**  
**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

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## 1. THE SICAV AND PARTIES INVOLVED

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<b>Name of the SICAV</b>	LUCELEN
<b>Registered Office of the SICAV</b>	14, Boulevard Royal L-2449 Luxembourg
<b>No. in Luxembourg Trade and Companies Register</b>	R.C.S. B236759
<b>Legal form</b>	Open-ended investment company ( <i>société d'investissement à capital variable</i> ) with multiple sub-funds incorporated under the laws of Luxembourg, subject to Part I of the Luxembourg Law of 17 December 2010 on undertakings for collective investment, as amended ("Law of 2010").
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## 2. PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

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No person has been authorised to issue any advertisement or to give any information, or to make any representations in connection with the offering, placing, subscription, sale, switching or redemption of shares other than those contained in this Prospectus. If issued, given or made, such advertisement, information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the SICAV. Neither the delivery of this Prospectus nor the offer, placement, subscription or issue of any of the shares of the SICAV shall under any circumstances create any implication or constitute a representation that the information given in this Prospectus is correct as of any time subsequent to the date hereof.

An investment in shares of the SICAV involves investment risks including those set out herein under the chapter 7 " Risks associated with investing in the SICAV ".

The distribution of the Prospectus and the offering or purchase of shares of the SICAV is restricted in certain jurisdictions. The Prospectus does not constitute an offer of or invitation or solicitation to subscribe for or acquire any shares in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not permitted, authorised or would be unlawful. Persons receiving the Prospectus in any jurisdiction may not treat the Prospectus as constituting an offer, invitation or solicitation to them to subscribe for the shares of the SICAV notwithstanding that, in the relevant jurisdiction, such an offer, invitation or solicitation could lawfully be made to them without compliance with any registration or other legal requirement. It is the responsibility of any persons in possession of the Prospectus and any persons wishing to apply for the shares of the SICAV to inform themselves of, and to observe, all applicable laws and regulations of any relevant jurisdiction. Prospective applicants for shares should inform themselves as to the legal requirements of so applying.

## 3. DESCRIPTION OF THE SICAV

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LUCELEN is an investment company with variable capital ("SICAV") with multiple sub-funds incorporated under Luxembourg law, subject to Part I of the Law of 2010.

The SICAV has been incorporated for an unlimited duration as of 1 August 2019. The articles of incorporation were published on 13 August 2019.

The consolidation currency is the EUR. The minimum capital of the SICAV is one million two hundred and fifty thousand euros (€1,250,000.00) or the equivalent in another currency. The minimum capital must be reached within six months of the CSSF's authorisation of the SICAV.

The financial year end is 31 December of each year. The first financial year will end on 31 December 2020. The following sub-funds are currently offered for subscription:

Name	Reference currency
LUCELEN – GLOBAL BONDS	EUR
LUCELEN – FLEXIBLE	EUR

The SICAV reserves the right to create new sub-funds. In this case, the Prospectus will be updated accordingly.

The SICAV is to be considered as one single legal entity. The assets of a sub-fund answer exclusively to shareholder rights relating to that sub-fund and those of creditors where the debt arose from the creation, operation or liquidation of said sub-fund.

#### 4. OBJECTIVE OF THE SICAV

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The objective of the SICAV is to offer shareholders the possibility of benefiting from professional portfolio management of transferable securities and/or other financial assets as defined in the investment policy of each sub-fund (see sub-fund fact sheets).

An investment in the SICAV must be considered as a medium to long-term investment. No guarantee may be given that the investment objectives of the SICAV will be met.

The investments of the SICAV are subject to normal market fluctuations and to the risks inherent in any investment and no guarantee may be given that the investments of the SICAV will be profitable. The SICAV intends to keep a diversified portfolio of investments in order to mitigate the investment risks.

#### 5. ELIGIBLE INVESTMENTS

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1. The investments of the SICAV include one or more of the following:
  - a. transferable securities and money market instruments quoted or traded on a regulated market within the meaning of Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 21 April 2004 on financial instrument markets;
  - b. transferable securities and money market instruments traded on another regulated market of an EU Member State which operates regularly, and is recognised and open to the public;
  - c. transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to official listing on a stock exchange of a non-European Union country or traded on another regulated market of a non-European Union country that operates regularly and is recognised and open to the public;
  - d. newly issued transferable securities and money market instruments, provided that:
    - the conditions of issue include the commitment that the application for admission to official listing on a stock exchange or another regulated market that operates regularly and is recognised and open to the public, has been filed; and
    - the admission must be obtained no later than one year from the issue;
  - e. units of undertakings in collective investments in transferable securities ("UCITS") in accordance with Directive 2009/65/EC and/or other undertakings in collective investments ("UCI") as defined by article 1, paragraph 2, paragraphs a) and b) of Directive 2009/65/EC, whether or not the fund is located in a Member State of the European Union, provided that:
    - these other UCIs are approved in accordance with legal dispositions stipulating that these undertakings are subject to supervision which the CSSF considers as equivalent to that set by EU laws and that cooperation between authorities is adequately guaranteed;
    - the level of protection guaranteed for holders of units in these other UCIs are either equivalent to that intended for holders of UCITS units and in particular, that the rules relating to splitting assets, borrowings, loans and short-selling of transferable securities and money market instruments are equivalent to the requirements of Directive 2009/65/EC;
    - the activities of these other UCIs are reported in half-year and annual reports enabling an assessment of the assets and liabilities, revenues and transactions in the period under consideration;
    - the proportion of the net assets of UCITS or these other UCIs under consideration for acquisition, which, pursuant to their management regulations or their incorporation documents, may be invested globally in the units of other UCITS or other UCIs, does not exceed 10%;
  - f. deposits with a credit institution refundable on request or that may be withdrawn and have a maturity of twelve months or less, provided that the credit institution has its registered office in a Member State of the European Union or, if the registered office

- of the credit institution is located in a third country, is subject to prudential rules considered by the CSSF as equivalent to those prescribed by EU laws;
- g. financial derivative instruments, including similar instruments giving rise to payment in cash, which are traded on a regulated market of the type described in paragraphs a), b) and c) above; or financial derivative instruments traded over-the-counter (“OTC derivatives”) provided that:
- the underlying consists of instruments that fall under paragraph 1, financial indices, or interest rates, foreign exchange rates or currencies, in which the SICAV can invest in accordance with its investment objectives, as outlined in this Prospectus and in its articles of incorporation;
  - the counterparties to transactions on OTC derivatives are entities subject to prudential supervision and belong to categories approved by the CSSF; and
  - the OTC derivatives are valued in a reliable and verifiable manner on a daily basis and may be sold, liquidated or closed through a symmetrical transaction at any time at their fair value at the SICAV’s initiative;
- h. money market instruments other than those traded on a regulated market and referred to in article 1 of the Law of 2010, provided that the issuer or issuer of these instruments is itself regulated for the purpose of protecting investors and savings and that these instruments are:
- issued or guaranteed by a central, regional or local authority, by a central bank of a Member State, by the European Central Bank, by the European Union or by the European Investment Bank, by a non-Member state, or in the case of a Federal State, by one of the members comprising the federation, or by a public international entity to which one or more Member State belongs, or
  - issued by a company of which the shares are traded on the regulated markets described in paragraphs a), b) or c) above, or issued or guaranteed by an institution subject to prudential monitoring according to the criteria defined by EU law, or by an institution that is subject to and complies with prudential rules considered by the CSSF as at least as strict as those prescribed by EU laws, or
  - issued by other entities belonging to categories approved by the CSSF provided that the investments in these instruments are subject to investor protection rules equivalent to those stated under the first, second, or third indents and that the issuer is a company, the capital and reserves of which amount to at least 10 million euros (€10,000,000) and which reports and publishes its annual financial statements in accordance with the fourth Directive 78/660/EEC, or an entity which, within a group of companies including one or several listed companies is dedicated to the group’s financing, or an entity which is dedicated to the financing of securitization vehicles which benefit from a banking liquidity line.
2. However, the SICAV may not:
- a. invest more than 10% of its net assets in transferable securities and money market instruments other than those referred to in paragraph 1 of this chapter.
  - b. acquire precious metals or certificates representative thereof.
3. The SICAV may:
- a. acquire movable and immoveable property that is essential to the direct pursuit of its business;
  - b. hold ancillary liquid assets.

## 6. INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

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The criteria and restrictions described below must be complied with by each sub-fund of the SICAV.

### **Restrictions on transferable securities and money market instruments**

1. a. The SICAV may not invest more than 10% of its net assets in transferable securities or money market instruments issued by the same entity. The SICAV may not invest more than 20% of its net assets in deposits invested with the same entity.

- The counterparty risk of the SICAV in a transaction on OTC derivatives may not exceed 10% of its net assets where the counterparty is one of the credit institutions described in chapter 5, paragraph 1.f) above, or 5% of its net assets in other cases.
- b. The total value of the transferable securities and money market instruments held by the SICAV with issuers, in each of which it invests more than 5% of its net assets, may not exceed 40% of the value of its net assets. This limit does not apply to deposits with financial institutions that are subject to prudential supervision or to transactions on OTC derivatives with these institutions.
- c. Notwithstanding the individual limits laid down in paragraph 1.a., the SICAV may not combine any of the following, if this would involve investing more than 20% of its net assets in a single entity:
- investments in transferable securities or money market instruments issued by that entity,
  - deposits made with that entity, or
  - exposures arising from OTC derivatives issued with that entity.
- d. The limit laid down in the first sentence in paragraph 1.a is raised to a maximum of 35% if the transferable securities or money market instruments are issued or guaranteed by a Member State of the European Union, by its public local authorities, by a non-Member state or by public international institutions to which one or more Member States belong.
- e. The limit laid down in the first sentence of paragraph 1.a. is raised to a maximum of 25% for certain bonds, when they are issued by a credit institution which has its registered office in a Member State of the European Union and which is legally subject to special public supervision designed to protect bondholders. In particular, the sums deriving from the issue of those bonds must be invested, in accordance with the law, in assets which, during the entire validity period of the bonds, are capable of covering claims attaching to the bonds and which, in the case of issuer's bankruptcy, would be used on a priority basis for the reimbursement of the principal and payment of the accrued interest on the bonds.  
If the SICAV invests more than 5% of its net assets in the bonds referred to in the first paragraph where they are issued by a single issuer, the total value of such investments may not exceed 80% of the value of the net assets of the SICAV.
- f. The transferable securities and money market instruments referred to in paragraphs 1.d. and 1.e. shall not be taken into account for the purpose of applying the 40% limit referred to in paragraph 1.b.  
The limits set out in paragraphs 1.a., 1.b., 1.c., 1.d. and 1.e. shall not be combined; therefore, investments in transferable securities or money market instruments issued by the same entity, and in deposits or derivative instruments concluded with that entity carried out in accordance with paragraphs 1.a., 1.b., 1.c., 1.d. and 1.e. shall not in total exceed 35% of the net assets of the SICAV.  
Companies which are included in the same group for the purposes of account consolidation, as defined in accordance with Directive 83/349/EEC or in accordance with recognised international accounting rules, are considered as a single entity for the purpose of calculating the limits contained in this paragraph.  
The SICAV may cumulatively invest up to 20% of its net assets in transferable securities or money market instruments within the same group.
2. a. Without prejudice to the limits laid down in paragraph 5, the limits laid down in paragraph 1 are raised to a maximum of 20% for investments in shares and/or debt security issued by the same entity, where, in accordance with the articles of incorporation, the investment policy of the SICAV is designed to replicate the composition of a specific share or debt securities index that is recognised by the CSSF, on the following basis:
- the index composition is sufficiently diversified;
  - the index represents an adequate benchmark for the market to which it refers;
  - it is published in an appropriate manner.
- b. The limit laid out in paragraph 2.a. is 35% where that proves to be justified by



exceptional market conditions, particularly on regulated markets where certain transferable securities or money market instruments are highly dominant. Investment up to this limit is only authorised for a single issuer.

3. **In accordance with the principle of risk spreading, the SICAV may also invest up to 100% of the net assets in different transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State of the European Union, by its local authorities, by any Member state of the OECD or by public international institutions to which one or more Member States of the European Union belong or by a non-Member State of the European Union approved by the CSSF, including Singapore, Brazil, Russia and Indonesia, provided that it holds securities belonging to at least six different issues and that the securities belonging to a single issue do not exceed 30% of the total amount of the assets.**

#### **Restrictions on UCITS and other UCIs**

4. a. Unless specified in its fact sheets that a given sub-fund cannot invest more than 10% of its net assets in units of UCITS and/or UCIs, the SICAV may acquire units of UCITS and/or other UCIs as described in chapter 5, paragraph 1.e., (“Other UCIs”) provided that no more than 20% of its net assets are invested in the units of the same UCITS or other UCI.  
For the application of this investment limit, each sub-fund of a SICAV with multiple sub-funds is considered as a separate issuer, provided that the principle of segregation of obligations of the different sub-funds vis-à-vis third parties is ensured.
- b. Investments in units of other UCIs may not in aggregate exceed 30% of the net assets of the SICAV.  
When the SICAV has acquired units of UCITS or other UCIs, the assets of these UCITS or other UCIs shall not be combined for the purpose of the limits stated in paragraph 1.
- c. When the SICAV invests in units of other UCITS and/or other UCIs which are managed, directly or by delegation, by the same management company or by any other company to which the Management Company is linked through a common management or control mechanism or through a significant direct or indirect holding (each, a “Linked UCI”), that management company or other company cannot charge subscription or redemption fees for the SICAV’s investment in the units of the other Linked UCIs.
- d. If the SICAV invests a substantial portion of its assets in other Linked UCIs, the maximum level of management fees that may be charged both to the sub-funds concerned and to other Linked UCIs in which the sub-funds intend to invest will not exceed 4% of the assets under management. The SICAV shall disclose in its annual report the maximum proportion of management fees charged both to sub-funds concerned as well as to UCITS and/or other UCIs in which the sub-funds concerned invest.
- e. A sub-fund of the SICAV (“Investing Sub-fund”) may subscribe, acquire and/or hold shares to be issued or issued by one or more sub-funds of the SICAV (each, a “Target Sub-fund”) and the SICAV is not subject to the requirements of the Law of 10 August 1915 on commercial companies, as amended, with respect to the subscription, acquisition and/or the holding by a company of its own shares, provided however that:
- the Target Sub-fund does not, in turn, invest in the Investing Sub-fund that is invested in this Target Sub-fund; and
  - the proportion of net assets that the Target Sub-funds the acquisition of which is envisaged may invest overall in accordance with their factsheets, in shares of other Target Sub-funds of the SICAV does not exceed 10%; and
  - any voting rights attached to the shares held by the Investing Sub-fund is suspended as long as they are held by the Investing Sub-fund concerned and notwithstanding the appropriate accounting and disclosures in periodic reports; and

- in any event for as long as these securities of the Target Sub-fund are held by the Investing Sub-fund, their value will not be taken into consideration for the calculation of the net assets of the SICAV for the purpose of verifying the minimum threshold of the net assets imposed by the Law of 2010.
- f. By way of derogation from the principle of risk spreading, in chapter 5 and in chapter 6, paragraphs 1. and 5.b. 3<sup>rd</sup> indent and in the above restrictions but in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, each sub-fund of the SICAV (hereinafter “feeder sub-fund”) may invest at least 85% of its net assets in units of another UCITS or of an investment sub-fund thereof (hereinafter “master UCITS”). A feeder UCITS may hold up to 15% its assets in one of more of the following:
  - ancillary liquid assets in accordance with chapter 5., paragraph 3.;
  - financial derivative instruments, which may be used only for hedging purposes, in accordance with chapter 5., paragraph 1.g. and chapter 6., paragraphs 10. and 11.;
  - movable and immovable property that is essential to the direct pursuit of its business.For the purposes of compliance with chapter 6, paragraph 10., the feeder sub-fund shall calculate its overall exposure related to financial derivative instruments by combining its own direct exposure under paragraph f., first paragraph, 2<sup>nd</sup> indent, with:
  - the real exposure of the master UCITS to financial derivative instruments, in proportion to the feeder sub-fund’s investments in the master UCITS; or
  - the master UCITS’s potential maximum overall exposure to financial derivative instruments laid down in the master UCITS management regulations or documents of incorporation in proportion to the feeder sub-fund investment in the master UCITS.
- g. A sub-fund of the SICAV may however and to the broadest extent allowed by applicable laws and regulations but in accordance with conditions set out by them, be created or converted into a master UCITS within the meaning of article 77(3) of the Law of 2010.

#### **Restrictions on taking control**

- 5. a. The SICAV may not acquire shares carrying voting rights that allow it to exercise significant influence over the management of an issuing body.
- b. Moreover, the SICAV may not acquire more than:
  - 10% of non-voting shares from the same issuer;
  - 10% of the debt securities of the same issuer;
  - 25% of units from the same UCITS and/or UCI;
  - 10% of money market instruments issued by the same issuer.The limits laid down under the second, third and fourth indents may be disregarded at the time of acquisition if, at that time, the gross amount of bonds or money market instruments, or the net amount of issued securities cannot be calculated.
- c. Paragraphs a) and b) are waived as regards:
  - transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State of the European Union or its local authorities;
  - transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a non-Member State of the European Union;
  - transferable securities and money market instruments issued by public international institutions to which one or more Member States of the European Union are members;
  - shares held by the SICAV in the capital of a company incorporated in a non-Member state of the European Union that invests its assets mainly in the securities of issuing bodies of that State where, under the legislation of that State, such an investment is considered for the SICAV as the only way in which the SICAV can invest in the securities of issuing bodies of that State.This waiver, however, shall apply only if the investment policy of the company of the non-Member State to the European Union complies with the limits laid down in

- paragraphs 1., 4., 5.a. and 5.b. Where the limits set in paragraphs 1. and 4. are exceeded, paragraph 6 shall apply mutatis mutandis;
- shares held by the SICAV in the capital of subsidiary companies which carry on the business of management, advising or marketing in the country where the subsidiary is established, in regard to the repurchase of units at the request of unit-holders exclusively on its or their behalf.

### **Waivers**

- 6. a. The SICAV need not necessarily comply with the limits laid down in this chapter when exercising subscription rights attaching to transferable securities or money-market instruments which form part of their assets. While ensuring observance of the principle of risk spreading, the SICAV may derogate from paragraphs 1., 2., 3. and 4.a., b., c. and d for six months following the date of its authorisation.
- b. If the limits referred to in paragraph 6.a. are exceeded for reasons beyond the control of the SICAV or as a result of the exercise of subscription rights, it must adopt as a priority objective for its sales transactions the remedying of that situation, taking due account of the interests of its shareholders.

### **Restrictions on borrowings, loans and short selling**

- 7. The SICAV is not authorised to borrow, except:
  - a. for the acquisition foreign currencies by means of “back-to-back loans”;
  - b. for borrowings representing up to a maximum of 10% of its net assets, provided that it is on a temporary basis;
  - c. for borrowings up to 10% of its net assets, provided that they are borrowings intended to allow the acquisition of immovable property essential for the direct pursuit of its business. In this case, such borrowings and those stated in paragraph 7.b., may under no circumstances exceed 15% of the net assets of the SICAV.
- 8. Without prejudice to the application of the provisions in chapter 5. above and chapter 6, paragraphs 10. and 11., the SICAV may not grant loans or act as guarantor for third parties. This restriction shall not prevent the SICAV from acquiring transferable securities, money market instruments or other financial instruments referred to in chapter 5. paragraphs 1.e., 1.g. and 1.h., which are not fully paid up.
- 9. The SICAV cannot carry out short sales of transferable securities, money market instruments or other financial instruments as referred to in chapter 5. paragraphs 1.e., 1.g. and 1. h.

### **Restrictions on instruments and techniques of efficient portfolio management and financial derivative instruments**

- 10. Financial derivative instruments may be used for purposes of investment, hedging and efficient management of the portfolio. Securities lending, transactions with right to repurchase and repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions may be used for efficient management of the portfolio. Additional restrictions or waivers for certain sub-funds may be described in the fact sheets of the sub-funds concerned.

The global exposure of each sub-fund relating to derivative instruments may not exceed the total net asset value of the sub-fund in question.

Exposure is calculated taking into account the current value of the underlying assets, the counterparty risk, future market movements and the time available to liquidate the positions.

The SICAV may invest, as part of its investment policy and within the limits stated in paragraph 1.f. above, in financial derivative instruments, provided that its exposure to the underlying assets does not exceed the aggregate investment limits laid down in paragraph 1.

When the SICAV invests in index-based financial derivative instruments, those investments will not be combined for the purposes of the limits laid down in paragraph 1.

When a transferable security or a money market instrument embeds a derivative instrument, this derivative instrument must be taken into account for the purposes of applying the provisions of this paragraph.

