

# **Prospectus**

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# **PI Solutions**

Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable A Luxembourg Investment Fund

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## **Definitions**

"Agent" Any entity appointed directly or indirectly by the Management Company for the purposes

of facilitating subscriptions, conversions or redemptions of Shares in the SICAV.

"AIF" An alternative investment fund within the meaning of AIFMD.

"AIFM" An alternative investment fund manager within the meaning of AIFMD. The AIFM of the

SICAV is Amundi Luxembourg S.A.

"AIFM Law" The law of 12 July 2013 on alternative investment fund managers, as may be amended from

time to time.

"AIFMD" The European Parliament and Council Directive 2011/61/EU of the European Parliament

and of the Council of 8 June 2011 on alternative investment fund managers, as may be

amended from time to time.

"Articles" The articles of incorporation of the SICAV, as may be amended from time to time.

"Base Currency" The assets and liabilities of a Sub-Fund are valued in its Base Currency and the financial

statements of the Sub-Funds are expressed in the Base Currency.

"Board",

"Board of Directors",

"Directors"

The members of the board of directors of the SICAV for the time being and any duly constituted committee thereof and any successors to such members as may be appointed

from time to time.

"Business Day"

A full day on which banks and the stock exchange are open for business in Luxembourg

City or, in the case of some Sub-Funds, in other jurisdictions as the case may be.

"Class" A class of Shares within a Sub-Fund of the SICAV.

"Emerging Markets" Countries generally considered to be a country defined as an emerging or developing

economy by the World Bank or its related organizations or the United Nations or its authorities or those countries represented in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index or other

comparable index.

"EU" European Union.

"Investment Grade" A debt or debt-related instrument that is rated at least BBB- by Standard & Poor's, is rated

the equivalent by any other internationally recognised statistical rating organisation, or

considered to be of comparable quality by the Management Company.

"Law of 17 December The law of 17 December 2010 on undertakings for collective investment, as amended."

2010"

"Management Company"

Amundi Luxembourg S.A.

"Member State"

A member State of the EU.

"MiFID II"

Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments, as may be amended from time to time.

"Net Asset Value"

The Net Asset Value per Share as determined for each Class shall be expressed in the Pricing Currency of the relevant Class and shall be calculated by dividing the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund attributable to the relevant Class which is equal to (i) the value of the assets attributable to such Class and the income thereon, less (ii) the liabilities attributable to such Class and any provisions deemed prudent or necessary, through the total number of Shares of such Class outstanding on the relevant Valuation Day.

"OECD"

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

"Other Regulated Market"

Market which is regulated, operates regularly and is recognised and open to the public, namely a market (i) that meets the following cumulative criteria: liquidity; multilateral order matching (general matching of bid and ask prices in order to establish a single price); transparency (the circulation of complete information in order to give clients the possibility of tracking trades, thereby ensuring that their orders are executed on current conditions); (ii) on which the securities are dealt in at a certain fixed frequency, (iii) which is recognized by a State or by a public authority which has been delegated by that State or by another entity which is recognized by that State or by that public authority such as a professional association and (iv) on which the securities dealt are accessible to the public.

"Other State"

Any country which is not a Member State.

"Pricing Currency"

The currency in which the Shares in a particular Class within a Sub-Fund are issued.

"Professional Investors"

A professional investor is an investor who possesses the experience, knowledge and expertise to make its own investment decisions and properly assess the risks that it incurs and meets the criteria laid down in Annex II of MiFID II, (e.g. credit institutions; investment firms; other authorised or regulated financial institutions; insurance companies; collective investment schemes and management companies of such schemes; pension funds and management companies of such funds; commodity and commodity derivatives dealers; locals or other institutional investors).

"Prospectus"

This prospectus of the SICAV, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

"Reference Currency"

The currency in which the combined accounts of the SICAV are maintained. The Reference Currency is the Euro.

"Regulated Market"

A regulated market as defined in paragraph 14 of Article 4 of the Parliament and Council Directive 2004/39/EC of 21 April 2004 on markets in financial instruments as amended ("Directive 2004/39/EC") A list of regulated markets is available from the European Commission or at the following internet address:

http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2010:348:0009:0015:EN:PDF.

"Regulatory Authority"

The Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier, being the Luxembourg authority in charge of the supervision of UCIs in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (or any successor body).