The SICAV may, for the purposes of efficient portfolio management and to improve the profitability of the SICAV or to reduce expenses or risks, utilise (i) securities lending, (ii) transactions with right to repurchase as well as (iii) reverse repurchase and repurchase transactions, as allowed by and within the limits established by applicable regulations, and in particular by article 11 of the Grand Ducal Regulation of 8 February 2008 on certain definitions in the Law of 2010 and by CSSF circular 08/356 on the rules applicable to undertakings for collective investment when they use certain instruments and instruments relating to transferable securities and money market instruments (as amended or replaced from time to time).

Where the SICAV enters into OTC financial derivative transactions and efficient portfolio management techniques, all collateral used to reduce counterparty risk exposure should comply with the following criteria at all times:

- a) Liquidity: any collateral received other than cash should be highly liquid and traded on a regulated market or multilateral trading facility with transparent pricing in order that it can be sold quickly at a price that is close to pre-sale valuation. Collateral received should also comply with the provisions of Article 56 of the Directive 2009/65/EC.
- b) Valuation: collateral received should be valued on at least a daily basis and assets that exhibit high price volatility should not be accepted as collateral unless suitably conservative haircuts are in place.
- c) Issuer credit quality: collateral received should be of high quality.
- d) Correlation: the collateral received by the SICAV should be issued by an entity that is independent from the counterparty and is expected not to display a high correlation with the performance of the counterparty.
- e) Collateral diversification (asset concentration): collateral should be sufficiently diversified in terms of country, markets and issuers. The criterion of sufficient diversification with respect to issuer concentration is considered to be respected if the SICAV receives from a counterparty of efficient portfolio management and over-the-counter financial derivative transactions a basket of collateral with a maximum exposure to a given issuer of 20% of its net asset value. When the SICAV is exposed to different counterparties, the different baskets of collateral should be aggregated to calculate the 20% limit of exposure to a single issuer. By way of derogation from this sub-paragraph, the SICAV may be fully collateralised in different transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State, one or more of its local authorities, a third country, or a public international body to which one or more Member States belong. The SICAV should receive securities from at least six different issues, but securities from any single issue should not account for more than 30% of its net asset value. The SICAV should also identify the Member States local authorities, or public international bodies issuing or guaranteeing securities which it is able to accept as collateral for more than 20% of their net asset value.
- f) Risks linked to the management of collateral, such as operational and legal risks, should be identified, managed and mitigated by the risk management process.
- g) Where there is a title transfer, the collateral received should be held by the depositary of the SICAV. For other types of collateral arrangement, the collateral can be held by a third party custodian which is subject to prudential supervision, and which is unrelated to the provider of the collateral.
- h) Collateral received should be capable of being fully enforced by the SICAV at any time without reference to or approval from the counterparty.
- i) Non-cash collateral received should not be sold, re-invested or pledged.
- j) Cash collateral received should only be:
  - placed on deposit with entities prescribed in Article 50(f) of the Directive 2009/65/EC;

- invested in high-quality government bonds;
- used for the purpose of reverse repo transactions provided the transactions are with credit institutions subject to prudential supervision and the SICAV is able to recall at any time the full amount of cash on accrued basis;
- invested in short-term money market funds.

### **Securities lending transactions**

Each sub-fund may thus engage in securities lending transactions under the conditions below and within the following limits:

- Each sub-fund may loan the securities it holds, by the intermediary of a standardised loan system organised by a recognised securities clearing organisation or by a financial institution subject to the rules of prudential supervision considered by the CSSF as equivalent to those laid down by EU legislation and specialised in this type of transaction.
- The securities borrower must also be subject to prudential supervision considered by the CSSF as equivalent to that laid down by EU legislation. In the event that the above-mentioned financial institution acts on its own behalf, it shall be considered as a counterparty to the securities lending agreement.
- As the sub-funds are open to redemptions, each sub-fund concerned must be able at all times to terminate the contract and return the securities loaned. Should this not be the case, each sub-fund must ensure it maintains securities lending transactions at a level that enables it, at all times, to meet its obligation to repurchase the shares.
- Each sub-fund must receive in advance or at the same time as the transfer of securities loaned, a guarantee in compliance with the requirements laid down in the above-mentioned circular 08/356. At the end of the loan agreement, the guarantee will be remitted simultaneously or after the refund of the securities loaned.

When guarantees have been received by a sub-fund in the form of cash for the purpose of guaranteeing the above-referenced transactions in accordance with the provisions of the above-referenced circular 08/356, they may be reinvested in accordance with the sub-fund's investment objective (i) in equities or monetary-type UCI shares calculating a daily net asset value and rated AAA or equivalent, (ii) in short-term bank assets, (iii) in money market instruments as defined in the above-referenced Grand Ducal Regulation of 8 February 2008, (iv) in short-term bonds issued or guaranteed by a Member State of the European Union, Switzerland, Canada, Japan or the United States or by their public local governments or by regional or global community-based supranational institutions and organisations, (v) in bonds issued or guaranteed by first-rate issuers that offer adequate liquidity, and (vi) in reverse repurchase agreements in accordance with procedures laid out in paragraph I (C) a) of the above-referenced circular 08/356. The reinvestment should, if it produces a leverage effect, be factored into the calculation of the overall exposure of the SICAV.

All the revenues arising from securities lending, net of operational costs, have to be returned to the sub-fund concerned. The operational costs, deducted from the gross revenues arising from securities lending, are expressed in principal in fixed percentage of the gross revenue and are returned to the counterparty of the SICAV. The annual report of the SICAV discloses the identity of the counterparty, whether this counterparty is linked to the Management Company or the Depositary as well as details of the revenues arising from securities lending and the operational costs thereof.

### **Transactions with option to repurchase**

Transactions with option to repurchase consist in purchases and sales of securities under clauses that retain the seller's right to buy back from the purchaser the

securities sold at a price and at a term agreed upon by the two parties when the agreement is concluded.

The SICAV may act as either buyer or as seller in transactions with right to repurchase.

#### **Reverse repurchase and repurchase transactions**

Reverse repurchase and repurchase transactions consist in buying/selling transactions on transferable securities or money market instruments that are closed for cash simultaneously by a forward selling/buying agreement on the same transferable securities or money market instruments at a determined time.

For some sub-funds, reverse repurchase agreements are the main technique of acquisition for the portfolio in accordance with the rules for risk spreading as laid down by the Law of 2010. Where a sub-fund uses the technique of reverse repurchase to acquire its portfolio, a detailed description of the transaction, of its method of assessing the risks involved in this transaction, shall be mentioned in the fact sheets of the sub-fund. A sub-fund will only be allowed to acquire a portfolio using reverse repurchase agreements when it acquires the legal property of the securities acquired and owns a real property right and not only a fictitious right. The reverse repurchase transaction shall be structured in a manner that the SICAV can always repurchase its shares. The procedures for reverse repurchase transaction shall be described in greater detail in the fact sheets of the sub-funds involved in such transactions.

In particular, some sub-funds may enter indexed reverse repurchase transactions by which the SICAV will be bound in transactions for purchase and sales of transferable securities or money market instruments for cash and closed simultaneously by a forward sale of these same transferable securities or money market instruments determined and at a price that depends on the changes in the securities, instruments or indices underlying to the transaction considered.

***The SICAV and its sub-funds do not enter into repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending transactions, securities or commodities borrowing transactions, buy and sell back transactions, sell and buy back transactions, margin lending transactions, total return swaps and/or any other type of financial derivative instrument covered by Regulation (EU) 2015/2365 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on transparency of securities financing transactions and of reuse and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012. Should the board of directors of the SICAV decide to provide for such possibility, this Prospectus will be updated in compliance with the disclosure requirements of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365 prior to the entry into force of such decision.***

#### **Risk management method**

11. The Management Company uses a risk management method that allows at all times to control and measure the risk associated with positions and the contribution of such positions to the general risk profile of the portfolio and that allows precise and independent evaluation of the value of the OTC derivatives. The risk management method used depends however on the specific investment policy of each sub-fund. Unless otherwise provided in the corresponding fact sheets of the sub-fund, the commitment-approach will be used in order to measure the global risk.

## **7. RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH INVESTING IN THE SICAV**

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Before investing into shares of the SICAV, investors should carefully consider all of the information set out in the Prospectus as well as their own financial and fiscal situation. Investors should pay attention to, among other matters, the considerations set out in this chapter, in the fact sheets and in the KIID. The risk factors referred to hereafter, alone or collectively, may reduce the return on the

shares of the SICAV and could result in the loss of all or a proportion of a shareholder's investment in the shares of the SICAV.

The SICAV draws the investors' attention to the fact that any investor will only be able to fully exercise his investor rights directly against the SICAV (notably the right to participate in general shareholders' meetings) if the investor is registered himself and in his own name in the shareholders' register of the SICAV. In cases where an investor invests in the SICAV through an intermediary investing into the SICAV in his own name but on behalf of the investor, it may not always be possible for the investor to exercise certain shareholder rights directly against the SICAV. Investors are advised to take advice on their rights.

The price of the shares of the SICAV can increase or decrease and their value is not guaranteed. Shareholders may not receive, at redemption or liquidation, the exact amount that they originally invested in the SICAV.

An investment in the shares of the SICAV is exposed to risks which may include risks related to equity markets, bond markets, foreign exchange rates, interest rates, credit risk, counterparty risk, market volatility, political risks and risks of act of god. Each of these risks can arise also in conjunction with any other risks.

The risk factors set out in the Prospectus and in the KIID are not exhaustive. There may be other risks that an investor should consider that are relevant to its own situation and to particular current and future circumstances.

Before making any investment decision, investors should be capable of evaluating the risks of an investment in the shares of the SICAV and consult their own legal, tax and financial advisor, auditor or any other advisor in order to obtain complete information on (i) the appropriate characteristics of the investment in these shares in the light of their own financial and tax situation and of particular circumstances, (ii) on the information included in the Prospectus, the fact sheets and the KIID.

The diversification of portfolios of the sub-funds as well as the conditions and limits indicated in chapter 5. and 6. aim to monitor and limit the risks without eliminating them. The SICAV cannot guarantee that an investment strategy used previously successfully by the SICAV will continue successfully. Moreover the SICAV cannot guarantee that the previous return on the investment strategy used by the SICAV will be equal to the future return. Therefore the SICAV cannot guarantee that the investment objective of the sub-funds will be reached and that the investors will recover the entire amount of their initial investment.

### **Market risk**

Market risk is a general risk that applies to all types of investments. Variations in the prices of securities and other instruments are essentially determined by variations in the financial markets as well as variations in the economic situations of issuers that are themselves impacted by the general world economy as well as by the economic and political conditions prevailing in their own country.

### **Risk linked to equities markets**

The risks associated with investments in equities (and related instruments) are important variations in prices, negative information on issuers or the market and the subordinated nature of equity capital with respect to the debt issued by the same company. Price fluctuations may be amplified in the short term. The risk that one or more companies record losses or fail to grow can have a negative impact on the performance of the portfolio.

Certain sub-funds can invest in companies at their Initial Public Offering stage. In this case, there is a risk of a higher volatility of the share price due to several factors such as the absence of a previous public market, unseasonal transactions, the limited number of tradable shares and the lack of information on the issuer.

Sub-funds that invest in growth companies may be more volatile than the market as a whole and may react differently to economic, political and market developments that are specific to the issuer. The value of growth companies is traditionally more volatile than other companies, especially over very short periods of time. Therefore, the share price of growth companies can be more expensive relative to company's earnings as compared to other companies in general. Shares of growth companies can be more reactive to changes in profits.

**Risk linked to bonds, debt instruments, fixed income (including high yield bonds), convertible bonds and contingent convertible bonds**

For sub-funds investing in bonds or other debt instruments, the value of the underlying investments will depend on market interest rates, the credit quality of the issuer and liquidity considerations. The net asset value of a sub-fund investing in debt instruments will change in response to fluctuations in interest rates, perceived credit quality of the issuer, market liquidity and also currency exchange rates (when the currency of the underlying investment is different from the reference currency of the sub-fund). Some sub-funds may invest in high yield debt instruments where the level of income may be relatively higher as compared to investment grade debt instruments (for instance); however, the risk of depreciation and capital losses associated to such debt instruments will be significantly higher than other debt instruments with lower yield.

Investments in convertible bonds are sensitive to fluctuations in the prices of the underlying equities ("equity component" of the convertible bond) while offering a certain kind of protection with a more secured portion of capital ("bond floor" of the convertible bond). The higher the equity component, the lower the corresponding capital protection. As a corollary, a convertible bond that has seen major growth in its market value following a rise in the underlying share price will have a risk profile closer to that of a share. On the other hand, a convertible bond, the value of which has declined to the level of its bond floor following a fall in the price of the underlying share will have, depending on the level, a risk profile close to that of a traditional bond.

Convertible bonds, like other types of bonds, are subject to the risk that the issuer may be unable to meet its obligations to pay interest and/or repay the principal at maturity (credit risk). The market's perception of the increasing probability of default or bankruptcy of an issuer leads to a noticeable decrease in the market value of the bond and thus a decrease of the protection offered by the bond. Moreover, market value of bonds may decrease consequently to the increase of the interest rate of reference (interest rate risk).

Contingent convertible bond is an hybrid debt instrument designed to absorb losses. This bond has a very important level of subordination, dependent on criteria of precise trigger determined by contract or the regulator (such as for example the degradation of the ratio of capital stock of the issuer). In case of occurrence of the triggering event, the subscriber of this type of bond is confronted with the following choices: convert its contingent convertible bond into an equity or undergo a partial or total capital loss.

Contingent convertible bond is moreover subject to the following risks :

- trigger level risk : trigger levels differ from a contingent convertible bond to another one and determine exposure to conversion risk of this type of bond ;
- conversion risk : as the trigger level, contingent convertible bonds can be converted into equity at a discount to its nominal value. The SICAV, respectively the management company or investment manager, can be obliged to sell the shares as soon as possible to be compliant with the sub-fund's investment policy.
- write down risk : based on certain events, such as the insufficient regulatory capital of the issuing bank, the nominal value of the convertible contingent bond may be written down.



- industrial concentration risk : whereas the contingent convertible bonds are issued by a single class of issuers belonging to the banking industry, the contingent convertible bonds are therefore subject to any systemic event on the banking industry.
- coupon cancellation risk : for certain type of contingent convertible bonds, coupons payment is discretionary and may be cancelled by the issuer at any time.
- call extension risk : contingent convertible bond is considered as a perpetual instrument, callable at predetermined levels only with the approval of the competent authority.
- capital structure inversion risk : contrary to classic capital hierarchy, holders of this type of instruments may suffer a loss of capital when equity holders of same issuer do not.
- liquidity risk : as high yield bonds market, liquidity of contingent convertible can be significantly affected in case of market turmoil period.
- yield valuation risk: the high-return of contingent convertible bond may be considered as a complexity premium.
- unknown risk: the structure of the instruments is innovative yet untested and under a stressed environment, it is uncertain how those instruments will perform. In the event of a single issuer activates a trigger or suspends coupons, it is uncertain how the market will react and interprets it as an idiosyncratic or systematic risk, which may result into price contagion and volatility throughout the entire asset class.

### **Risk linked to investments in emerging markets**

Suspensions and cessations of payment by developing countries are due to a variety of factors such as political instability, poor financial management, a lack of currency reserves, flight of capital, internal conflicts or the absence of the political will to continue servicing previously contracted debt.

The capacity of private sector issuers to meet their obligations may also be affected by these same factors. In addition, these issuers are subject to the decrees, laws and regulations enacted by governmental authorities. These include, for example, changes in foreign exchange controls and in the legal and regulatory framework, expropriations and nationalisations, the introduction of, or increase in taxes, such as withholding tax.

Systems for liquidation of transaction and clearing are often less well-organised than they are in developed markets. This results in a risk that the liquidation or clearing of transactions are delayed or cancelled. Market practices may require payment on transactions to be made prior to receipt of acquired transferable securities or other instruments or the delivery of traded transferable securities or other instruments to be made prior to receipt of payment. In these circumstances, the default of the counterparty through which the transaction is executed or liquidated may bring about losses for the sub-fund investing in these markets.

The uncertainty linked to a murky legal environment or the inability to establish well defined property and legal rights are other determining factors. Added to that is the lack of reliability of the sources of information in these countries, the non-conformity of accounting methods with respect to international standards and the absence of financial or commercial controls.

At present, investments in Russia are subject to increased risks concerning property and the ownership of Russian securities. It may be that the ownership and holding of securities is documented only by registration in the books of the issuers or those keeping the register (who are neither agents of, or are responsible to, the Depositary). No certificate representing the ownership of securities issued by Russian companies will be held by the Depositary, or by a local correspondent of the Depositary, or by a central depository. Due to market practices and the absence of effective regulations and controls, the SICAV could lose its status as owner of the securities issued by Russian companies due to fraud, theft, destruction, negligence, loss or disappearance of the securities in

question. Moreover, owing to market practices, it may be that the Russian securities must be deposited in Russian institutions that do not have adequate insurance to cover the risks linked to theft, destruction, loss or disappearance of these deposited securities.

### **Risk of concentration**

Some sub-funds may concentrate their investments in one or more countries, geographical regions, economic sectors, asset classes, types of financial instruments or currencies in such a way that these sub-funds may thus be more impacted in the event of economic, social, political or fiscal events affecting the countries, geographical regions, economic sectors, asset classes, types of financial instruments or currencies concerned.

### **Interest rate risk**

The value of an investment may be affected by fluctuations in interest rates. Interest rates may be influenced by a number of elements or events such as monetary policies, discount rates, inflation, etc. Investors must be aware that rising interest rates may result in the decrease in the value of investments in bond instruments and debt securities.

### **Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk linked to an issuer's capacity to honour its debts. Credit risk can lead to the downgrading of the credit rating of a bond or debt security issuer that may lead to a decrease in the value of investments.

The downgrading of the rating of an issue or issuer can lead to the decline in the value of the debt securities concerned in which the sub-fund is invested. The bonds or debt securities issued by entities having a low rating are in general deemed to have a greater credit risk and be more likely to default than those of issuers with a higher rating. When the issuer of bonds or debt securities experiences financial or economic difficulty, the value of the bonds or debt securities (that can become zero) and the payments made for the bonds or debt securities (that can be zero) may be affected.

### **Foreign exchange risk**

If a sub-fund holds assets denominated in currencies other than its reference currency, it may be affected by any fluctuation in interest rates between its reference currency and the other currencies or by any change with respect to interest rate controls. If the currency in which a security is denominated appreciates with respect to the reference currency of the sub-fund, the equivalent value of the security in that reference currency will also appreciate. Conversely, a depreciation of that same currency will lead to a depreciation of the equivalent value of the security.

When the sub-fund conducts transactions to hedge against foreign exchange risk, the full effectiveness of such transactions cannot be guaranteed.

### **Liquidity risk**

There is a risk that investments made in the sub-funds may become illiquid due to a market that is too narrow (often reflected by a very wide bid-ask spread or other major price movements); or if security issuer's "rating" depreciates, or if the economic situation deteriorates; consequently these investments might not be sold or bought fast enough to prevent or minimise losses in the sub-funds. Finally, there is a risk that the securities traded in a narrow market segment, such as the small caps market, are subject to great volatility in prices.

## **Counterparty risk**

When concluding over-the counter (OTC) contracts, the SICAV may be exposed to risks linked to the solvency of its counterparties and to their capacity to respect contractual terms. The SICAV may conclude futures contracts, options and swap contracts or even use other derivative techniques, each of which involve the risk that the counterparty will not honour its commitments with respect to each contract.

## **Risk linked to derivative instruments**

As part of the investment policy described in the respective fact sheets of each sub-fund, the SICAV may use financial derivative instruments. These products may be used for hedging purposes, as well as be part of an investment strategy for optimisation of performance. The use of financial derivative instruments may be limited by market conditions and applicable regulations and may involve risks and expenses to which the sub-fund using such instruments would not otherwise be exposed were it to refrain from using such instruments. The risks inherent in the use of options, contracts in foreign currencies, swaps, futures contracts and options on such contracts include in particular:

(a) the fact that success depends on the accuracy of the analysis of the portfolio manager(s) or sub-manager(s) with respect to changes in interest rates, prices of transferable securities and/or money market instruments as well as currency markets and any other underlying of the derivative instrument; (b) the existence of an imperfect correlation between the price of the options, futures contracts and options on such futures and the movements of the prices of transferable securities, money market instruments or hedged currencies; (c) the fact that the skills needed to use these financial derivative instruments are different to the skills needed to select securities for the portfolio; (d) the possibility of a non-liquid secondary market for a particular financial derivative instrument at a given time; and (e) the risk that a sub-fund is unable to buy or to sell a security in the portfolio in favourable times or to have to sell an asset in the portfolio in unfavourable conditions.

When a sub-fund conducts a swap transaction, it is exposed to counterparty risk. The use of financial derivative instruments involves, moreover, a risk linked to leverage. Leveraging is obtained by investing a modest amount of capital to purchase financial derivative instruments with respect to the direct cost of acquisition of the underlying assets. The more leverage there is, the more important the variation in the price of the financial derivative instrument will be if the price of the underlying asset changes (with respect to the subscription price determined in the conditions of the financial derivative instrument). The potential benefit and risks linked to these instruments thus increase in parallel to any increase of leverage. Finally, nothing guarantees that the objective pursued will be reached using these financial derivative instruments.

## **Risk linked to securities lending operations**

The main risk linked to the securities lending operations is that the securities borrower becomes insolvent or is not able to return the securities lent and that simultaneously the value of collateral received does not cover the replacement cost of the securities lent.

In case of reinvestment of the collateral, the value of the collateral can decrease to a level lower than the value of the securities lent by the SICAV.

The attention of the investors is also drawn to the fact that the SICAV that lends securities abandons the voting right to the general meetings attached to the securities lent during the whole lending period.

## **Taxation**

Investors should note in particular that (i) the proceeds from the sale of securities in some markets or the receipt of any dividends or other income may be or may become subject to tax, levies, duties or other fees or charges imposed by local authorities in that market including taxation levied by withholding at source and/or (ii) the sub-fund's investments may be subject to specific taxes or charges imposed by authorities in some markets. Tax law and practice in certain countries into which

a sub-fund invests or may invest in the future is not clearly established. It is possible therefore that the current interpretation of the law or understanding of practice might change, or that the law might be changed with retrospective effect. It is therefore possible that the sub-fund could become subject to additional taxation in such countries that is not anticipated either at the date of this Prospectus or when investments are made, valued or disposed of.

### **Risk linked to investments in UCI units**

Investments made by the SICAV in UCI units (including investments by some sub-funds of the SICAV in units of other sub-funds of the SICAV) expose the SICAV to the risks linked to the financial instruments that these UCIs hold in their portfolio and that are described above. Some risks are, however, intrinsic to the holding of UCI units by the SICAV. Some UCIs may leverage their portfolio either by using derivative instruments or through borrowing. The use of leverage increases the volatility of the UCI units and thus the risk of loss of capital. Most UCIs also plan for the possibility of temporary suspension of redemptions under exceptional circumstances. Investments made in UCI units are thus exposed to greater liquidity risk than investing directly in a portfolio of transferable securities. On the other hand, investments made in UCI units provide SICAV with flexible and efficient access to different investment strategies from professional asset manager as well as further portfolio diversification. A sub-fund that invests mainly through UCIs ensures that its UCI portfolio has the appropriate level of liquidity that will allow the sub-fund to meet its own redemption duties.

Investment in UCI units may involve the doubling of certain fees to the extent that, in addition to the fees already paid to the sub-fund in which an investor has invested, that investor also has to pay a portion of the fees paid to the UCI in which the sub-fund is invested.

The SICAV offers investors a choice of portfolios that may have different degrees of risk and thus, in principle, long-term returns in relation to the degree of risk accepted.

Investors will find the degree of risk of each class of shares offered by the SICAV in the KIID.

The higher the risk level, the more investors should have a long-term investment horizon and be ready to accept the risk of major loss of invested capital.

## **8. MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

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The SICAV has appointed VICTORY ASSET MANAGEMENT S.A., a company incorporated as a “société anonyme” under the laws of Luxembourg, as the Management Company in charge of the portfolio management, the central administration and the distribution of the SICAV. The Management Company is authorised to act as a Management Company in accordance with the provisions of chapter 15 of the Law of 2010.

The Management Company has delegated, under its own responsibility and control, the central administration function to UI efa S.A..

Subject to the prior agreement of the SICAV, the Management Company may delegate, under its responsibility and control, the management function for one or more sub-funds to several asset managers (“Managers”), whose names are indicated in the fact sheets of the sub-funds.

Subject to the prior agreement of the SICAV, the Management Company may authorise one or more Managers to delegate, under its responsibility and control, the management function for one or more sub-funds to one or more sub-managers (“Sub-managers”), whose names are indicated in the fact sheets of the sub-funds. The rate of the management commission payable to the Management Company and any performance commission payable to the portfolio Manager are indicated in the fact sheets of the sub-funds.

The Management Company or any Manager or Sub-Manager may, under its own responsibility, at its own cost, in accordance with current Luxembourg law and regulations and without leading to an

increase in the management fees payable to the Management Company, seek assistance from one or more investment advisers whose activity consists of advising the Management Company, the Manager or the Sub-Manager in his investment policy.

The Management Company may appoint one or more distributors with a view to investing the shares of one or several sub-funds of the SICAV.

## 9. INVESTMENT ADVISORS

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The SICAV may seek assistance from one or more investment advisers (“Investment Advisors”) whose activity is to advise the SICAV in its investment and/or placement policy.

The name and a description of the Investment Advisers as well as their fees are given in the fact sheets of the sub-funds.

## 10. DEPOSITARY

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By virtue of a depositary agreement executed between the SICAV, the Management Company and BANQUE DE LUXEMBOURG (“Depositary Agreement”), the latter has been appointed as depositary of the SICAV (“Depositary”) for (i) the safekeeping of the assets of the SICAV, (ii) the cash monitoring, (iii) the oversight functions and (iv) such other services as agreed from time to time and reflected in the Depositary Agreement.

The Depositary is a credit institution established in Luxembourg, whose registered office is situated at 14, boulevard Royal, L-2449 Luxembourg, and which is registered with the Luxembourg register of commerce and companies under number B 5310. It is licensed to carry out banking activities under the terms of the Luxembourg law of 5 April 1993 on the financial services sector, as amended, including, inter alia, custody, fund administration and related services.

### **Duties of the Depositary**

The Depositary is entrusted with the safekeeping of the SICAV's assets. For the financial instruments which can be held in custody within the meaning of Article 22.5 (a) of Directive 2009/65/EC as amended (“Custodiable Assets”), they may be held either directly by the Depositary or, to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations, through other credit institutions or financial intermediaries acting as its correspondents, sub-custodians, nominees, agents or delegates. The Depositary also ensures that the SICAV's cash flows are properly monitored.

In addition, the Depositary shall:

- (i) ensure that the sale, issue, repurchase, redemption and cancellation of the shares of the SICAV are carried out in accordance with the Law of 2010 and the Articles of Incorporation;
- (ii) ensure that the value of the shares of the SICAV is calculated in accordance with the Law of 2010 and the Articles of Incorporation;
- (iii) carry out the instructions of the SICAV, unless they conflict with the Law of 2010 or the Articles of Incorporation;
- (iv) ensure that in transactions involving the SICAV's assets any consideration is remitted to the SICAV within the usual time limits;
- (v) ensure that the SICAV's income is applied in accordance with the Law of 2010 and the Articles of Incorporation.

### **Delegation of functions**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Law of 2010 and of the Depositary Agreement, the Depositary delegates the custody of the SICAV's Custodiable Assets to one or more third-party custodians appointed by the Depositary.

The Depositary shall exercise care and diligence in choosing, appointing and monitoring the third-party custodians so as to ensure that each third-party custodian fulfils the requirements of the Law of 2010. The liability of the Depositary shall not be affected by the fact that it has entrusted all or some of the SICAV's assets in its safekeeping to such third-party custodians.

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

According to the Law of 2010, where the law of a third country requires that certain financial instruments of the SICAV be held in custody by a local entity and there is no local entity in that third country subject to effective prudential regulation (including minimum capital requirements) and supervision, delegation of the custody of these financial instruments to such a local entity shall be subject (i) to instruction by the SICAV to the Depositary to delegate the custody of such financial instrument to such a local entity, and (ii) to the SICAV's investors being duly informed, prior to their investment, of the fact that such a delegation is required due to legal constraints in the law of the relevant third country, of the circumstances justifying the delegation and of the risks involved in such a delegation. It shall rest with the SICAV and/or Management Company to fulfil the foregoing condition (ii), whereas the Depositary may validly refuse accepting any of the concerned financial instrument in custody until it receives to its satisfaction both the instruction referred to under the foregoing condition (i), and the written confirmation from the SICAV and/or the Management Company that the foregoing condition (ii) has been duly and timely fulfilled.

### **Conflicts of interests**

In carrying out its duties and obligations as depositary of the SICAV, the Depositary shall act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and solely in the interest of the SICAV and the investors of the SICAV.

As a multi-service bank, the Depositary may provide the SICAV, directly or indirectly, through parties related or unrelated to the Depositary, with a wide range of banking services in addition to the depositary services.

The provision of additional banking services and/or the links between the Depositary and key service providers to the SICAV, may lead to potential conflicts of interests with the Depositary's duties and obligations to the SICAV. Such potential conflicts of interests may in particular be due to the following situations (the term "CM-CIC Group" designates the banking group to which the Depositary belongs):

- One member of the staff of the CM-CIC Group is a member of UI efa S.A. ("EFA"'s) board of directors;
- the Depositary delegates the custody of financial instruments of the SICAV to a number of third-party custodians;
- the Depositary may provide additional banking services beyond the depositary services and/or act as counterparty of the SICAV for over-the-counter derivative transactions.

The following circumstances should mitigate the risk of occurrence and the impact of conflicts of interests that might result from the above-mentioned situations.

The staff member of the CM-CIC Group in EFA's board of directors does not interfere in the day-to-day management of EFA which rests with EFA's management board and staff. EFA, when performing its duties and tasks, operates with its own staff, according to its own procedures and rules of conduct and under its own control framework.

The selection and monitoring process of third-party custodians is handled in accordance with the Law of 2010 and is functionally and hierarchically separated from possible other business relationships that exceed the sub-custody of the SICAV's financial instruments and that might bias the performance of the Depositary's selection and monitoring process. The risk of occurrence and

the impact of conflicts of interests is further mitigated by the fact that, except with regards to one specific class of financial instruments, none of the third-party custodians used by Banque de Luxembourg for the custody of the SICAV's financial instruments is part of the CM-CIC Group. The exception exists for units held by the SICAV in French investment funds where, because of operational considerations, the trade processing is handled by and the custody is delegated to Banque Fédérative du Crédit Mutuel in France ("BFCM") as specialized intermediary. BFCM is a member of the CM-CIC Group. BFCM, when performing its duties and tasks, operates with its own staff, according to its own procedures and rules of conduct and under its own control framework.

Additional banking services provided by the Depositary to the SICAV are provided in compliance with relevant legal and regulatory provisions and rules of conduct (including best execution policies) and the performance of such additional banking services and the performance of the depositary tasks are functionally and hierarchically separated.

Where, despite the aforementioned circumstances, a conflict of interest arises at the level of the Depositary, the Depositary will at all times have regard to its duties and obligations under the depositary agreement with the SICAV and act accordingly. If, despite all measures taken, a conflict of interest that bears the risk to significantly and adversely affect the SICAV or the investors of the SICAV, may not be solved by the Depositary having regard to its duties and obligations under the depositary agreement with the SICAV, the Depositary will notify the SICAV which shall take appropriate action.

As the financial landscape and the organizational scheme of the SICAV may evolve over time, the nature and scope of possible conflicts of interests as well as the circumstances under which conflicts of interests may arise at the level of the Depositary may also evolve.

In case the organizational scheme of the SICAV or the scope of Depositary's services to the SICAV is subject to a material change, such change will be submitted to the Depositary's internal acceptance committee for assessment and approval. The Depositary's internal acceptance committee will assess, among others, the impact of such change on the nature and scope of possible conflicts of interests with the Depositary's duties and obligations to the SICAV and assess appropriate mitigation actions.

Investors of the SICAV may contact the Depositary at the Depositary's registered office to receive information regarding a possible update of the above listed principles.

### **Miscellaneous**

The Depositary or the SICAV may terminate the Depositary Agreement at any time upon not less than three (3) months' written notice (or earlier in case of certain breaches of the Depositary Agreement, including the insolvency of any party to the Depositary Agreement). As from the termination date, the Depositary will no longer be acting as the SICAV's depositary pursuant to the Law of 2010 and will therefore no longer assume any of the duties and obligations nor be subject to the liability regime imposed by the Law of 2010 with respect to any of the services it would be required to carry out after the termination date.

Up-to-date information regarding the list of third-party delegates will be made available to investors on <http://www.banquedeluxembourg.com/fr/bank/corporate/informations-legales>.

As Depositary, BANQUE DE LUXEMBOURG will carry out the obligations and duties as stipulated by the Law of 2010 and the applicable regulatory provisions.

The Depositary has no decision-making discretion or any advice duty relating to the SICAV's organization and investments. The Depositary is a service provider to the SICAV and is not responsible for the preparation and content of this Prospectus and therefore accepts no responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of any information contained in this Prospectus or the validity of the structure and of the investments of the SICAV.

Investors are invited to consult the Depositary Agreement to have a better understanding of the

limited duties and liabilities of the Depositary.

## 11. DESCRIPTION OF SHARES, RIGHTS OF SHAREHOLDERS AND DISTRIBUTION POLICY

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The share capital of the SICAV is equal to the total net assets of the various sub-funds.

### **Form of the Shares offered for subscription**

Shares may be issued as registered shares in the name of the investor in the register of shareholders. The shares may be held in custody through a recognized clearing system.

Shares may be issued in fractions up to the thousandth of a share. No bearer shares in a physical form will be issued.

### **Characteristics of the Shares offered**

The sub-funds currently offered for subscription will issue the following classes of shares:

1. **A shares:** accumulation shares expressed in the reference currency of the sub-fund, which in theory do not grant their holder the right to receive a dividend, but for which the holder's entitlement on the amount to be distributed is reinvested in the sub-fund in which the accumulation shares are held.
2. **AB shares:** accumulation shares that differ from A shares by a different structure of fees and commissions.
3. **A – CHF shares:** accumulation shares denominated in CHF. The objective of this share class is to hedge the currency risk with respect to the reference currency of the sub-fund. However, the SICAV cannot guarantee that the currency risk with respect to the reference currency of the sub-fund will be fully hedged at all times. Accordingly, residual currency risk cannot be ruled out.
4. **B shares:** distribution shares expressed in the reference currency of the sub-fund, which in theory grant their holder the right to receive a dividend, but for which the holder's entitlement on the amount to be distributed is to be proposed by the Board of the SICAV and determined by the general meeting of shareholders.
5. **I shares:** accumulation shares expressed in the reference currency of the sub-fund, that are different from that the other classes of shares because they are intended exclusively for institutional investors within the meaning of article 174(2) of the Law of 2010. This class of shares also benefits from a reduced subscription tax of 0.01%.
6. **IB shares:** accumulation shares that differ from I shares by a different structure of fees and commissions.

The share classes available for each sub-fund are indicated in the fact sheet of each sub-fund.

## 12. OBLIGATIONS AND CONSTRAINTS RESULTING FROM FATCA AND CRS

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This chapter provides general information on the impacts on the SICAV and on its shareholders of two main regulations (FATCA and CRS), both ultimately aiming at combatting tax evasion. Shareholders and prospective shareholders in the SICAV are recommended to consult with their own tax advisors regarding the implications that FATCA and/or CRS will or would have on them by investing in the SICAV.

### **General introduction on FATCA**

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA") in the United States ("U.S.") requests non-U.S. financial institutions ("Foreign Financial Institutions" or "FFI") to report information relating to certain U.S. persons that have accounts with or investments in FFI or that have a beneficial interest in such accounts or investments (the "U.S. Reportable Accounts").



In accordance with the Luxembourg law of 24 July 2015 transposing the Intergovernmental Agreement concluded on 28 March 2014 between the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the United States of America (the “Luxembourg FATCA Regulations”), Luxembourg FFI are required to annually report through the Luxembourg tax authority (i.e. *Administration des Contributions Directes*, the “ACD”), as set out in the Luxembourg FATCA Regulations, personal and financial information (the “Information” as further defined in the Data Protection section) related, *inter alia*, to the identification of, holdings by and payments made (i) to Specified U.S. Persons (“Specified U.S. Persons” as such term is defined in the Luxembourg FATCA Regulations), (ii) to certain non-financial foreign entities (“NFFE”) with a significant ownership by Specified U.S. Persons (iii) and to FFI that do not comply with FATCA (nonparticipating FFIs or “NPFFIs”) (together the “U.S. Reportable Persons”).

The SICAV qualifies as Luxembourg FFI and is therefore subject to the provisions of the Luxembourg FATCA Regulations.

### **General introduction on CRS**

The Standard for Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information in Tax matters (the “Common Reporting Standard” or “CRS”) as set out in the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement on the Automatic exchange of Financial Account Information (“MCAA”) signed by Luxembourg on 29 October 2014 and in the Luxembourg law of 18 December 2015 on CRS (together the “Luxembourg CRS Regulations”) requests Luxembourg financial institutions (“Luxembourg FI”) to report information relating to certain persons that have accounts with or investments in FI or that have a beneficial interest in such accounts or investments (the “CRS Reportable Persons”).

In accordance with the Luxembourg CRS Regulations, Luxembourg FI are required to annually report to the ACD, as set out in the Luxembourg CRS Regulations, personal and financial information (the “Information” as further defined in the Data Protection section) related, *inter alia*, to the identification of, holdings by and payments made (i) to CRS Reportable Persons, and (ii) to controlling persons of certain non-financial entities (“NFE”) which are themselves CRS Reportable Persons.

The SICAV qualifies as Luxembourg FI and is therefore subject to the provisions of the Luxembourg CRS Regulations.

### **Status of the SICAV under FATCA and under CRS (the “SICAV’s Status”)**

The SICAV has elected to be treated as Collective Investment Vehicle for FATCA purposes and as Exempt Collective Investment Vehicle for CRS purposes.

### **Impact of the SICAV’s Status on shareholders and prospective shareholders**

References to the obligation of shareholders and prospective shareholders to provide the SICAV with certain information and documentary evidence shall be understood as meaning an obligation to provide the SICAV or UI efa S.A. as the SICAV’s registrar and transfer agent, with such information and documentary evidence.

The SICAV’s ability to satisfy its obligations under the Luxembourg FATCA Regulations and/or the Luxembourg CRS Regulations will depend on each shareholder and prospective shareholder providing the SICAV with such Information and supporting documentary evidence in order, among others, to enable the SICAV to assess the shareholder’s or prospective shareholder’s own status under FATCA and CRS.

The SICAV’s Status implies that the SICAV will not accept a prospective shareholder that has not provided the SICAV with such Information and supporting documentary evidence as required by the Luxembourg FATCA Regulations and/or the Luxembourg CRS Regulations.

Should the prospective shareholder fail to provide the SICAV with the required Information and supporting documentary evidence at the time of receipt of the subscription request by the SICAV, the subscription request will not be accepted and will be postponed for a limited period of time (the “Grace Period”) until the SICAV receives the required Information and supporting documentary evidence. The subscription request will only be accepted if and will be considered to have been received by the SICAV:

- i. at the time the SICAV has received the required Information and supporting documentary evidence during the Grace Period; and
- ii. the SICAV has reviewed such Information and supporting documentary evidence
- iii. and the SICAV has accepted the prospective shareholder.

At the date of this prospectus, the Grace Period is set at 90 calendar days but may be adjusted or cancelled at any time at the discretion of the SICAV or if required by applicable laws and regulations.

In such case, following the acceptance of the prospective shareholder, the subscription request will be processed in accordance with the terms of the prospectus of the SICAV.

Should the prospective shareholder have failed to provide the SICAV with the required Information and supporting documentary evidence at the end of the Grace Period, the subscription request will be cancelled definitely without any compensation due to the prospective shareholder and any subscription money received will be returned to the prospective shareholder.

Prospective shareholders should be aware that, in addition to the Information and supporting documentary evidence as required by the Luxembourg FATCA Regulations and/or the Luxembourg CRS Regulations, they might be requested to provide such additional information and supporting documentary evidence as required by other applicable laws and regulations, including by the laws and regulations regarding money laundering and financing of terrorism.

In addition, the SICAV’s Status includes the obligation for the SICAV to regularly assess the existing shareholders’ own status under FATCA and CRS. To this extent, the SICAV will request to obtain and verify Information and supporting documentary evidence on all of its shareholders. Upon request of the SICAV, each shareholder agrees and commits to provide certain Information and supporting documentary evidence as required by the Luxembourg FATCA Regulations and/or the Luxembourg CRS Regulations, including, in case of certain categories of NFFE/NFE, Information and supporting documentary evidence regarding such NFFE/NFE’s Controlling Persons<sup>1</sup>. Similarly, each shareholder agrees and commits to actively inform the SICAV within thirty days of any change to the Information and supporting documentary evidence provided (like for instance a new mailing address or a new residency address) that would affect the shareholder’s or, in case of certain categories of NFFE/NFE, the NFFE/NFE’s Controlling Persons, own status under FATCA and CRS.

Any U.S. Reportable Person and/or CRS Reportable Person will be reported to the ACD which will in turn pass on the Information to the relevant foreign tax authorities which, in particular under FATCA, includes the US Department of Treasury.