"Share" or "Shares"

Shares of any Class in the SICAV.

"Shareholder"

A holder of Shares in the SICAV.

"SICAV"

PI Solutions.

"Sub-Fund"

A sub-fund of the SICAV.

"UCI"

Undertaking for collective investment.

"U.K."

The United Kingdom.

"U.S.A." or "U.S."

The United States of America.

"Valuation Day"

The Business Day on which the Net Asset Value per Share is calculated as determined in Appendix I of the Prospectus for each Sub-Fund individually by reference to the value of the underlying assets of the relevant Class within the relevant Sub-Fund.

## **Important Information**

#### **General Notice**

This Prospectus contains information about the SICAV that a prospective investor should consider before investing therein and should be retained for future reference. If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Prospectus you should consult your financial adviser.

The Directors have taken all reasonable care to ensure that the facts stated in this Prospectus are, at the date of this Prospectus, true and accurate in all material respects and no material facts are omitted which would make such information misleading. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

This Prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any Shares in any jurisdiction where such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer in such jurisdiction. The distribution of the Prospectus and/or the offer and sale of the Shares in certain jurisdictions or to certain investors, may be restricted or prohibited by law. Investors should note that some or all Sub-Funds and/or Classes may not be available to investors. Investors should request their financial adviser to provide them information about which Sub-Funds and/or Classes are offered in their country of residence.

The Shares under this Prospectus are solely advised on, offered or sold to Professional Investors, unless otherwise specified for a particular Sub-Fund in Appendix I. As a consequence, no key information documents for packaged retail and insurance-based investment products (PRIIPs) are intended to be issued.

Prospective investors should inform themselves as to the legal requirements and tax consequences within the countries of their residence and domicile for the acquisition, holding or disposal of Shares and any foreign exchange restrictions that may be relevant to them.

No distributor, agent, salesman or other person has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained in the Prospectus and the Articles in connection with the offer of Shares, and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the SICAV or the Registrar and Transfer Agent.

The Shares represent undivided interests solely in the assets of the SICAV. They do not represent interests in or obligations of, and are not guaranteed by any government, the Depositary, the Management Company and the Investment Managers (as defined hereinafter) or any other person or entity.

The SICAV, in its sole discretion and in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Prospectus, the Articles and any applicable law, may refuse to register any transfer in the register of Shareholders or may compulsorily redeem any Shares acquired in contravention of the provisions of the Prospectus, the Articles or any applicable law.

The SICAV, Management Company and its service providers and Agents may use telephone recording procedures to record, inter alia, transactions, orders or instructions. By giving instructions or orders by telephone, the counterparty to such transactions is deemed to consent to the tape recording of conversations between the counterparty and the SICAV, Management Company or its appointed service providers or Agents and to the use of any tape recordings by the SICAV, Management Company, its service providers or Agents in legal proceedings or otherwise at their discretion.

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 its 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.

This Prospectus and any supplement may be translated into other languages. Any translation shall contain the same information and have the same meaning as the English language Prospectus and supplements. To the extent that there is any inconsistency between the English language Prospectus or supplement and the Prospectus or supplement in another language, the English language Prospectus or supplement will prevail. Any further country specific information which is required as part of the offering documents in a particular country will be provided in accordance with laws and regulations of that country.

Investing in the sicav involves risk including the possible loss of capital. Investors are advised to read the prospectus carefully, in particular the special risk considerations in Appendix II.

#### **Data Protection**

By subscribing for Shares of the SICAV, the investor expressly authorises the Management Company to collect on an ongoing basis, store and process certain information concerning the investor, such as identification, address and amount of the investment and any other data relating to the investor's transactions in the SICAV (the "Personal Data") by electronic or other means. The Management Company reserves the right to delegate the processing of this Personal Data to delegates or Agents located in countries outside Luxembourg (together the "Processor(s)"). Processors may in particular be any entity belonging to the Société Générale group of companies (including Société Générale Global Solution Centre Pvt. Ltd in India) for the purposes of performing and developing the business relationship, performing any operational support task in relation to investor transactions, as well as for the purposes of fulfilling applicable anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing obligations but also for avoiding investment fraud, as well as in compliance with the obligations of the OECD Common Reporting Standard ("CRS"). Personal Data may in particular be required for tax purposes. Personal Data may be shared as required by applicable law or regulation (Luxembourg or otherwise), in particular with Luxembourg authorities which may exchange that information with other national authorities, including tax authorities.