Should the SICAV fail to obtain the required Information and supporting documentary evidence from a shareholder, the SICAV is allowed, in its sole discretion, or may be required to take any action to comply with its obligations under the Luxembourg FATCA Regulations and the Luxembourg CRS Regulations. Such action (i) may include the disclosure to the ACD of the Information of the relevant shareholder and, if applicable, of the shareholder’s Controlling Persons, and (ii) may potentially be

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<sup>1</sup> The term “Controlling Persons” means the natural persons who exercise control over an Entity. In the case of a trust, such term means the settlor(s), the trustee(s), the protector(s) (if any), the beneficiary(ies) or class(es) of beneficiaries, and any other natural person(s) exercising ultimate effective control over the trust, and in the case of a legal arrangement other than a trust, such term means persons in equivalent or similar positions. The term “Controlling Persons” must be interpreted in a manner consistent with the Financial Action Task Force Recommendations.

charged with any taxes and penalties imposed on the SICAV attributable to such shareholder's failure to provide the Information and supporting documentation required.

Additionally, the SICAV may also, in its sole discretion, forcefully redeem any shareholder's holdings in the SICAV or reject subscriptions requests from any shareholder it deems may jeopardize the SICAV's Status.

### **Non eligible investors in the SICAV**

Shares of the SICAV must not be offered to, sold to, transferred to or held by a NPFFIs.

Should it nonetheless happen, for example because of a change of circumstances, that a shareholder qualifies as NPFFI, the SICAV may take any action including (i) the disclosure to the ACD of the Information of the relevant shareholder and (ii) the compulsory redemption of the shares held by the relevant shareholder and may preclude the continuation of the relationship between the SICAV and the shareholder.

## **13. SUBSCRIPTIONS, REDEMPTIONS, CONVERSIONS AND TRANSFERS**

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### **Subscriptions / redemptions / conversions / transfers**

Subscriptions, redemptions, conversions and transfers of shares of the SICAV are processed in accordance with the provisions of the articles of incorporation included in this Prospectus and as indicated in the fact sheets of each sub-fund.

Subscriptions, redemptions and conversions are executed in the currency of the class of shares, as indicated in the fact sheets of each sub-fund.

Subscription, conversion and redemption forms may be obtained by addressing your request to:

- the Central Administration Agent, UI efa S.A.
- at the registered office of the SICAV
- at the registered office of the Management Company.

Orders for subscription, redemption, conversion and transfer on behalf of the SICAV should be addressed to the UI efa S.A. , 2 Rue d'Alsace, P.O. Box 1725, L-1017 Luxembourg or by facsimile to +352 48 65 61 8002 or to the entities authorised to receive orders for subscription, redemption, conversion and transfer on behalf of the SICAV in the countries in which the shares of the SICAV are publicly marketed, in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed in the fact sheet of the relevant sub-funds.

Subscribers are informed that the acquisition of certain sub-funds or share classes may be restricted. The SICAV may restrict the subscription or the acquisition of sub-funds or share classes to investors who fulfil the conditions defined by the SICAV. These criteria may concern notably the resident country of the investor in order to allow the SICAV to meet the laws, uses, commercial practices, tax impacts and any other means related to the countries concerned or the characteristics of the investor (for example, the quality of institutional investor).

### **Provisions on the prevention of money-laundering and the financing of terrorism**

In accordance with the international regulations and the laws and regulations applicable in Luxembourg on the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing, professionals in the financial sector are subject to obligations intended to prevent the use of undertakings for collective investment for the purposes of money laundering and terrorist financing. As such, the SICAV, the Central Administration and any duly mandated person is required to identify subscribers in application of Luxembourg laws and regulations. The SICAV, the Central Administration or any duly

mandated person, must require all subscribers to provide any documents and all information that it deems necessary for carrying out this identification.

In the event of delay or failure to provide the documents or information required, the application for subscription (or, as appropriate, for redemption, conversion or transfer) may be refused by the SICAV or by the Central Administration or by any duly mandated person. Neither the SICAV, nor the Central Administration, or any other mandated person may be held responsible (1) for refusal to accept an order, (2) for delay in the processing of an order or (3) for the decision to suspend payment in respect of an order accepted when the investor has not provided the requested documents or information or has provided incomplete documents or information.

Shareholders may, moreover, be asked to provide additional or updated documents in compliance with the obligations for on-going control and monitoring in application of the applicable laws and regulations.

### **Restrictions on subscriptions and transfers of shares**

The marketing of shares of the SICAV may be restricted in some jurisdictions. Persons in possession of the Prospectus should obtain information from the Management Company on such restrictions and take steps to adhere thereto.

The Prospectus is not a public offering or a solicitation to sell shares of the SICAV to persons in jurisdictions in which such a public offering of shares of the SICAV is not authorised or where one may consider that such an offering is not authorised with respect to that person.

In addition, the SICAV has the right to:

- refuse at its sole discretion an order for subscription for shares,
- process a forced redemption of shares in accordance with the provisions in the articles of incorporation.

### **Restrictions on the subscription and transfer of shares applicable to US investors**

No sub-fund has been or will be registered in application of the United States Securities Act of 1933 ("Law of 1933") or of any law on transferable securities of any State or political subdivision of the United States of America or of its territories, possessions of other regions subject to the jurisdiction of the United States of America, such as the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("United States"), and the shares of said sub-funds can only be offered, purchased or sold in compliance with the provisions of the Law of 1933 and of laws governing transferable securities of said States or others.

Certain restrictions also apply to any subsequent transfer from sub-funds in the United States to or on behalf of US persons (US Persons, as defined by Regulation S of the Law of 1933, hereinafter "US Persons"), i.e. to any resident of the United States, any legal entity, corporation or partnership or any other entity created or organised under the laws of the United States (including any asset of such a person created in the United States or organised in accordance with the laws of the United States). The SICAV is not and will not be registered under the United States Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, in the United States.

Shareholders must immediately inform the SICAV if they are or become US Persons or if they hold classes of shares for or on behalf of US Persons or else if they hold classes of shares in violation of any laws or regulations or in circumstances that have or could have unfavourable regulatory or fiscal consequences for the sub-fund or its shareholders, or against the best interests of the SICAV. If the board of directors discovers that a shareholder (a) is a US Person or holds shares on behalf of a US Person, (b) holds classes of shares in violation of any laws or regulations or in circumstances that have or could have unfavourable regulatory or fiscal consequences for the SICAV or its shareholders, or going against the best interests of the SICAV, the SICAV has the right to execute a forced

redemption of the shares concerned, in accordance with the provisions in the articles of incorporation.

Before making an investment decision with respect to shares of the SICAV, investors should consult their legal, tax and financial advisor, auditor or any other professional advisor.

### **Market Timing / Late Trading**

In accordance with applicable legal and regulatory provisions, the SICAV does not authorise practices associated with Market Timing and Late Trading. The SICAV reserves the right to reject any subscription and conversion order from an investor that the SICAV suspects to be using such practices and to take, where appropriate, whatever steps are necessary to protect the other investors of the SICAV. Subscriptions, redemptions and conversions are executed at an unknown net asset value.

## **14. DEFINITION AND CALCULATION OF THE NET ASSET VALUE**

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The valuation of the net asset of each sub-fund of the SICAV and the determination of the net asset value (“NAV”) per share is calculated on the bank business day (“Calculation Day”) following the day (“Valuation Day”) indicated in the fact sheets of the sub-fund.

The NAV of a share, regardless of the sub-fund and the class of shares in which it is issued, is determined at least twice a month in the currency of the share class.

## **15. USE OF BENCHMARKS**

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Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds (the “Benchmark Regulation”) applies from 1 January 2018.

According to the regulatory requirements of the Benchmark Regulation:

- The sub-funds of the SICAV may use a benchmark or a combination of benchmarks if the benchmark is provided by an administrator located in the European Union and included in the register referred to in Article 36 of the Benchmark Regulation (the “Register”) or is a benchmark which is included in the Register.
- The Management Company shall produce and maintain a robust written plan setting out the actions that the Management Company would take in the event that a benchmark materially changes or ceases to be provided. Where feasible and appropriate, such plan shall nominate one or several alternative benchmarks that could be referenced to substitute the benchmarks no longer provided, indicating why such benchmarks would be suitable alternatives.

If one or several benchmarks used by a sub-fund of the SICAV (the « Benchmark(s) ») materially changes or ceases to be provided, the robust written plan produced and maintained by the Management Company (the “Contingency Plan”) provides for the substitution of the Benchmark(s) by one or several alternative benchmarks.

The Contingency Plan can be made available upon request at the registered office of the Management Company.

## 16. TAXATION OF THE SICAV AND SHAREHOLDERS

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### **Taxation of the SICAV**

Pursuant to applicable legislation, the SICAV is not subject to any Luxembourg tax.

It is however subject to the 0.05% annual subscription tax payable quarterly on the basis of net assets of the SICAV shown at the end of each quarter. The net assets invested in UCIs that have already paid the subscription tax are waived of the subscription tax. The share classes intended exclusively for institutional investors within the meaning of article 174(2) of the Law of 2010 and as defined in the chapter “Description of shares, rights of shareholders and distribution policy” of the Prospectus, are subject to a reduced subscription tax of 0.01%.

The SICAV shall be subject to withholding taxes applicable in the various countries on income, dividends and interest from its investments in these countries, without them being necessarily recoverable.

Finally, it may also be subject to indirect taxes on its operations and on services charged to it under applicable legislation.

Taxation laws and the level of tax relating to the SICAV may change from time to time.

### **Taxation of the shareholders**

The tax consequences for prospective investors wishing to purchase, subscribe, acquire, hold, convert, sell, redeem or dispose shares of the SICAV will depend on the relevant laws of any jurisdiction to which the investor is subject. Shareholders and prospective investors should seek independent professional advice regarding relevant tax laws, as well as any other relevant laws and regulations. Taxation laws and the level of tax relating to the shareholders may change from time to time.

**The above mentioned information is not and should not be interpreted as being a legal or tax advice. The SICAV recommends that potential investors seek information, and if necessary, advice about the laws and regulations which are applicable to them in relation with the subscription, purchase, holding, redemption, sale, conversion and transfer of shares.**

## 17. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND GENERAL MEETING

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The SICAV's financial year ends on the 31st of December of each calendar year. The SICAV's annual report incorporating financial statements is published within four months after the end of the financial year and at least two weeks before the annual general meeting of shareholders.

The SICAV's accounting records are separately maintained in each Sub-Fund's currency of denomination with consolidated accounts presented in euro. The SICAV publishes its semi-annual unaudited financial report within two months of the date to which such holdings are calculated.

The general meeting of shareholders shall be held in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, at the place indicated in the meeting notice, on the third Wednesday of the month of June every year, and for the first time in 2020. If this day is a public holiday, the general meeting of shareholders shall be held on the following bank business day.

The first audited annual report is dated 31 December 2020 and shall be published at the latest on the 30 April 2021.

The financial reports will be available free of charge at the registered office of the SICAV.

## 18. INFORMATION TO SHAREHOLDERS

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The Net Asset Value, the issue price, the redemption and conversion price of each class of shares are available on each Luxembourg bank business day at the registered office of the SICAV.

Amendments to the SICAV's articles of incorporation will be published in the Luxembourg *Recueil Electronique des Sociétés et Associations*.

To the extent required by applicable legislation, notices to attend General meetings of shareholders may be published in the *Recueil Electronique des Sociétés et Associations* and a nationally circulated Luxembourg media and in one or more medias circulated in other countries where the SICAV's shares are publicly offered for subscription as the Directors may decide.

Other shareholders' notifications, where required by the laws of Luxembourg or the Luxembourg regulator, shall be send in writing or any other means as prescribed under the laws of Luxembourg.

The following documents are made available to the public at the registered office of the SICAV and at the registered office of the Management Company:

- The Prospectus of the SICAV, including the articles of incorporation and the fact sheets,
- the PRIIPS KID document of the SICAV, (also published on [www.vam.lu](http://www.vam.lu))
- the financial reports of the SICAV,

A copy of the agreements contracted with the Management Company, Investment Managers and Advisors of the SICAV are available free of charge at the SICAV's registered office.

Investors that wish to file a complaint against the SICAV are invited to file their complaint in writing to:

If by regular mail:

LUCELEN  
Att. Complaints Handling Officer  
14, boulevard Royal  
L-2449 Luxembourg

If by email:

LUCELEN  
Att. Complaints Handling Officer  
Email: [domiciliation@bdl.lu](mailto:domiciliation@bdl.lu)

If by fax:

LUCELEN  
Att. Complaints Handling Officer  
Fax : +352 499 24 2501

A template complaint form is available on request at the registered office of the SICAV or at [domiciliation@bdl.lu](mailto:domiciliation@bdl.lu)

Complaints received by the SICAV will be handled in accordance with the complaints handling policy of the SICAV, available upon request at the registered office of the SICAV or at the registered office of the Management Company.

## 19. REMUNERATION POLICY

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Pursuant to the Law of 2010, the Management Company has established remuneration policies for those categories of staff, including senior management, risk takers, control functions, and any employees receiving total remuneration that takes them into the same remuneration bracket as senior management and risk takers whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profiles of the Management Company or the SICAV, that are consistent with and promote a sound and effective risk management and do not encourage risk taking which is inconsistent with the risk profiles of the SICAV or with the Articles of Incorporation and which do not interfere with the obligation of the Management Company to act in the best interests of the SICAV.

The Management Company complies with the following principles:

- a) the remuneration policy is consistent with and promotes sound and effective risk management and does not encourage risk taking which is inconsistent with the risk profiles, rules or instruments of incorporation of the SICAV;
- b) the remuneration policy is in line with the business strategy, objectives, values and interests of the Management Company and the SICAV and of the investors of the SICAV, and includes measures to avoid conflicts of interest;
- c) the assessment of performance is set in a multi-year framework appropriate to the holding period recommended to the investors of the SICAV in order to ensure that the assessment process is based on the longer-term performance of the SICAV and its investment risks and that the actual payment of performance-based components of remuneration is spread over the same period;
- d) fixed and variable components of total remuneration are appropriately balanced and the fixed component represents a sufficiently high proportion of the total remuneration to allow the operation of a fully flexible policy on variable remuneration components, including the possibility to pay no variable remuneration component.

The up-to-date remuneration policies of the Management Company, including, but not limited to, a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated, the identity of persons responsible for awarding the remuneration and benefits including the composition of the remuneration committee are available at [www.vam.lu](http://www.vam.lu). A paper copy is available free of charge upon request at the Management Company's registered office.

## 20. DATA PRIVACY PROVISIONS

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### Introduction

These data privacy provisions serve the purpose to provide shareholders and prospective shareholders of the SICAV and business partners of the SICAV and/or of the Management Company (including the contractual counterparties of the SICAV and/or of the Management Company) as well as persons related to such shareholders, prospective shareholders and business partners ("**Related Persons**") with important information on the collection, recording, storage, use and transfer of personal data relating to such shareholders, prospective shareholders, business partners and Related Persons (each a "**Data Subject**") by the SICAV, the Management Company and/or by the Processors (as such term is defined in section "Data Processors" below) in connection with such shareholders' and prospective shareholders' investment or intended investment in the SICAV or with such business partner's relationship with the SICAV and/or the Management Company.

A Related Person means in this context an individual whose personal data was provided to the SICAV, the Management Company and/or to the Processors by or on behalf of a shareholder, prospective shareholder or business partner or whose personal data was otherwise obtained by the SICAV, the Management Company and/or by the Processors, in connection with such shareholder's or prospective shareholder's investment or intended investment in the SICAV or with such business partner's relationship with the SICAV and/or the Management Company. A Related Person may



include, but not limited to, a director, officer, employee, controlling person, beneficial owner, representative or agent of an entity, a trustee, a settlor, a protector of a trust. In this context, it is assumed that for personal data of a Related Person provided to the SICAV, the Management Company and/or to the Processors by or on behalf of a shareholder, prospective shareholder or business partner, such shareholder, prospective shareholder or business partner has duly notified the Related Person about how the SICAV, the Management Company and/or the Processors process the Related Person's personal data in accordance with these data privacy provisions.

### **Categories of personal data processed**

The personal data collected, recorded, stored, used and transferred, by electronic and/or by other means (hereafter referred to as personal data "**processed**") by the SICAV, the Management Company and/or by the Processors in connection with a shareholder's or prospective shareholder's investment or intended investment in the SICAV or with a business partner's relationship with the SICAV and/or the Management Company (the "**Personal Data**") includes:

- personal information concerning the Data Subjects (e.g. last name, first name, gender, date and place of birth, residence address(es), postal addresses, telephone and fax number(s), email address(es) or other identifying addresses for electronic communications, details from passports or other government or state issued forms of personal identification, nationality(ies), country(ies) of tax residence and tax identification number, bank account details);
- professional information concerning the Data Subjects (e.g. employment history, title, representation authorities);
- financial information concerning the Data Subjects (e.g. transaction details regarding subscriptions, redemptions, conversions and transfers of shares of the SICAV, income paid or other payments made with respect to the shares held in the SICAV);
- any other information concerning the Data Subjects and required by applicable laws and regulations including laws and regulations regarding anti money laundering and counter financing of terrorism (e.g. source of wealth, information about regulatory and other investigations or litigations to which Data Subjects are or have been subject).

The SICAV, the Management Company and the Processors do not intend to actively process special category personal data, being personal data revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, trade union memberships or genetic, biometric data or health data or data concerning a Data Subject's sex life or sexual orientation about Data Subjects. Whilst the SICAV, the Management Company and the Processors will use reasonable efforts to limit the processing of such special category personal data, Data Subjects should be aware that such special category personal data may be processed incidentally for example where the Data Subject volunteers such special category personal data to the SICAV, to the Management Company and/or to the Processors (for example when the Data Subject sends a communication such as an email containing such special category personal data) or where documents and information received or gathered for one or more of the Purposes (as such term is defined hereafter) contain special category personal data.

### **The data controller**

The SICAV and the Management Company jointly act as data controllers with regard to the Personal Data of shareholders, prospective shareholders or business partners processed in connection with such shareholder's or prospective shareholder's investment or intended investment in the SICAV or with such business partner's relationship with the SICAV and/or the Management Company.

### **Processing of Personal Data**

Personal Data will be processed for the purpose of 1) performing the services required by the shareholders and prospective shareholders in connection with their investment or intended investment in the SICAV; and/or 2) performing services related to the one referred to under 1) here above in connection with shareholders' and prospective shareholders' investment or intended

investment in the SICAV if such related services are considered as necessary by the SICAV, the Management Company and/or the Processors for the purpose of the legitimate interest pursued by the SICAV, the Management Company and/or the Processors provided such interests are not overridden by the interests or fundamental rights and freedoms of the relevant Data Subjects and/or 3) performing the contractual or other arrangements concluded between the SICAV, as the case may be, the Management Company and its business partners and/or 4) complying with the legal and regulatory obligations applicable to the SICAV, the Management Company and/or to the Processors.

In accordance with the preceding paragraph, Personal Data may be processed for the purpose of (the “**Purposes**”):

- opening and maintaining shareholders’ registered accounts including providing shareholders with information and documents regarding their investment in the SICAV (e.g. contract notes, holding statements);
- processing subscriptions, redemptions, conversions and transfers of shares of the SICAV, payment of income or other proceeds made with respect to the shares held by the shareholders in the SICAV;
- informing shareholders of corporate actions concerning the SICAV;
- convening and organizing meetings of shareholders;
- relationship management including responding to enquiries from shareholders, prospective shareholders and business partners and providing shareholders and prospective shareholders with information and documentation in connection with their investment or intended investment in the SICAV (e.g. SICAV’s articles, prospectus, key information documents, financial reports, fact sheets, investment management reports);
- processing of shareholders’ complaints;
- recording of communications (e.g. telephone conversations, mailings including electronic mailings) for relationship management or monitoring for evidentiary or compliance purposes;
- performing controls on excessive trading and market timing practices;
- performing the contractual or other arrangements concluded between the SICAV, as the case may be, the Management Company and its business partners;
- performing due diligence and controls with regard to applicable laws and regulations fight against money laundering and financing of terrorism;
- reporting to the competent authorities in accordance with Luxembourg or foreign laws and regulations (including laws and regulations relating to FATCA and CRS);
- to enforce the SICAV’s terms and conditions or to protect the SICAV’s, the Management Company’s or the Processors’ (as such term is defined hereafter) rights in the context of legal claims, litigation, arbitration or similar proceedings.

To achieve the Purposes, Personal Data may be collected or received directly from the Data Subjects or indirectly through external sources including any publicly available sources or through subscription services or from third parties.

A shareholder or prospective shareholder of the SICAV or a business partner of the SICAV and/or of the Management Company or a Related Person related to such a shareholder, prospective shareholder or business partner may elect to refuse to provide the Personal Data requested by or on behalf of the SICAV and/or the Management Company. In such a case, the SICAV and/or the Management Company may not be able and may consequently 1) decline to provide the services required by such shareholder or prospective shareholder in connection with their investment or intended investment in the SICAV; and/or 2) decline to provide the services related to the one referred to under 1) here above considered as necessary by the SICAV, the Management Company and/or the Processors for the purpose of the legitimate interest pursued by the SICAV, the Management Company and/or the Processors in connection with shareholders’ and prospective shareholders’ investment or intended investment in the SICAV; and/or 3) decline to perform the contractual or other arrangements concluded between the SICAV, as the case may be, the Management Company and its business partners; and 4) decide to preclude the continuation of the

relationship between the SICAV and the shareholder or between the SICAV, as the case may be, the Management Company and the business partner.

Subject to applicable legal periods of limitation which may vary depending on the Purposes for which Personal Data was obtained, the Personal Data shall not be retained for longer than necessary in light of the Purposes for which it was obtained. Personal Data will be deleted or anonymized (or equivalent) once it is no longer necessary to achieve the Purposes for which it was obtained, subject however (i) to any applicable legal or regulatory requirements to process Personal Data for a longer period, or (ii) to enforce the SICAV's terms and conditions or for the protection of the SICAV's, the Management Company's or the Processors' rights in the context of legal claims, litigation, arbitration or similar proceedings.

### **Data Processors**

For the purpose of achieving the Purposes, the SICAV and/or the Management Company use the services of delegates, sub-delegates and service providers (such as the SICAV's central administration agent, domiciliary agent and depositary) and may delegate the processing of and consequently transfer Personal Data to such delegates, sub-delegates and service providers (the "**Processors**") in compliance with and within the limits of the applicable laws and regulations.

The Processors may delegate the processing of the Personal Data to one or several of their agents or delegates, which may be located in or outside the European Economic Area ("**EEA**").

Processors may also process Personal Data for their own purposes and outside of the scope of their role as processor for the SICAV and/or the Management Company, in which case and with regard to such own purposes, Processors shall be considered as distinct data controllers and shall be directly accountable to the relevant Data Subjects with regard to the processing for such own purposes.

### **Transfer of Personal Data**

For the purpose of achieving the Purposes, the SICAV, the Management Company and the Processors may also transfer Personal Data : 1) to comply with applicable laws and regulations including treaties or agreements with or between Luxembourg or foreign governments (including in relation to tax reporting laws such as FATCA and CRS), which may include Luxembourg and foreign authorities, to respond to requests from public or government authorities including tax authorities, which may include Luxembourg and foreign authorities, to cooperate with law enforcement, governmental, regulatory, securities exchange, financial markets or similar agencies or authorities or for other legal reasons, who may transfer the Personal Data to equivalent agencies or authorities in other countries; 2) to central banks, regulators, trade repositories, approved reporting mechanisms which may be located in Luxembourg or abroad; 3) to their external auditors; 4) to courts, litigation counterparties, external legal counsels and others in the context of legal claims, litigation, arbitration or similar proceedings to enforce the SICAV's terms and conditions or to protect the SICAV's, the Management Company's or the Processors' rights against a Data Subject; 5) to legitimate third parties in the event of a merger of the SICAV or of a sub-fund of the SICAV.

Processors may also transfer Personal Data to the SICAV, to the Management Company and to other Processors of the SICAV in order to enable the SICAV, the Management Company and such other Processors to fulfill the Purposes.

The transfer of Personal Data may include the transfer to jurisdictions within the EEA and to other jurisdictions provided that 1) such other jurisdictions benefit from an adequacy decision from the European Commission; or 2) where such other jurisdictions do not benefit from an adequacy decision from the European Commission, appropriate safeguards are provided; or 3) the transfer falls under one of the derogations for specific situations as foreseen by the applicable laws and regulations.

### **Rights of Data Subjects**

Subject to the laws and regulations applicable to the SICAV, the Management Company and/or the Processors, each Data Subject has a right to:

- access his/her/its Personal Data;
- have his/her/its Personal Data rectified where it is inaccurate or incomplete;
- where the SICAV and/or the Management Company processes his/her/its Personal Data on the basis of his/her/its consent, to withdraw this consent being understood that, to achieve the Purposes, the SICAV, the Management Company and the Processors do not rely on the Data Subjects' consent for the process of the Data Subjects' Personal Data;
- have his/her/its Personal Data erased in certain circumstances;
- obtain restriction of processing or object to processing in certain circumstances;
- lodge a complaint to the relevant data protection authority;
- receive his/her/its Personal Data in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format and to have that Personal Data transmitted directly to another data controller.

If a Data Subject wishes to exercise, any of the rights referred to above, the Data Subject shall address its request by letter sent to the registered office of the SICAV or of the Management Company. Requests will be responded in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Even if a Data Subject objects to the processing or requests the erasure of its Personal Data, the SICAV, the Management Company and/or the Processors may nevertheless be allowed to continue the processing if i) the processing is mandatory because of legal or regulatory obligations applicable to the SICAV, the Management Company and/or to the Processors; or ii) is necessary for the achievement of one, more or all of the Purposes; or iii) is necessary for the enforcement of the SICAV's terms and conditions or for the protection of the SICAV's, the Management Company's and/or the Processors' rights in the context of legal claims, litigation, arbitration or similar proceedings.

## 21. PERSONS INVOLVED IN AML/CFT

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Article 4 (1) (fourth paragraph and second paragraph, sub-paragraph a) of the amended Luxembourg law of 12 November 2004 on the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing (the "AML/CFT Law") requires professionals to appoint:

- i) a person among the members of their management bodies, responsible for compliance with the professional obligations as regards the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing (the original French version of the AML/CFT Law refers to a "*responsable du respect des obligations*" and thus, the acronym "RR" will be used hereafter), and
- ii) if the size and nature of the activity so require, a compliance officer at appropriate hierarchical level (the original French version of the AML/CFT Law refers to a "*responsable du contrôle du respect des obligations*" and thus, the acronym "RC" will be used hereafter).

Luxembourg investment funds subject to AML/CFT supervision, is legally required to appoint, both an RR and an RC.

The Board, acting as collegial body, is the RR of the SICAV.

The RR has mandated an employee of the Management Company to act as RC of the SICAV by means of an RC agreement entered into between the SICAV and the Management Company (the "RC Agreement").

Under the RC Agreement, the Management Company shall provide the SICAV with one of its employees who is appropriately qualified to ensure the functions of RC of the SICAV.

## 22. ESG FACTORS AND SUSTAINABILITY RISKS INTEGRATION

With respect to the SICAV, the investment process of the Management Company is currently not driven by environmental, social and/or governance ("ESG") considerations.

The Management Company invests in companies / issuers, regardless of potential ESG impacts as the Management Company does currently not consider sustainability risks, nor adverse impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors in its investment process.

The Management Company considers that applying ESG criteria to its investment process reduces the investment universe. and thus excludes certain issuers, leading the Management Company to forego investment possibilities offering attractive risk adjusted return opportunities.

More information about the Management Company's investment process can be found on the Management Company's website: [www.vam.lu](http://www.vam.lu)

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**FACTSHEETS OF THE SUB-FUNDS**

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### **INVESTMENT POLICY**

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**Sub-fund objective** > To seek a return exceeding the euro money market rate through a diversified portfolio in fixed income and money market instruments..

**Investment policy** > The sub-fund will invest its net assets mainly in debt instruments including but not limited to variable rate securities, fixed interest securities, sovereign debt, corporate debt and money market instruments without any rating, sectorial or geographical restrictions.

The sub-fund may have an exposure to emerging markets of up to 15% of its net assets.

The sub-fund may invest up to 15% of its net assets in convertible bonds and contingent convertible bonds.

In addition, the sub-fund may invest up to 15% of its net assets in structured products such as, but not limited to, reverse convertible notes, phoenix notes, airbag certificates for which the underlying asset is an equity or an equity index being part of the main stock market indices of the OECD and/or other structured notes in accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010 and article 2 of the Grand-Ducal Regulation of 8 February 2008.

The sub-fund may invest in UCITS and/or other UCI in compliance with the article 41 (1) e) of the Law of 2010 subject to the requirement that the exposure in UCITS and/or other UCI represents less than 10% of its net assets at any time.

From time to time considering market conditions, the sub-fund may hold liquid assets for up to 100% of its net assets. In the aim of investing its liquid assets, the Sub-Fund may invest in cash deposits (including fixed term deposits), money market instruments, UCITS and other UCI themselves invested in cash deposits and/or money market instruments.

The sub-fund may also invest in derivative products and instruments (such as bond futures, stock index futures, forward exchanges on convertible or non-convertible currencies and options traded on regulated markets) for the purposes of hedging or optimizing portfolio exposure. The total risk incurred through investments in derivative products may not exceed the net asset value of the sub-fund.

The sub-fund is actively managed on a discretionary basis without using a reference benchmark.

**ESG approach** > ESG factors not considered. Investors are invited to read chapter 22 “ESG factors and sustainability risks integration” in this Prospectus for further information on the integration of ESG factors and sustainability risks.

The investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

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| <b>Reference currency</b>     | > | EUR  |
| <b>Investment horizon</b>     | > | At least 5 years   |
| <b>Risk management method</b> | > | Commitment approach  |
| <b>Risk factors</b>           | > | Investors are invited to read chapter 7 “Risks associated with investing in the SICAV” in this Prospectus for information on the potential risks linked to an investment in this sub-fund. |

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| <b>Management Company</b> | > | VICTORY ASSET MANAGEMENT S.A.<br>subject to supervision by the CSSF. |
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### COMMISSIONS AND FEES PAID BY THE SHAREHOLDERS

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| <b>Subscription fee</b> | > | Up to 1% of the subscription amount in favour of entities and agents active in sales and investment of shares. |
| <b>Redemption fee</b>   | > | Up to 0% of the redeemed amount in favour of the disinvested sub-fund.   |
| <b>Conversion fee</b>   | > | Up to 0% of the converted amount in favour of the disinvested sub-fund.  |

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### EXPENSES BORNE BY THE SUB-FUND

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| <b>Management fee</b>   | > | Up to 1% annually, based on the average net asset of the sub-fund / share class in question.  |
| <b>The Depositary will be entitled to the following fees:</b>   |   |   |
| <b>Custody fee</b>  | > | Up to 0.05% p.a., based on the average net assets of the sub-fund   |
| <b>Depositary fee</b>   | > | Up to 0.03% p.a., based on the average net assets of the sub-fund, with a minimum of EUR 1,250 per month for the sub-fund.                    |
| <b>Cash flow monitoring fee</b>                                 | > | Up to EUR 900 per month for the sub-fund.<br>Sub-depositary fees and liquidation fees are billed separately. VAT will be added as applicable. |
| <b>Other Management Company and Central Administration fees</b> | > | Up to 1.00% annually, based on the average net asset of the sub-fund.   |
| <b>Other fees and expenses</b>                                  | > | In addition, the sub-fund will charge other operating fees as referred to in article 31 of the articles of incorporation of the SICAV.        |



## MARKETING OF SHARES

- Classes of shares offered for subscription** >
- | Class of shares | ISIN Code    | Currency |
|-----------------|--------------|----------|
| Class A         | LU2041694626 | EUR      |
| Class B         | LU2041695276 | EUR      |
- Form of shares** > Shares may be issued as registered shares in the name of the investor in the register of shareholders. The shares may be held in custody through a recognized clearing system.
- Shares may be issued in fractions up to the thousandth of a share.
- Minimum initial subscription** >
- | Class of shares | Minimum initial subscription |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Class A         | EUR 1,000                    |
| Class B         | EUR 0                        |
- The board of directors of the SICAV may, at its sole discretion, decide, for all subscription orders received for a particular Valuation Day, to accept these subscription requests without applying the minimum subscription amount.
- Subscriptions, redemptions and conversions** > Orders for subscription, redemption and conversion received before 3:00 pm with UI efa S.A. on a full Luxembourg bank business day before a given Valuation Day are accepted based on the NAV of that Valuation Day to which shall be added the fees indicated above in “COMMISSIONS AND FEES PAID BY THE SHAREHOLDERS” and “EXPENSES BORNE BY THE SUB-FUND”.
- Subscriptions and redemptions must be fully paid up within 3 full business days in Luxembourg following the applicable Valuation Day.
- Valuation Day** > Each full bank business day in Luxembourg.
- Publication of NAV** > Registered office of the SICAV.
- Listing on Luxembourg Stock Exchange** > No

## POINTS OF CONTACT

- Subscriptions, redemptions, conversions and transfers** > UI EFA S.A.  
Fax: +352 48 65 61 8002
- Documentation requests** > BANQUE DE LUXEMBOURG  
Tel: +352 49 924 1 Fax: +352 49 924 2501

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### **INVESTMENT POLICY**

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<b>Sub-fund objective</b>	> Preserving invested capital while seeking a positive absolute return through a diversified and mixed portfolio.
<b>Investment policy</b>	> The sub-fund will invest, without any sectorial, geographical or rating restrictions mainly in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• equities and/or equity-linked securities ;</li><li>• debt instruments and convertible bonds ;</li><li>• money market instruments.</li></ul> <p>The sub-fund may invest up to 5% of its net assets in contingent convertible bonds.</p> <p>The sub-fund may invest in UCITS and/or other UCI in compliance with the article 41 (1) e) of the Law of 2010 subject to the requirement that the exposure in UCITS and/or other UCI represents less than 10% of its net assets at any time.</p> <p>The percentage of the sub-fund's portfolio invested in the various instruments differs according to the valuation of the various asset classes and market circumstances.</p> <p>From time to time considering market conditions, the sub-fund may hold liquid assets for up to 100% of its net assets. In the aim of investing its liquid assets, the Sub-Fund may invest in cash deposits (including fixed term deposits), money market instruments, UCITS and other UCI themselves invested in cash deposits and/or money market instruments.</p> <p>The sub-fund may also invest in derivative products and instruments (such as bond futures, stock index futures, forward exchanges on convertible or non-convertible currencies and options traded on regulated markets) for the purposes of hedging or optimizing portfolio exposure. The total risk incurred through investments in derivative products may not exceed the net asset value of the sub-fund.</p> <p>The sub-fund is actively managed on a discretionary basis without using a reference benchmark.</p>
<b>ESG approach</b>	> ESG factors not considered. Investors are invited to read chapter 22 “ESG factors and sustainability risks integration” in this Prospectus for further information on the integration of ESG factors and sustainability risks. <p>The investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.</p>
<b>Reference currency</b>	> EUR
<b>Investment horizon</b>	> At least 7 years.
<b>Risk management method</b>	> Commitment approach

- Risk factors** > Investors are invited to read chapter 7 “Risks associated with investing in the SICAV” in this Prospectus for information on the potential risks linked to an investment in this sub-fund.

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### MANAGER AND/OR INVESTMENT ADVISOR

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- Management Company** > VICTORY ASSET MANAGEMENT S.A.  
subject to supervision by the CSSF.

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### COMMISSIONS AND FEES PAID BY THE SHAREHOLDERS

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- Subscription fee** > Up to 1% of the subscription amount in favour of entities and agents active in sales and investment of shares.
- Redemption fee** > Up to 0% of the redeemed amount in favour of the disinvested sub-fund.
- Conversion fee** > Up to 0% of the converted amount in favour of the disinvested sub-fund.

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### EXPENSES BORNE BY THE SUB-FUND

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- Management fee** > For A class of shares, up to 1.25% annually, based on the average net asset of the share class in question.  
  
For AB class of shares, up to 1.60% annually, based on the average net asset of the share class in question.  
  
For A-CHF class of shares, up to 1.25% annually, based on the average net asset of the share class in question.  
  
For I class of shares, up to 1% annually, based on the average net asset of the share class in question.  
  
For IB class of shares, up to 0.8% annually, based on the average net asset of the share class in question.
- Performance fee** > For all classes of shares, the Management Company is entitled, when applicable, to a performance fee calculated as follows.  
  
For each financial year during which the performance of the sub-fund is positive, a performance fee of 10% based on the difference between the NAV per share at the end of the current financial year (after accruals of all fees except the performance fee) (“Final NAV”) and the NAV per share at the end of the previous financial year (“Initial NAV”) expressed in percentage (the “Performance”), will be charged.  
  
The performance fee is accrued on each Valuation Day. If the NAV per share decreases during the calculation period, the accruals set aside for the performance fee shall be reduced accordingly. If these accruals are reduced to zero, no performance fee will be charged.  
  
The performance fee is payable only when a) the Performance is positive and b) the Final NAV per share is greater than the highest historical Final NAV per share over the entire life of the of the sub-fund on the basis of which a performance fee has been paid (“High-Water Mark” principle); in such cases, the performance fee applies to the difference between the Final NAV per share (after accruals of all fees except the performance fee) and that of the

High-Water Mark. If a performance fee is accrued at the end of the financial year, the performance fee will be paid to the Management Company the month following the end of the financial year.

Shareholders are informed that the performance fee is subject to the principle of crystallisation. When a redemption is performed on a Valuation day where a performance fee is accrued, the performance fee amount attributable to the redeemed shares shall be considered to be attributed to the Management Company and shall be paid at the end of the financial year in question. In case of a subscription, the performance fee calculation is adjusted to prevent this subscription affecting the performance fee accrual amount. The Performance of the NAV per share until the subscription date is not taken into account in the performance fee calculation for the purposes of this adjustment.

Investors are invited to read the appendix 1 "performance fees – examples of scenarios" of this Prospectus.

**The Depositary will be entitled to the following fees:**

- Custody fee** > Up to 0.05% p.a., based on the average net assets of the sub-fund
- Depositary fee** > Up to 0.03% p.a., based on the average net assets of the sub-fund, with a minimum of EUR 1,250 per month for the sub-fund.
- Cash flow monitoring fee** > Up to EUR 900 per month for the sub-fund.  
Sub-depositary fees and liquidation fees are billed separately. VAT will be added as applicable.
- Other Management Company and Central Administration fees** > Up to 1.00% annually, based on the average net asset of the sub-fund.
- Other fees and expenses** > In addition, the sub-fund will charge other operating fees as referred to in article 31 of the articles of incorporation of the SICAV.

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## MARKETING OF SHARES

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**Classes of shares offered for subscription**

	Class of shares	ISIN Code	Currency
>	Class A	LU2041695433	EUR
	Class AB	LU2117454103	EUR
	Class A-CHF	LU2453620564	CHF
	Class I	LU2117454285	EUR
	Class IB	LU2117454368	EUR

**Form of shares**

- > Shares may be issued as registered shares in the name of the investor in the register of shareholders. The shares may be held in custody through a recognized clearing system.

Shares may be issued in fractions up to the thousandth of a share.

**Minimum initial subscription**

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Class of shares	Minimum initial subscription
Class A	EUR 1,000
Class AB	EUR 1,000
Class A-CHF	CHF 1,000
Class I	EUR 1,000,000
Class IB	EUR 5,000,000

The board of directors of the SICAV may, at its sole discretion, decide, for all subscription orders received for a particular Valuation Day, to accept these subscription requests without applying the minimum subscription amount.

**Subscriptions, redemptions and conversions**

> Orders for subscription, redemption and conversion received before 3:00 pm with UI efa S.A. on a full Luxembourg bank business day before a given Valuation Day are accepted based on the NAV of that Valuation Day to which shall be added the fees indicated above in "COMMISSIONS AND FEES PAID BY THE SHAREHOLDERS" and "EXPENSES BORNE BY THE SUB-FUND".

Subscriptions and redemptions must be fully paid up within 3 full business days in Luxembourg following the applicable Valuation Day.

**Valuation Day**

> Each full bank business day in Luxembourg.

**Publication of NAV**

> Registered office of the SICAV.

**Listing on Luxembourg Stock Exchange**

> No

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**POINTS OF CONTACT**

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**Subscriptions, redemptions, conversions and transfers**

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## APPENDIX 1: PERFORMANCE FEES – EXAMPLES OF SCENARIOS

Investors are invited to note that the net asset values and performances mentioned in the present appendix 1 are per share.

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With respect to all share classes offered for subscription, examples of scenarios incorporating key elements of the performance fee based on a 10% rate:

Period	Initial NAV	Final NAV	High-Water Mark	Performance	Performance fee to be paid	Final NAV minus performance fee
1	100	110	100	10%	$(110 - 100) \times 10\% = 1$	109
2	109	150	109	37,61%	$(150 - 109) \times 10\% = 4,1$	145,9
3	145,9	145,9	145,9	0%	0	145,9
4	145,9	120	145,9	-17,75%	0	120
5	120	145	145,9	20,83%	0	145
6	145	180	145,9	24,14%	$(180 - 145,9) \times 10\% = 3,41$	176,59

#### Performance fees calculation formula

Aggregation of all classes of shares generates the net performance fee to pay for the whole fund. For each class of shares, a performance fee is calculated as follows:

*Net Performance fee to pay (1) = Gross Performance fee (2) - Cumulated performance retained on subscriptions adjusted for redemption (3)*

Where:

- *Gross Performance fee (2) = Shares Outstanding \* Over performance per share (10%) (4)*
  - Over performance per share (10%) (4) = NAV overperformance (5) \* 10%
  - NAV overperformance (5) = NAV per share before performance fee (6) – HWM (High-Water Mark) (7) (if NAV per share before performance fee (6) > HWM (High-Water Mark) (7))
  - NAV per share before performance fee (6) = Total Net Assets / Shares Outstanding
  - HWM (High-Water Mark) (7) = the highest historical Final NAV per share over the entire life of the of the sub-fund
- *Cumulated performance retained on subscriptions adjusted for redemption (3) = Previous Cumulated performance retained on subscriptions adjusted for redemption + Performance fee retained on Subscriptions (8) + Adjustment according to Redemptions (9)*
  - Performance fee retained on Subscriptions (8) = (NAV per share after performance (10) – HWM (High-Water Mark) (7)) \* Shares Subscribed \* 10%
  - Adjustment according to Redemptions (9) = - (Cumulated performance retained on subscriptions adjusted for redemption / Shares Outstanding) \* Shares Redeemed

- NAV per share after performance (10) = Total Net Assets after performance (11) / Shares Outstanding
- Total Net Assets after performance (11) = Total Net Assets - *Net Performance fee to pay at the end of the year (1)*

Performance fees due on redemptions = (*Net Performance fee to pay at the end of the year (1)*) / Shares Outstanding \* Shares Redeemed

Cumulated performance fees due on redemptions to pay at the end of the year = Previous Cumulated performance fees due on redemptions to pay at the end of the year + Performance fees due on redemptions

Reference NAV = NAV per share at the end of the previous financial year ("Initial NAV")

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

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## **SECTION I. - CORPORATE NAME - REGISTERED OFFICE - DURATION - CORPORATE OBJECT**

### **Article 1. Corporate name**

There exists between the subscriber(s) and all those who will become shareholders, a *société anonyme* in the form of a *Société d'investissement à capital variable* (SICAV), i.e. an open-ended investment company, **LUCELEN** ("Company").

### **Art. 2. Registered office**

The registered office of the Company is in Luxembourg City in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. The Company may, by decision of the board of directors, open branches or offices in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg or elsewhere. The registered office may be moved within the Municipality of Luxembourg by decision of the board of directors. If allowed by law, and to the extent of this authorisation, the board of directors may also decide to transfer the registered office of the Company to any other place in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

Should the board of directors deem that extraordinary political or military events have occurred or are imminent that could compromise normal activity at the registered office or ease of communications with this office or from this office to parties abroad, it may temporarily transfer the registered office abroad until the complete cessation of these abnormal circumstances. Such a temporary measure shall have no effect on the nationality of the Company, which, notwithstanding the temporary transfer of the registered office, shall remain a Luxembourg company.

### **Art. 3. Duration**

The Company is created for an indefinite period. It may be dissolved by a resolution of the general meeting of shareholders in the same way as for an amendment to the articles of incorporation.

### **Art. 4. Object**

The Company's sole object is to invest the funds at its disposal in transferable securities, money market instruments and other authorised assets authorised in Part I of the Luxembourg Law of 17 December 2010 on undertakings for collective investment ("Law of 2010"), in order to spread the investment risks and enable its shareholders to benefit from earnings generated from the management of its portfolio. The Company may take any measures and carry out any transactions that it deems necessary for the accomplishment and development of its object in the broadest sense permitted under Part I of the Law of 2010.

## **SECTION II. - SHARE CAPITAL - CHARACTERISTICS OF SHARES**

### **Art. 5. Share capital**

The Company's share capital is represented by fully paid-up shares without par value. The company's capital is expressed in euros and shall at all times be equal to the total net assets in euros of all sub-funds comprising the Company, as defined in article 13 of these articles of incorporation. The minimum share capital of the Company is one million two hundred and fifty thousand euros (€1,250,000.00) or the equivalent in another currency. The minimum share capital must be reached within six months starting from the registration of the Company.

## **Art. 6. Sub-funds and classes of shares**

Shares may, when decided by the board of directors, be from different sub-funds (which may be, on decision of the board of directors, denominated in different currencies) and the proceeds from the issue of shares in each sub-fund will be invested, in accordance with the investment policy decided by the board of directors, in accordance with the investment restrictions established by the Law of 2010 and from time to time by the board of directors.

The board of directors may decide, for any sub-fund, to create classes of shares, the features of which are described in the prospectus of the Company ("Prospectus").

The shares of one class may be distinguished from the shares of one or more classes by characteristics such as, among others, a particular fee structure, a distribution or a policy of hedging specific risks, that is determined by the board of directors. If classes are created, the references to the sub-funds in these articles of incorporation shall, to the extent required, be interpreted as references to these classes.

Each whole share gives its holder the right to vote at the general meetings of shareholders.

The board of directors may decide to split or to reverse split the shares of a sub-fund or of a class of shares of the Company.

## **Art. 7. Form of shares**

The shares are issued without par value and are fully paid-up. Any share of any sub-fund and any class in said sub-fund may be issued:

1. either in registered form in the name of the subscriber, recorded by subscriber's registration in the shareholders' register. The subscriber's registration in the register may be confirmed in writing. No registered share certificate will be issued.

The shareholders' register shall be kept by the Company or by one or more individuals or legal entities that the Company designates for this purpose. The registration must indicate each registered shareholder's name, their place of residence or elected domicile, number of registered shares held. All transfers of registered shares between living persons or as the result of a death will be recorded in the shareholders' register.

If a named shareholder fails to provide the Company with an address, this may be reported in the shareholders' register, and the shareholder's address shall be presumed to be at the Company's registered office or at any other address defined by the Company, until another address has been provided by the shareholder. Shareholders may at any time request that the address recorded for them in the shareholders' register be changed by sending a written notice to the Company at its registered office or any other address indicated by the Company.

The named shareholder must inform the Company of any change in personal information contained in the shareholders register to allow the Company to update said personal information.

2. either as un-certificated or certificated bearer shares. The board of directors may decide for any sub-funds or share classes that bearer shares will be issued only in the form of global certificate held in custody by a clearing and settlement system. The board of directors may also decide that bearer shares may be represented by single or multiple share certificates in the forms and denominations that the board of directors can decide but that will however only represent whole numbers of shares. When necessary, the portion of subscription proceeds exceeding the number of whole bearer shares will be automatically reimbursed to the subscriber. The costs involved in the physical delivery of single or multiple bearer share certificates may be invoiced to the applicant prior to being sent and the delivery of such certificates may depend on prior payment of such delivery fees. If a shareholder of bearer shares requests to change his certificates for certificates of a different denomination, he may be charged the cost of the exchange.

A shareholder may at any time request to convert his bearer shares to registered shares, or the inverse. In this case, the Company shall be entitled to charge the shareholder for any costs incurred.

As allowed by Luxembourg laws and regulations, the board of directors may decide, at its sole discretion, to require the exchange of bearer shares to registered shares provided that it publishes a notice in one or several newspapers determined by the board of directors.

Bearer share certificates are signed by two directors. Both signatures may be handwritten, printed, or stamped. However, one of the signatures may be affixed by a person delegated by the board of directors for this purpose, in which case it must be handwritten, if and where required by law. The Company may issue temporary certificates in forms determined by the board of directors.

Shares may be issued in fractions of shares, to the extent allowed in the Prospectus. The rights attached to fractions of shares are exercised in proportion to the fraction held by the shareholder, except for the voting right, which can only be exercised for a whole number of shares.

The Company only recognises one shareholder per share. If there are several owners of one share, the Company shall be entitled to suspend the exercise of all the rights attached to it until a single person has been designated as being the owner in the eyes of the Company.

#### **Art. 8. Issue and subscription of shares**

Within each sub-fund, the board of directors is authorised, at any time and without limitation, to issue additional fully paid-up shares, without reserving a pre-emptive subscription right for existing shareholders.

If the Company offers shares for subscription, the price per share offered, irrespective of the sub-funds and class in which the share is issued, shall be equal to the Net Asset Value of the share as determined pursuant to these articles of incorporation. Subscriptions are accepted on the basis of the price established for the applicable Valuation Day, as specified in the Prospectus of the Company. This price may be increased by fees and commissions, including a dilution levy, as stipulated in this Prospectus. The price thus determined will be payable within the normal deadlines as specified more precisely in the Prospectus and taking effect on the applicable Valuation Day.

Unless specified differently in the Prospectus, subscription requests may be expressed in the number of shares or by amount.

Subscription requests accepted by the Company are final and commit the subscriber except when the calculation of the net asset value of the shares for subscription is suspended. The board of directors, however, may but is not required to do so, agree to a modification or a cancellation of a subscription order when there is an obvious error on the part of the subscriber on condition that the modification or cancellation is not detrimental to the other shareholders in the Company. Moreover, the board of directors of the Company may, but is not required to do so, cancel the subscription request if the depositary has not received the subscription price within the common delays, such as determined in the Prospectus and starting as from the applicable Valuation Day. Subscription price already received by the depositary at the time of the cancellation's decision of subscription request will be returned to the subscribers concerned without application of interests.

The board of directors of the Company may also decide, at its own discretion, to cancel the initial offering subscription of shares for a sub-fund or a share class. In this case subscribers who have already made subscription requests will be informed in due form and, by way of derogation from the preceding paragraph, subscription requests received will be cancelled. Any subscription price that has been already received by the depositary will be returned to the subscribers concerned without application of interests.

In general, in case of refusal of a subscription request by the board of directors, any subscription price that has been already received by the depositary at the time of the refusal decision will be returned to

the subscribers concerned without application of interests, unless legal or regulatory provisions prevent or prohibit the return of the subscription price.

Shares are only issued on acceptance of a corresponding subscription order. For the shares issued upon acceptance of a corresponding subscription order but for which all or part of the subscription price will not have been received by the Company, the subscription price or the portion of the subscription price not yet received by the Company shall be considered as a receivable of the Company with respect to the subscriber concerned.

Subject to receipt of the full subscription price, the single or multiple bearer share certificates shall normally be delivered, if applicable, within the normal deadlines.

Subscriptions may also be made by contribution of transferable securities and other authorised assets other than cash, where authorised by the board of directors, which may refuse its authorisation at its sole discretion and without providing justification. Such securities and other authorised assets must satisfy the investment policy and restrictions defined for each sub-fund. They are valued according to the valuation principles specified in the Prospectus and these articles of incorporation. To the extent required by the amended Luxembourg Law of 10 August 1915 on commercial companies or by the board of director, such contributions shall be the subject of a report drafted by the Company's independent authorised auditor. The expenses related to subscription by in-kind contribution shall not be borne by the Company unless the board of directors considers that the in-kind subscription is favourable to the Company, in which case all or part of the costs may be borne by the Company.

The board of directors can delegate to any director or to any other legal person approved by the Company for such purposes, the tasks of accepting the subscriptions and receiving payments for the new shares to issue.

All subscriptions for new shares must, under pain of being declared null and void, be fully paid up. The issued shares carry the same rights as the shares existing on the day of issue.

The board of directors may refuse subscription requests, at any time, at its sole discretion and without providing justification.

## **Art. 9. Redemption of shares**

All shareholders are entitled at any time to request the Company to redeem some or all of the shares they hold.

The redemption price of a share shall be equal to its net asset value, as determined for each class of shares, according to these articles of incorporation. Redemptions are based on the prices established for the applicable Valuation Day determined according to this Prospectus. The redemption price may be reduced by the redemption fees, commissions and the dilution levy stipulated in this Prospectus. Payment of the redemption must be made in the currency of the class of shares and is payable in the normal deadlines, as set more precisely in the Prospectus and taking effect on the applicable Valuation Day, or on the date on which the share certificates will have been received by the Company, if this date is later.

Neither the Company nor the board of directors may be held liable for a failure to pay or a delay in payment of the redemption price if such a failure or delay results from the application of foreign exchange restrictions or other circumstances beyond the control of the Company and/or the board of directors.

All redemption requests must be submitted by the shareholder (i) in writing to the Company's registered office or to another legal entity designated by the Company for the redemption of shares or (ii) by requesting by any electronic means approved by the Company. The request must specify the name of the investor, the sub-fund, the class, the number of shares or the amount to be redeemed, and the payment instructions for the redemption price and/or any other information specified in the Prospectus or the redemption form available at the registered office of the Company or from another

legal person authorised to process share redemptions. The redemption request must be accompanied, as necessary, by the appropriate single or multiple bearer share certificate(s) issued and the necessary documents to perform their transfer, as well as any additional information requested by the Company or by any person authorised by the Company, before the redemption price can be paid.

Redemption requests accepted by the Company are final and commit the shareholder except when the calculation of the net asset value of the shares for redemption is suspended. However, the board of directors may, but is not required to do so, agree to modify or cancel a redemption request when there is an obvious error on the part of the shareholder that requested the redemption, on condition that the modification or cancellation is not detrimental to the other shareholders in the Company. Shares redeemed by the Company shall be cancelled.

When agreed by the shareholders concerned, the board of directors may, on a case-by-case basis, decide to make in-kind payments, while complying with the principle of equal treatment of shareholders, by allocating to or for shareholders that request redemption of their shares, transferable securities or assets other than transferable securities and cash from the portfolio of the sub-fund concerned, the value of which is equal to the redemption price of the shares. To the extent required by applicable laws and regulations or by the board of directors, all in-kind payments will be valued in a report prepared by the Company's independent authorised auditor and will be equitably conducted. The expenses related to redemptions by in-kind contribution shall not be borne by the Company unless the board of directors considers that the in-kind redemption is favourable to the Company, in which case all or part of the costs may be borne by the Company.

The board of directors can delegate to (i) any director or to (ii) any other legal person approved by the Company for such purposes the tasks of accepting the redemptions and paying the price for shares to redeem.

In the event of redemption and/or conversion in a sub-fund bearing on 10% or more of the net assets of the sub-fund or a threshold below 10% deemed critical by the board of directors, this latter may either:

- postpone the payment of the redemption price of such requests to a date at which the Company will have sold the necessary assets and it will have the proceeds from such sales;
- postpone whole or part of such requests to a later Valuation Day determined by the board of directors, when the Company will have sold the necessary assets, taking into consideration the interests of all shareholders and when it will have the proceeds from such sales. These requests shall be treated with priority over any other request.

In addition, the Company can postpone the payment of all requests for redemption and/or conversion for a sub-fund:

- if any one of the stock exchanges and/or other markets on which the sub-fund concerned were broadly exposed, in the opinion of the board of directors, were closed or;
- if transactions on stock exchanges and/or other markets on which the sub-fund concerned were broadly exposed, in the opinion of the board of directors, were restricted or suspended.

If, following the acceptance and execution of a redemption order, the value of the remaining shares held by the shareholder in the sub-fund or in the class of shares falls below a minimum amount as may be determined by the board of directors for the sub-fund or the class of shares, the board of directors can rightfully believe that the shareholder has requested the redemption of all of its shares held in that sub-fund or class of shares. The board of directors can, in this case at its sole discretion, execute a forced redemption of the remaining shares held by the shareholder in the sub-fund or the class concerned.

## **Art. 10. Conversion of shares**

Subject to any restrictions set by the board of directors, shareholders are entitled to switch from one sub-fund or one class of shares to another sub-fund or another class of shares and to request

conversion of the shares they hold in one sub-fund or one share class to shares belonging to another sub-fund or share class.

Conversion is based on the net asset values of the class of shares of the relevant sub-fund as determined in accordance with these articles of incorporation on the common Valuation Day set in accordance with the provisions of the Prospectus, taking into consideration any prevailing exchange rate between the currencies of the two sub-funds on the Valuation Day. The board of directors may set the restrictions that it deems necessary for the frequency of conversions. It may impose payment of conversion fees the amount of which it will reasonably determine.

Conversion requests accepted by the Company are final and commit the shareholder except when the calculation of the net asset value of the shares for conversion is suspended. The board of directors, however, may but is not required to do so, agree to a modification or a cancellation of a conversion request when there is an obvious error on the part of the shareholder that requested the conversion on condition that the modification or cancellation is not detrimental to the other shareholders in the Company.

All conversion requests must be submitted by the shareholder (i) in writing to the Company's registered office or to another legal entity designated by the Company for the conversion of shares or (ii) by requesting by any electronic means approved by the Company. The request must specify the name of the investor, the sub-fund, the class of shares held, the number of shares or the amount to convert, as well as the sub-fund and the class of shares to obtain in exchange and/or any other information specified in the Prospectus or the conversion form available at the registered office of the Company or from another legal person authorised to process share conversions. If any, it must be accompanied by single or collective bearer share certificates issued. If single and/or collective bearer share certificates can be issued for the class to which the conversion transaction is effected, new single and/or collective bearer share certificates can be reissued to the shareholder on express request of the shareholder in question.

The board of directors can set a minimum threshold for conversion of each class of shares. Such a threshold may be defined by the number of shares or by the amount.

The board of directors may decide to allocate any fractions of shares generated by the conversion or pay a cash amount corresponding to these fractions to the shareholders requesting conversion.

Shares which have been converted into other shares shall be cancelled.

The board of directors may delegate to any director or to any other legal person approved by the Company for such purposes the tasks of accepting the conversions and paying the price for shares to convert.

In the event of redemption and/or conversion in a sub-fund bearing on 10% or more of the net assets of the sub-fund or a threshold below 10% deemed critical by the board of directors, the board may either:

- postpone the payment of the redemption price of such requests to a date at which the Company will have sold the necessary assets and it will have the proceeds from such sales;
- postpone whole or part of such requests to a later Valuation Day determined by the board of directors, when the Company will have sold the necessary assets, taking into consideration the interests of all shareholders and when it will have the proceeds from such sales. These requests shall be treated with priority over any other request.

In addition, the Company may postpone the payment of all requests for redemption and/or conversion for a sub-fund:

- if any one of the stock exchanges and/or other markets on which the sub-fund concerned were broadly exposed, in the opinion of the board of directors, were closed or;
- if transactions on stock exchanges and/or other markets on which the sub-fund concerned were broadly exposed, in the opinion of the board of directors, were restricted or suspended.

The board of directors may reject all conversion request for an amount lower than the minimum conversion amount as set from time to time by the board of directors and indicated in the Prospectus. If, following the acceptance and execution of a conversion order, the value of the remaining shares held by the shareholder in the sub-fund or in a class of shares from which the conversion is requested falls below a minimum amount as may be determined by the board of directors for the sub-fund or the class of shares, the board of directors may rightfully believe that the shareholder has requested the conversion of all of its shares held in that sub-fund or class of shares. The board of directors may, in this case at its sole discretion, execute a forced conversion of the remaining shares held by the shareholder in the sub-fund of the class concerned in which the conversion is requested.

## **Art. 11. Transfer of shares**

All transfers, inter vivos or because of decease, of registered shares will be recorded in the shareholders' register.

Transfers of bearer shares represented by single or multiple bearer share certificates will be executed by the delivery of corresponding bearer shares represented by single or multiple bearer share certificates. The transfer of bearer shares, represented by global certificates of shares held in custody by a clearing and settlement system, will be executed by the registration of the shares transfer with the clearing entity in question.

The transfer of registered shares will be executed by recording in the register following remittance to the Company of the transfer documents required by the Company including a written declaration of transfer provided to the shareholders' register, dated and signed by the transferor and the transferee or by their duly authorised representatives.

The Company may, for bearer shares, consider the bearer and, for registered shares, consider the person in whose name the shares are recorded in the shareholders' register as the owner of the shares and the Company will incur no liability toward third parties resulting from transactions on these shares and shall rightfully refuse to acknowledge any rights, interests or pretensions of any other person on these shares; these provisions, however, do not deprive those who have the right to request to record registered shares in the shareholders' register or a change in the record in the shareholders' register.

## **Art. 12. Restrictions on the ownership of shares**

The Company may restrict, prevent or prohibit ownership of shares of the Company by any individual or legal entity, including by persons from the United States of America as defined hereinafter.

The Company may moreover issue restrictions that it deems necessary in order to make sure that no share of the Company is acquired or held by (a) a person who has violated the laws or requirements of any country or governmental authority, (b) any person whose situation, in the opinion of the board of directors, could lead the Company or its shareholders to incur a risk of legal, fiscal or financial consequences, that it would not have incurred or that it would not have otherwise incurred or (c) a person from the United States (each of these persons referred to in (a), (b) and (c) being defined hereinafter as a "Prohibited Person").

In this regard:

1. The Company may refuse to issue shares and record shares' transfer if it appears that this issue or transfer would or could result in a Prohibited Person being granted share ownership.
2. The Company may request any person included in the shareholders' register or requesting a shares' transfer to be recorded to provide it with all the information and certificates that it deems necessary, accompanied by a sworn statement if appropriate, in order to determine whether these shares are or will be effectively owned by a Prohibited Person.
3. The Company may carry out a forced redemption if it appears that a Prohibited Person, either acting alone or with others, has ownership of Company shares or it appears that confirmations given by a shareholder were not exact or have ceased to be exact. In this case, the following procedure shall be applied:
  - a) The Company shall send a notice (hereinafter the "redemption notice") to the shareholder owning the shares or indicated in the shareholders' register as being the owner of the shares. The redemption notice shall specify the shares to be redeemed, the redemption price to be paid and the location where this price is to be paid to the shareholder. The redemption notice may be sent by registered letter to the shareholder at the shareholder's last known address or to the address recorded in the shareholders' register. The shareholder in question shall be required to immediately return the single or multiple bearer share certificates specified in the redemption notice.

As soon as the offices are closed on the day specified in the redemption notice, the shareholder in question shall cease to be the owner of the shares specified in the redemption notice; if they are registered shares, the shareholder's name shall be removed from the shareholders' register; if they are bearer shares, the single or multiple bearer share certificates representing these shares shall be cancelled in the books of the Company.

- b) The price at which the shares specified in the redemption notice shall be repurchased ("redemption price") shall be the redemption price based on net asset value of the shares of the Company (appropriately reduced as specified in these articles of incorporation) immediately preceding the redemption notice. From the date of the redemption notice, the shareholder in question shall lose all shareholder's rights.
  - c) The payment shall be made in the currency determined by the board of directors. The redemption payment will be deposited by the Company for the shareholder in a bank, in Luxembourg or elsewhere, specified in the redemption notice, that will send it to the shareholder in question upon remittance of the certificate(s) indicated in the redemption notice. As soon as the redemption price has been paid under these conditions, no party with an interest in the shares mentioned in the redemption notice shall have any right over these shares or be able to take any action against the Company or its assets, with the exception of the right of the shareholder appearing as the owner of the shares to receive the redemption price (without interests) deposited at the bank upon delivery of the certificate(s) indicated in the redemption notice.
  - d) The Company's use of the powers conferred in this article may not, under any circumstances, be contested or invalidated on the grounds that there is insufficient proof of the ownership of the shares by any person or that a share belonged to another person who the Company had not recognised when sending out the redemption notice, provided the Company acts in good faith.
4. The Company may refuse, at any general meeting of the shareholders, the voting right to any Prohibited Person and to any shareholder to whom a redemption notice has been sent for the shares indicated in the redemption notice.

The term "person from the United States of America", as used in these articles of incorporation means any expatriate, citizen or resident of the United States of America or of one of the territories or possessions under its jurisdiction, or persons who normally reside there (including the succession of any persons or companies or associations established or organised there). This definition may be amended if necessary by the board of directors and specified in the Prospectus.

If the board of directors is aware or reasonably suspects that a shareholder owns shares and does not meet the required conditions for ownership stipulated for the sub-fund or the class of shares in question, the Company may:

- either execute a forced redemption of the shares in question in accordance with the procedure for redemption described above;
- or execute forced conversion of shares to shares in another class within the same sub-fund for which the shareholder in question meets the conditions of ownership (provided that a class exists with similar characteristics concerning, inter alia, the investment objective, the investment policy, the currency, the frequency of calculation of the net asset value, the distribution policy). The Company will inform the shareholder in question on this conversion.

### **Art. 13. Calculation of the net asset value of shares**

Regardless of the sub-fund and class in which a share is issued, the net asset value per share shall be determined at least twice a month in the currency chosen by the board of directors as a figure obtained by dividing the net assets of such sub-fund or such class on the Valuation Day defined in these articles of incorporation by the number of shares issued in that sub-fund and in that class.



**The valuation of the net assets of the different sub-funds shall be calculated as follows:**

The net assets of the Company consist of the Company's assets as defined hereinafter minus the Company's liabilities as defined hereinafter on the Valuation Day on which the net asset value of the shares is determined.

**I. The assets of the Company consist of:**

- a) all cash on hand or on deposit, including accrued and not paid interests;
- b) all bills and notes due on demand, as well as accounts receivable, including proceeds from the sale of securities, the price of which has not yet been collected;
- c) all securities, units, shares, bonds, option's or subscription's rights, and other investments and securities that are owned by the Company;
- d) all dividends and distributions due to the Company in cash or securities insofar as the Company could reasonably have knowledge thereof (the Company may nevertheless make adjustments to account for fluctuations in the market value of transferable securities caused by practices such as ex-dividend or ex-right trading);
- e) all accrued and outstanding interest generated by the securities owned by the Company, unless this interest is included in the principal amount of these securities;
- f) the Company's incorporation expenses, insofar as these have not been amortised;
- g) any other assets of any kind whatsoever, including prepaid expenses.

The value of these assets shall be determined as follows:

- a) The value of cash on hand or on deposit, bills and notes due on demand, accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, dividends, and interest declared or due but not yet received consists of the nominal value of these assets, unless it is unlikely that this value will be received, in which event, the value shall be determined by deducting an amount which the Company deems adequate to reflect the real value of these assets.
- b) The value of all transferable securities, money-market instruments and financial derivative instruments that are listed on a stock exchange or traded on another regulated market that operates regularly, and is recognised and open to the public, is determined based on the most recent available price.
- c) In the case of Company investments that are listed on a stock exchange or traded on another regulated market that operates regularly, is recognised and open to the public and traded by market makers outside the stock exchange on which the investments are listed or of the market on which they are traded, the board of directors may determine the main market for the investments in question that will be then evaluated at the last available price on that market.
- d) The financial derivative instruments that are not listed on an official stock exchange or traded on any another regulated operating market that is recognised and open to the public, shall be valued in accordance with market practices as may be described in greater detail in the Prospectus.
- e) Liquid assets and money market instruments may be valued at nominal value plus any interest or on an amortised cost basis. All other assets, where practice allows, may be valued in the same manner.
- f) The value of securities representative of an open-ended undertaking for collective investment shall be determined according to the last official net asset value per unit or according to the last estimated net asset value if it is more recent than the official net asset value, and provided that the Company is assured that the valuation method used for this estimate is consistent with that used for the calculation of the official net asset value.
- g) To the extent that
  - any transferable securities, money market instruments and/or financial derivative instruments held in the portfolio on the Valuation Day are not listed or traded on a stock exchange or other regulated market that operates regularly and is recognised and open to the public or,
  - for transferable securities, money market instruments and/or financial derivative instruments listed and traded on a stock exchange or on other market but for which the price determined pursuant to sub-paragraphs b) is not, in the opinion of the board of

directors, representative of the real value of these transferable securities, money market instruments and/or financial derivative instruments or,

- for financial derivative instruments traded over-the-counter and/or securities representing undertakings for collective investment, the price determined in accordance with subparagraphs d) or f) is not, in the opinion of the board of directors, representative of the real value of these financial derivative instruments or securities representing undertakings for collective investment,

the board of directors estimates the probable realisation value prudently and in good faith.

- h) Securities expressed in a currency other than that of the respective sub-funds shall be converted at the last known price. If such prices are not available, the currency exchange rate will be determined in good faith.
- i) If the principles for valuation described above do not reflect the valuation method commonly used on specific markets or if these principles of valuation do not seem to precise for determining the value of the Company's assets, the board of directors may set other principles for valuation in good faith and in accordance with the generally accepted principles and procedures for valuation.
- j) The board of directors is authorised to adopt any other principle for the evaluation of assets of the Company in the case in which extraordinary circumstances would prevent or render inappropriate the valuation of the assets of the Company on the basis of the criteria referred to above.
- k) In the best interests of the Company or of shareholders (to prevent *market timing* practices for example), the board of directors may take any appropriate measure such as applying a method for setting the fair value in order to adjust the value of the assets of the Company, as more fully described in the Prospectus.

## **II. The liabilities of the Company consist of:**

- a) all borrowings, bills and other accounts payable;
- b) all expenses, mature or due, including, if any, for the compensation of investment advisors, the portfolio managers, the Management Company, the depositary, the central administration, the domiciliary agent, representatives and agents of the Company,
- c) all known liabilities, whether due or not, including all matured contractual liabilities payable either in cash or in assets, including the amount of dividends declared by the Company but not yet paid if the Valuation Day coincides with the date on which the determination is made of the person who is or shall be entitled to them;
- d) an appropriate provision allocated for the subscription tax and other taxes on capital and incomes, accrued up until the Valuation Day and established by the board of directors, and other provisions authorised or approved by the board of directors;
- e) all of the Company's other commitments of whatever nature, with the exception of those represented by the shares of the Company. To value the amount of these commitments, the Company will take into consideration all expenses payable by it, including fees and expenses as described in article 31 of these articles of incorporation. To value the amount of these liabilities, the Company may take into account administrative and other regular or recurring expenses by estimating them for the year or any other period, and spreading the amount proportionally over that period.

## **III. The net assets** attributable to all the shares of a sub-fund are constituted by the assets of the sub-fund minus the liabilities of the sub-fund at the Valuation Day on which the net asset value of the shares is determined.

Without prejudice to the applicable legal and regulatory provisions, the net asset value of shares will be final and committing for all subscribers, shareholders that have requested redemption or conversion of shares and the other shareholders of the Company.

If, after closing of markets on a given Valuation Day, a substantial change affects the prices on the market on which a major portion of the assets of the Company are listed or traded or a substantial change affects the debts and commitments of the Company, the board of directors

may, but is not required to do so, calculate the net asset value per share adjusted for this Valuation Day taking into consideration the changes in question. The adjusted net asset per share will apply for subscribers and shareholders that have requested redemption or conversion of shares and other shareholders of the Company.

If there are any subscriptions or redemptions of shares in a specific class of a given sub-fund, the net assets of the sub-fund attributable to all the shares of this class shall be increased or reduced by the net amounts received or paid by the Company as a result of these shares' subscriptions or redemptions.

**IV.** The board of directors shall establish for each sub-fund a pool of assets that shall be attributed, as stipulated below, to the shares issued for the sub-fund concerned pursuant to the provisions of this article. In this regard:

1. The proceeds from the issue of shares belonging to a given sub-fund shall be attributed to that sub-fund in the Company's books, and the assets, liabilities, incomes and expenses related to that sub-fund shall be attributed to that sub-fund.
2. If an asset is derived from another asset, this derivative asset shall be attributed in the Company's books to the same sub-fund as the asset from which it was derived, and on each revaluation of an asset, the increase or decrease in value shall be attributed to the sub-fund to which the asset belongs.
3. When the Company has a liability that relates to an asset in a particular sub-fund or to a transaction conducted in regard to an asset of a particular sub-fund, the liability shall be attributed to that sub-fund.
4. If an asset or a liability of the Company cannot be attributed to a particular sub-fund, the asset or liability shall be attributed to all the sub-funds in proportion to the net values of the shares issued for the different sub-funds.
5. Following the payment of dividends to distribution shares belonging to a given sub-fund, the net asset value of the sub-fund attributable to these distribution shares shall be reduced by the amount of these dividends.
6. If several classes of shares have been created within a sub-fund in accordance with these articles of incorporation, the rules for allocation described above apply *mutatis mutandis* to these classes.

**V. For the purposes of this article:**

1. each share of the Company which is in the process of being redeemed shall be considered as a share which is issued and existing until the close of business on the Valuation Day applying to redemption of that share and its price shall, with effect from this date and until such time as its price is paid, be considered as a liability of the Company;
2. each share to be issued by the Company in accordance with subscription requests received shall be processed as having been issued starting from the close of business on the Valuation Day on which its issue price has been determined and its price shall be treated as an amount due to the Company until such time as the Company has received it;
3. all investments, cash balances or other assets of the Company expressed in a currency other than the respective currency of each sub-fund shall be valued taking into account the latest exchange rates available; and
4. any purchase or sale of securities made by the Company shall be effective on the Valuation Day insofar as this is possible.

**VI. Asset's pooling:**

1. The board of directors may invest and manage all or part of the common asset pools created for one or more sub-funds (hereinafter referred to as "Participating Funds") when application of this formula is useful in consideration of the sectors of investment concerned. Any extended pool of assets ("Extended Pool of Assets") will first be created by transferring the money or (in application of the limitations referred to below) other assets from each of the Participating Funds.

Subsequently, the board of directors may execute other transfers adding to the Extended Pool of Assets on a case-by-case basis. The board of directors may also transfer assets from the Extended Pool of Assets to the Participating Fund concerned. Assets other than liquidities may only be allocated to an Extended Pool of Assets when they belong to the investment sector of the Extended Pool of Assets concerned.

2. The contribution of a Participating Fund in an Extended Pool of Assets will be valued by reference to fictional units (“units”) having a value equivalent to that of the Extended Pool of Assets. In the creation of an Extended Pool of Assets, the board of directors will determine, at its sole and complete discretion, the initial value of a unit, and this value being expressed in the currency of the board of directors deems appropriate and will be assigned to each unit of the Participating Fund having a total value equal to the amount of liquidities (or to the value of the other assets) contributed. The fraction of units, calculated as specified in the Prospectus, shall be determined by dividing the net asset value of the Extended Pool of Assets (calculated as specified below) by the number of remaining units.
3. If liquidities or assets are contributed to or withdrawn from an Extended Pool of Assets, the assignment of units of the Participating Fund in question will, as the case may be, increased or decreased by the number of shares determined by dividing the amount of the liquidities or the value of the assets contributed or withdrawn by the current value of one unit. Cash contributions may, for calculation purposes, be processed after reducing their value by the amount that the board of directors deems appropriate to reflect the taxes, brokerage and subscription fees that may be incurred by the investment of the concerned liquidities. For cash withdrawals, a corresponding addition may be effected in order to reflect the costs likely to be incurred upon the sale of such the transferable securities and other assets that are part of the Extended Pool of Assets.
4. The value of the assets, withdrawn or contributed at any time in an Extended Pool of Assets and the net asset value of the Extended Pool of Assets shall be determined, *mutatis mutandis*, in accordance with the provisions of article 13, provided that the value of the assets referenced here above is determined on the day of said contribution or withdrawal.
5. The dividends, interests or other distributions having the character of an income received with respect to the assets belonging to a Extended Pool of Assets shall be immediately allocated to the Participating Fund, in proportion to the respective rights attached to the assets that comprise Extended Pool of Assets at the time they are received.

#### **Art. 14. Frequency and temporary suspension of the net asset value calculation, issues, redemptions and conversions of shares**

##### **I. Frequency of the net asset value calculation**

To calculate the per share issue, redemption and conversion price, the Company will calculate the net asset value of shares of each sub-fund on the day (defined as the “Valuation Day”) and in a frequency determined by the board of directors and specified in the Prospectus.

The net asset value of the classes of shares of each sub-fund will be expressed in the reference currency of the share class concerned.

##### **II. Temporary suspension of the net asset value calculation**

Without prejudice to any legal causes, the Company may suspend the calculation of the net asset value of shares and the subscription, redemption and conversion of its shares, generally or with respect to one or more specific sub-funds, if any of the following circumstances should occur:

- during all or part of a period of closure, restriction of trading or suspension of trading for the main stock markets or other markets on which a substantial portion of the investments of one or more sub-funds is listed, except during closures for normal holidays,
- when there is an emergency situation as a consequence of which the Company is unable to value or dispose of the assets of one or more sub-funds,
- in the case of the suspension of the calculation of the net asset value of one or more undertakings for collective investment in which a sub-fund has invested a major portion of its assets,

- when a service breakdown interrupts the means of communication and calculation necessary for determining the price or value of the assets or market prices for one or more sub-funds in the conditions defined in the first indent above,
- during any period in which the Company is unable to repatriate funds in order to make payments to redeem shares of one or more sub-funds or in which the transfers of funds involved in sale or acquiring investments or payments due for the redemption of shares cannot, in the opinion of the board of directors, be performed at normal exchange rates,
- in the case of the publication of (i) the notice for a general meeting of shareholders at which the dissolution and liquidation of the Company or sub-funds are proposed or (ii) of the notice informing the shareholders of the decision of the board of directors to liquidate one or more sub-funds, or to the extent that such a suspension is justified by the need to protect shareholders, (iii) of the meeting notice for a general meeting of the shareholders to deliberate on the merger of the Company or of one or more sub-funds or (iv) of a notice informing the shareholders of the decision of the board of directors to merge one or more sub-funds,
- when for any other reason, the value of the assets or the debts and liabilities attributable to the Company or to the sub-fund in question, cannot be promptly or accurately determined,
- for all other circumstances in which the lack of suspension could create for the Company, one of its sub-funds or shareholders, certain liabilities, financial disadvantages or any other damage that the Company, the sub-fund or its shareholders would not otherwise have experienced.

In case of temporary suspension of redemption, conversion or subscription of shares of a master UCITS, the Company may suspend, on its own initiative or on request of the competent authorities, the redemption, conversion or subscription of shares of the feeder sub-fund for a duration equal to that of the suspension imposed on the master UCITS.

The Company will inform the shareholders of such a suspension of the calculation of the net asset value, for the sub-funds concerned, in compliance with the applicable laws and regulations and according to the procedures determined by the board of directors. Such a suspension shall have no effect on the calculation of the net asset value, or the subscription, redemption or conversion of shares in sub-funds that are not involved.

### **III. Restrictions applicable to coming subscriptions and conversions into certain sub-funds**

A sub-fund may be closed definitively or temporarily to new subscriptions or to conversions applied for (but not for outgoing redemptions or conversions), if the Company deems that such a measure is necessary for the protection of the interests of existing shareholders.

## **SECTION III. - ADMINISTRATION AND MONITORING OF THE COMPANY**

### **Art 15. Directors**

The Company is managed by a board of directors composed of at least three members, who need not be shareholders. The directors are appointed by the general meeting of shareholders for a time that cannot exceed six years. All directors may be removed from office with or without a reason or be replaced at any time by a decision of the general meeting of shareholders.

Should a director position become vacant following death, resignation or for other reasons, it may be filled the vacancy on a provisional basis in observance of procedures laid down by law. In this case, the general meeting of shareholders shall make a final appointment at its next meeting.

### **Art 16. Meetings of the board of directors**

The board of directors will choose a chairman from among its members. It may also choose one or more vice-chairmen and appoint a secretary, who need not be a member of the board of directors. The board of directors meets at the invitation of the chairman, or failing this, of two directors. Meetings are called as often as the interests of the Company require and held at the place designated in the meeting notice. Meeting notices may be made by any means including verbally.

The board of directors may only validly deliberate and decide if at least half of its members are present or represented.

The meeting of the board of directors is presided by the chairman of the board of directors or, when absent, by one of the directors present chosen by the majority of the members of the board of directors present at the meeting of the board.

Any director may mandate, in writing, by fax, e-mail or any other means approved by the board of directors, including by any other means of electronic communication proving such proxy and authorised by law, another director to represent him at a meeting of the board of directors and vote therein at its location and place on the items in the agenda of the meeting. One director may represent several other directors.

The decisions are taken on the majority of the votes of directors present or represented. In the event of a tie vote, the person chairing the meeting has the tie-breaking vote.

In an emergency, directors may cast their vote on the items of the agenda by letter, fax, email or by any other means approved by the board of directors including by any other means of electronic communication proving such proxy and authorised by law.

All directors may participate in a meeting of the board of directors by telephone conference, video conference or by other similar means of communication that allows them to be identified. These means of communication must meet technical characteristics guaranteeing effective participation in the meeting of the board of directors, the deliberations of which are continuously retransmitted. The meeting held by such means of remote communication is deemed to take place at the registered office of the Company.

A resolution signed by all the members of the board of directors has the same value as a decision taken during a meeting of the board of directors. The signatures of directors may be placed on one or more copies of the same resolution. They may be approved by letter, fax, scan, telecopy or any other similar means, including any means of electronic communication authorised by law.

The deliberations of board meetings are recorded in minutes signed by all the board members present or by the chairman of the board or when absent by the director who chaired the meeting. Copies or extracts to be submitted for legal or similar purposes shall be signed by the chairman or managing director or two directors.

#### **Art 17. Powers of the board of directors**

The board of directors, in application of the principle of risks' spreading, has the power to determine the general focus of management and the investment policy as well as the code of conduct to follow in the administration of the Company.

The board of directors will also set all the restrictions that shall be periodically applicable to the Company's investments, in accordance with Part I of the Law of 2010.

The board of directors may decide that the Company's investments are made (i) in transferable securities and money market instruments listed or traded on a regulated market within the meaning of Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 21 April 2004 concerning the financial instruments markets, (ii) in transferable securities and money market instruments traded on another market in a Member State of the European Union that is regulated, operates regularly and is recognised and open to the public, (iii) in transferable securities and money market instruments admitted for official listing on a securities exchange in a country in Eastern or Western Europe, in Africa, in the American and Asian continents and in Oceania or traded on another market in the above-mentioned countries, on condition that such a market is regulated, operates regularly, and is recognised and open to the public, (iv) in newly issued transferable securities and money market instruments, provided that the conditions of issue include the commitment that the application for official listing on a securities exchange or on another above-mentioned regulated market has been

submitted and provided that the application has been executed within one year following the issue; as well as (v) in any other securities, instruments or other securities in accordance with the restrictions determined by the board of directors in compliance with applicable laws and regulations referred to in the Prospectus.

The board of directors may decide to invest up to 100% of the net assets of each sub-fund of the Company in different transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a non-Member State of the European Union approved by the Luxembourg supervisory authority, including Singapore, Brazil, Russia and Indonesia or by international public institutions of which one or more Member States of the European Union are members, any member of the OECD and any other State considered as appropriate by the board of directors with respect to the investment objective of the sub-fund in question, provided that, in the event in which the Company decides to avail itself of this provision, it holds, for the sub-fund, securities belong to at least six different issues and that the securities belonging to a single issue do not exceed thirty percent of the total amount of the net assets of the sub-fund concerned.

The board of directors may decide that the Company's investments are made in financial derivative instruments, including equivalent cash-settled instruments, traded on a regulated market as defined by the Law of 2010 and/or financial derivative instruments traded over-the-counter derivatives provided that, among others, that the underlying consists of instruments covered by article 41(1) of the Law of 2010, in financial indices, interest rates, foreign exchange rates or currencies, in which the Company is allowed to invest according to its investment objectives, as laid down in the Prospectus.

As allowed by the Law of 2010 and by applicable regulations and in respect of the provisions in the Prospectus, a sub-fund may subscribe for, acquire and/or hold shares to issue or already issued by one or more other sub-funds of the Company. In this case and in accordance with the conditions laid down by applicable Luxembourg laws and regulations, any voting rights attached to these shares are suspended as long as they are held by the sub-fund in question. Moreover, and as long as these shares are held by a sub-fund, their value shall not be taken into consideration in calculating the net assets of the Company for the purpose of verifying the minimum threshold of net assets imposed by the Law of 2010.

The board of directors may decide that the investments of a sub-fund are made in a manner that seeks to replicate the composition of an equities index or bond index provided that the index concerned is recognised by the Luxembourg supervisory authority as being adequately diversified, that it is a representative benchmark of the market to which it refers and is subject to appropriate publication.

The Company will not invest more than 10% of the net assets of a sub-fund in undertakings for collective investment as defined in article 41 (1) (e) of the Law of 2010 unless it is decided otherwise for a specific sub-fund in the corresponding fact sheets in the Prospectus. In accordance with applicable Luxembourg laws and regulations, the board of directors may, when it deems necessary and to the broadest extent allowed by the applicable Luxembourg regulations but in accordance with the provisions in the Prospectus, (i) create a sub-fund qualified as either a feeder UCITS or a master UCITS, (ii) convert an existing sub-fund into a feeder UCITS or (iii) change the master UCITS of one if its feeder sub-funds.

Anything that is not expressly reserved for the general meeting of shareholders by law or by the articles of incorporation falls within the powers of the board of directors.

#### **Art 18. Company's commitment to third parties**

With respect to third parties, the Company shall be validly bound by the joint signature of two directors or the sole signature of any other person to whom such powers of signature have been specially delegated by the board of directors.

### **Art 19. Delegation of powers**

The board of directors may delegate powers of day-to-day management of the Company's affairs, either to one or more directors, or to one or more other agents that do not necessarily have to be shareholders of the Company.

### **Art 20. Depositary**

The Company shall sign an agreement with a Luxembourg bank, under the terms of which the bank shall carry out the functions of depositary of the Company's assets, in accordance with the Luxembourg Law of 2010, as amended.

### **Art 21. Personal interest of the directors**

No contract or any transaction that the Company could enter into with any other company may be affected by or invalidated on account of one or more directors or representatives of the Company having an interest in such an other company, or because such a director or representative of the Company serves as director, partner, manager, official representative or employee of such a company. Any director or representative of the Company who serves as a director, partner, manager, representative or employee of any company with which the Company has signed contracts or with which this director or representative of the Company is otherwise engaged in business will not, as a result of such affiliation and/or relationship with such other company, be prevented from deliberating, voting and acting upon any matters with respect to such contracts or other business.

Should a director or representative of the Company have a personal interest in conflict with that of the Company in any business of the Company subject to the approval of the board of directors, this director or representative of the Company must inform the board of directors of this conflict. This director or representative of the Company will not deliberate and will not take part in the vote on this business. A report thereof should be made at the next shareholders' meeting.

The previous paragraph does not apply when the decision of the board of directors or of the director concerns common transactions concluded in ordinary conditions.

The term "Personal Interest" as it is used here above will not apply to the relations, interests, situations or transactions of any type involving any entity promoting the Company or, any subsidiary company of that entity or any other company or entity determined solely by the board of directors as long as such personal interest is not considered as a conflict of interest in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

### **Art 22. Compensation of directors**

The Company may compensate any director or authorised representative and their successors, testamentary executors or legal administrators for reasonable expenses incurred by them in relation with any action, process or procedure in which they participate or are involved due to the circumstance of their being a director or authorised representative of the Company, or due to the fact that they held such a post at the Company's request in another company in which the Company is a shareholder or creditor. This compensation applies to the extent that they are not entitled to compensation by the other entity, except concerning matters for which they are ultimately found guilty of gross neglect or poor management in the context of the action or procedure. In the event of an out-of-court settlement, such an indemnity shall only be granted if the Company is informed by its independent legal counsel that the person to be indemnified is not guilty of such breach of duty. The above-described right to compensation will not exclude other individual rights of these directors and representatives of the Company.

### **Art 23. Monitoring of the Company**

In compliance with the Law of 2010, all aspects of the assets of the Company shall be subject to the control of an authorised independent auditor. The statutory auditor will be appointed by the general



meeting of the shareholders. The authorised independent auditor may be replaced by the general meeting of the shareholders in conditions specified by applicable laws and regulations.

## **SECTION IV. - GENERAL MEETING**

### **Art. 24. Representation**

The general meeting of shareholders represents all shareholders. It has the most widest powers to order, carry out or ratify all acts relating to the operations of the Company.

The decisions of the general meeting of the shareholders are binding on all shareholders of the Company regardless of the sub-fund whose shares they hold. When the deliberation of the general meeting of shareholders has the effect of changing the respective rights of shareholders of different sub-funds, the deliberation shall, in compliance with applicable laws, also be deliberated by sub-funds concerned.

### **Art. 25. General meetings**

All general meetings of the shareholders are convened by the board of directors.

The general meeting of the shareholders is convened in the delays and in accordance with procedures laid down by law. If any bearer shares are in circulation, the meeting notice shall be published in the forms and the delays prescribed by law.

Holders of bearer shares must, to participate in general meetings, deposit their shares in an institution indicated in the meeting notice at least five calendar days prior to the date of the meeting.

In conditions laid down by applicable laws and regulations, the meeting notice for any general meeting of the shareholders may specify that the conditions of quorum and majority required shall be determined with respect to shares issued and outstanding as of a certain date and time preceding the meeting ("Date of Registration"), considering that a shareholder's right to participate in a general meeting of shareholders and to exercise the right to vote attached to its share(s) shall be determined according to the number of shares held by said shareholder on the Date of Registration.

The general meeting of shareholders shall be held in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, at the place indicated in the meeting notice, at any date and time decided by the board of directors but no later than within six months from the end of the Company's previous financial year, as disclosed in the Prospectus.

The board of directors may in accordance with applicable laws and regulations decide to hold a general meeting of the shareholders at another date and/or other time or other location than those specified in the preceding paragraph, provided that the meeting notice indicates this other date, other time or other place.

Other general meetings of shareholders of the Company or of sub-funds may be held at the locations and on the dates indicated in the respective notices of these meetings. Shareholders' meetings of sub-funds may be held to deliberate on any matter relating that concerns only those sub-funds. Two or more sub-funds may be considered as one single sub-fund if such sub-funds are affected in the same manner by the proposals requiring approval by shareholders of the sub-funds in question.

Moreover, any general meeting of the shareholders must be convened such that it is held within one month, when shareholders representing one tenth of the share capital submit a written request to the board of directors indicating the items to include on the meeting agenda.

One or more shareholders, together owning at least ten percent of the share capital, may request the board of directors to include one or more items in the meeting agenda of any general meeting of the shareholders. This request must be sent to the registered office of the Company by registered letter at least five days before the meeting.

Any general meeting of the shareholders may be held abroad if the board of directors, acting on its own authority, decides that this is warranted by exceptional circumstances.

The business conducted at a general meeting of shareholders shall be limited to the points contained in the agenda and to matters related to these points.

## **Art. 26. Meetings without prior convening notice**

A general meeting of the shareholders may be held without prior notice whenever all the shareholders are present or represented and they agree to be considered as duly convened and confirm they are aware of the agenda items for deliberation.

## **Art. 27. Votes**

Each share gives the right to one vote regardless of the sub-fund to which it belongs and irrespective of its net asset value in the sub-fund in which it is issued. A voting right may only be exercised for a whole number of shares. Any fractional shares are not considered in the calculation of votes and quorum condition. Shareholders may have themselves represented at shareholders' general meetings by a representative in writing, by fax or any other means of electronic communication capable of proving this proxy and allowed by law. Such a proxy will remain valid for any general meeting of shareholders reconvened (or postponed by decision of the board of directors) to pass resolutions on an identical meeting agenda unless said proxy is expressly revoked. The board of directors may also authorise a shareholder to participate in any general meeting of shareholders by video conference or by any other means of telecommunication that allows to identify the shareholder in question. These means must allow the shareholder to act effectively in such a meeting, that must be retransmitted in a continuous manner to said shareholder. All general meetings of shareholders held exclusively or partially by video conference or by any other means of telecommunication are deemed to take place at the location indicated in the meeting notice.

All shareholders have the right to vote by correspondence, using a form available at the registered office of the Company. Shareholders may only use proxy voting instructions forms provided by the Company indicating at least:

- the name, the address or the official registered office of the shareholder concerned,
- the number of shares held by the shareholder concerned participating in the vote indicating, for the shares in question, of the sub-fund and if any, of the class of shares, of which they are issued,
- the place, the date and the time of the general meeting of the shareholders,
- the meeting agenda,
- the proposals subject to the decision of the general meeting of the shareholders, as well as
- for each proposal, three boxes allowing the shareholder to vote for, against, or abstain from voting for any of the proposed resolutions by checking the appropriate box.

Voting forms that do not indicate the direction of the vote or abstention are void.

The board of directors may determine any other conditions that must be fulfilled by shareholders in order to participate in a general meeting of shareholders.

## **Art. 28. Quorum and majority requirements**

The general meeting of shareholders deliberates in accordance with the prescriptions of the amended Luxembourg Law of 10 August 1915 on commercial companies.

Unless otherwise required by laws and regulations or in these articles of incorporation, decisions of the general meeting of shareholders shall be taken by a majority of shareholders present and voting. The votes expressed do not include those attached to shares represented at the meeting of shareholders that have not voted, have abstained, or have submitted blank or empty proxy voting forms.

## **SECTION V. FINANCIAL YEAR – DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS**

### **Art. 29. Financial year and accounting currency**

The financial year shall begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January each year and end on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of the same year.

The Company's accounts shall be expressed in the currency of the share capital of the Company as indicated in article 5 of these articles of incorporation. Should there be multiple sub-funds, as laid down in these articles of incorporation, the accounts of those sub-funds shall be converted into the

currency of the Company's share capital and combined for the purposes of establishing the financial statements of the Company.

In compliance with the provisions of the Law of 2010, the annual financial statements of the Company shall be examined by the independent authorised auditor appointed by the Company.

### **Art. 30. Distribution of annual profits**

In all sub-funds of the Company, the general meeting of shareholders, on the proposal of the board of directors, shall determine the amount of the dividends or interim dividends to distribute to distribution shares, within the limits prescribed by the Luxembourg Law of 2010. The proportion of distributions, incomes and capital gains attributable to accumulation shares will be capitalised.

The board of directors may declare and pay interim dividends in relation to distribution shares in all sub-funds, subject to the applicable laws and regulations.

Dividends may be paid in the currency chosen by the board of directors at the time and place of its choosing and at the exchange rate in force on the payment date. Any declared dividend that has not been claimed by its beneficiary within five years of its allocation may no longer be claimed and shall revert to the Company. No interest will be paid on a dividend declared by the Company and held by it or by any other representative authorised for this purpose by the Company, at the disposal of its beneficiary.

In exceptional circumstances, the board of directors may, at its sole discretion, allow an in-kind distribution on one or more securities held in the portfolio of a sub-fund, provided that such an in-kind distribution applies to all shareholders of the sub-fund concerned, notwithstanding the class of share held by the shareholder concerned. In such circumstances, the shareholders will receive a portion of the assets of the sub-fund assigned to the class of shares in proportion to the number of shares held by the shareholders of that class of shares.

### **Art. 31. Expenses borne by the Company**

The Company shall be responsible for the payment of all of its operating expenses, in particular:

- fees and reimbursement of expenses to the board of directors;
- compensation of investment advisors, investment managers, the Management Company, the depositary, its central administration, authorised representatives of the financial department, paying agents, independent authorised auditor, legal advisors of the Company as well as other advisors or agents which the Company may call upon;
- brokerage fees;
- the fees for the production, printing and distribution of the Prospectus, the key investor information document, and the annual and half-year reports;
- the printing of single or multiple bearer share certificates;
- fees and expenses incurred in the set-up of the Company;
- taxes and duties, including the subscription tax and governmental rights related to its activity;
- insurance costs of the Company, its directors and managers;
- fees and expenses related to the Company's registration and continued registration with government organisations and Luxembourg and foreign stock exchanges;
- expenses for publication of the net asset value and the prices of subscription and redemption or any other document including the expenses for the preparation and printing in all languages deemed useful in the interest of the shareholders;
- expenses related to the sales and distribution of the shares of the Company including the marketing and advertising expenses determined in good faith by the board of directors of the Company;
- expenses related to the creation, hosting, maintenance and updating of the Company's Internet sites;
- legal expenses incurred by the Company or its depositary when acting in the interests of the Company's shareholders;
- legal expenses of directors, partners, managers, official representatives, employees and agents of the Company incurred by themselves in relation with any action, lawsuit or process in which they are involved in consequence of they are or have been directors, partners, managers, official representatives, employees and agents of the Company.
- all exceptional expenses, including, but without limitation, legal expenses, interests and the total amount of all taxes, duties, rights or any similar expenses imposed on the Company or its assets.

The Company is a single legal entity. The assets of a given sub-fund shall only be liable for the debts, liabilities and obligations concerning that sub-fund. Expenses that cannot be directly attributed to a particular sub-fund shall be spread across all sub-funds in proportion to the net assets of each sub-fund.

The incorporation fees of the Company may be amortised over a maximum of five years starting from the date of launching of the first sub-fund, in proportion to the number of operational sub-funds, at that time.

If a sub-fund is launched after the launch date of the Company, the set-up expenses for the launch of the new sub-fund shall be charged solely to that sub-fund and may be amortised over a maximum of five years from the sub-fund's launch date.

## **SECTION VI. - LIQUIDATION / MERGER**

### **Art. 32. Liquidation of the Company**

The Company may be dissolved by a resolution of the general meeting of shareholders acting in the same way as for an amendment to the articles of incorporation.

In the case of the Company's dissolution, the liquidation shall be managed by one or more liquidators appointed in accordance with the Luxembourg Law of 2010, the amended Law of 10 August 1915 on commercial companies and the present Company's articles of incorporation. The net proceeds from the liquidation of each sub-fund shall be distributed, in one or more payments, to shareholders in the class in question in proportion to the number of shares they hold in that class. In respect of the principle of equal treatment of shareholders, all or part of the net liquidation proceeds may be paid in cash or in kind in transferable securities and other assets held by the Company. An in-kind payment will require the prior approval of the shareholder concerned.

Amounts not claimed by shareholders at the close of liquidation shall be consigned with the *Caisse de Consignation* in Luxembourg. If not claimed within the legally prescribed period, the amounts thus consigned shall be forfeited.

If the Company's share capital falls below two-thirds of the minimum capital required, the directors must refer the question of dissolution of the Company to a general meeting of shareholders, for which no quorum shall be required and which shall decide by a simple majority of the shares present or represented at the meeting.

If the Company's share capital falls below a quarter of the minimum capital required, the directors must refer the question of the Company's dissolution to a general meeting of shareholders, for which no quorum shall be required; dissolution may be decided by shareholders holding one quarter of the shares present or represented at the meeting.

The meeting notice must be made in such a manner that the general meeting of shareholders is held within forty (40) days of the assessment that the net assets have fallen below two-thirds or one-quarter of the minimum share capital.

### **Art. 33. Liquidation of sub-funds or classes**

The board of directors may decide to liquidate a sub-fund or a class of the Company, in the case where (1) the net assets of the sub-fund or of the class of the Company are lower than an amount deemed insufficient by the board of directors or (2) when there is a change in the economic or political situation relating to the sub-fund or to the class concerned or (3) economic rationalisation or (4) the interest of the shareholders of the sub-fund or of the class justifies the liquidation. The liquidation decision shall be notified to the shareholders of the sub-fund or of the class and the notice will indicate the reasons. Unless the board of directors decides otherwise in the interest of the shareholders or to ensure egalitarian treatment of shareholders, the shareholders of the sub-fund or of the class concerned may continue to request redemption or conversion of their shares, taking into consideration the estimated amount of the liquidation fees.

In the case of a liquidation of a sub-fund and in respect of the principle of equal treatment of shareholders, all or part of the net liquidation proceeds may be paid in cash or in-kind in transferable securities and other assets held by the sub-fund in question. An in-kind payment will require the prior approval of the shareholder concerned.

The net proceeds of liquidation may be distributed in one or more payments. The net proceeds of liquidation that cannot be distributed to shareholders or creditors at the time of closure of the liquidation of the sub-fund or of the class concerned shall be deposited at the Caisse de Consignation on behalf of their beneficiaries.

In addition, the board of directors may recommend the liquidation of a sub-fund or of a class to the general meeting of the shareholders of this sub-fund or of this class. The general meeting of the shareholders will be held without a quorum requirement and the decisions taken will be adopted on simple majority of the votes expressed.

In the case of the liquidation of a sub-fund that would result in the Company ceasing to exist, the liquidation will be decided by a meeting of shareholders to which would apply the conditions of quorum and majority that apply for a modification of these articles of incorporation, as laid down in article 32 above.

#### **Art. 34. Merger of sub-funds**

The board of directors may decide to merge sub-funds by applying the rules for merger of UCITS laid down in the Law of 2010 and its regulatory implementations. The board of directors may however decide that the decision to merge shall be passed to the general meeting of shareholders of the absorbed sub-fund(s). No quorum is required for this general meeting and the decisions shall be approved by simple majority of the votes cast.

If, following the merger of sub-funds, the Company ceases to exist, the merger shall be decided by the general meeting of shareholders held in the conditions of quorum and majority required for amending these articles of incorporation.

#### **Art. 35. Forced conversion of one class of shares to another class of shares**

In the same circumstances as those described in article 33 above, the board of directors may decide to force the conversion of one class of shares to another class of shares of the same sub-fund. This decision and the related procedures are notified to the shareholders concerned by notice or publication in accordance with the provisions in the Prospectus. The publication will contain the information on the new class. The publication will be made at least one month before the forced conversion becomes effective in order to allow the shareholders to apply for redemption or conversion of their shares into other classes of shares of the same sub-fund or into classes of another sub-fund, without redemption fees except for such fees if any that are paid to the Company as specified in the Prospectus, before the transaction becomes effective. At the end of this period, all remaining shareholders will be bound by the forced conversion.

#### **Art. 36. Division of sub-funds**

In the same circumstances as those described in article 33 above, the board of directors may decide to reorganise a sub-fund by dividing it into several sub-funds of the Company. The division of a sub-fund may also be decided by the shareholders of the sub-fund that may be divided at a general meeting of the shareholders of the sub-fund in question. No quorum is required for this general meeting and the decisions shall be approved by simple majority of the votes cast.

#### **Art. 37. Division of classes**

In the same circumstances as those described in article 33 above, the board of directors may decide to reorganise a class of shares by dividing it into several classes of shares of the Company. Such a division may be decided by the board of directors if needed in the best interest of the concerned shareholders. This decision and the related procedures for dividing the class are notified to the shareholders concerned by notice or publication in accordance with the provisions in the Prospectus. The publication will contain the information on the new classes thus created. The publication will be made at least one month before the division becomes effective in order to allow the shareholders to apply for redemption or conversion of their shares, without redemption or conversion fees, before the

transaction becomes effective. At the end of this period, all remaining shareholders will be bound by the decision.

## **SECTION VII. - AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION- - APPLICABLE LAW**

### **Art. 38. Amendments to the articles of incorporation**

These articles of incorporation may be amended by a general meeting of shareholders subject to the quorum and majority conditions required under Luxembourg law. Any amendment to the articles of incorporation affecting the rights of shares belonging to a particular sub-fund in relation to the rights of shares belonging to other sub-funds, and any amendment to the articles of incorporation affecting the rights of shares in one class of shares in relation to the rights of shares in another class of shares, shall be subject to the quorum and majority conditions required by the amended Luxembourg Law of 10 August 1915 on commercial companies.

### **Art. 39. Applicable law**

For any points not specified in these articles of incorporation, the parties shall refer to and be governed by the provisions of the Luxembourg Law of 10 August 1915 on commercial companies and its amendments, together with the Law of 2010.