The investor commits to provide the Processors with the information required for CRS purposes along with the required supporting documentary evidence. The investor undertakes to inform its Controlling Persons (who are natural persons exercising control over an entity, as defined by CRS), if applicable, of the processing of their Personal Data.

The investor may refuse to communicate Personal Data to the Management Company, however, this may prevent processing of transactions in the Shares.

Personal Data is required to enable the Management Company to provide the services requested by the investor and to comply with its legal obligations.

The Management Company undertakes not to transfer the investor's Personal Data to third parties other than Processors except as required by law or with the prior consent of the investor. The investor has the right to oppose to the use of Personal Data for marketing purposes.

The investor has a right of access to Personal Data and to its rectification where it is inaccurate and incomplete. The investor may exercise these rights by contacting the Management Company.

Unless otherwise required for legal reasons, investor-related Personal Data will not be retained for longer than the time required for processing purposes, in principle during the duration of the business relationship between the investor and the SICAV and for one year thereafter unless otherwise required by law.

# Information for the Shareholders

Audited annual reports and unaudited semi-annual reports will be mailed free of charge by the Management Company to the Shareholders upon request and will be available at the registered office of the SICAV, Management Company/Distributor or Agents (if any) as well as at the offices of the information agents of the SICAV in any country where the SICAV is marketed.

Any other financial information concerning the SICAV or the Management Company, including:

- → the periodic calculation of the Net Asset Value per Share,
- → the issue, conversion and the redemption prices,
- → historical performance,
- → risk profiles,
- → description of risk management,
- → leverage,
- → identification of situations with potential conflicts of interest, and
- → voting rights policy,

will be made available at the registered office of the Management Company and the Depositary. Any other substantial information concerning the SICAV may be notified to Shareholders in such manner as may be specified from time to time by the Management Company.

Copies of this Prospectus may be obtained from:

Amundi Luxembourg S.A.

5, Allée Scheffer L-2520 Luxembourg

#### Also available from:

- → Société Générale Bank & Trust, the Depositary and Paying Agent, the Administrator and the Registrar and Transfer Agent;
- → the local information agents in each jurisdiction where the SICAV is marketed.

### **Queries and Complaints**

Any person who would like to receive further information regarding the SICAV or wishes to make a complaint about the operation of the SICAV should contact the compliance officer, Amundi Luxembourg S.A., 5, Allée Scheffer, L-2520 Luxembourg.

## The SICAV

#### Structure

PI Solutions is an investment company incorporated under the laws of Luxembourg as a *Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable* (investment company with variable share capital) in accordance with the provisions of Part II of the Law of 17 December 2010. The SICAV is created as an umbrella fund which may comprise one or several separate Sub-Funds. The SICAV was incorporated for an unlimited period on 10 April 2014. The Articles have been published in the Mémorial C for the first time on 25 April 2014 and have been amended on 30 June 2016. The SICAV is registered with the Luxembourg Trade and Companies Register (*Registre de Commerce et des Sociétés* – R.C.S.) under number B-186248.

The SICAV's initial capital is of thirty one thousand Euro (EUR 31,000.-) divided into three hundred and ten (310) Shares of no par value. The SICAV's capital is represented by fully paid up Shares of no par value.

At all times the SICAV's capital will be equal to the Net Asset Value of the SICAV and will not fall below the minimum capital required by Luxembourg law.

The SICAV has appointed Amundi Luxembourg S.A. (the "Management Company") as its management company, within the meaning of the Law of 17 December 2010. Further details on the Management Company are provided below under the section "Management Company". The Management Company is responsible, subject to the overall supervision of the Directors, for the provision of investment management services, administrative, marketing and distribution services to the SICAV.

The Board of Directors, of which further information may be found below, is responsible for the overall management and control of the SICAV in accordance with the Articles. The Board of Directors is further responsible for the implementation of the investment objective and policies of the SICAV as well as for oversight of the administration and operations of the SICAV.

The members of the Board of Directors will receive periodic reports from the Management Company and/or the Administrator detailing the performance and analysing the investment portfolio of the SICAV.

The Board of Directors shall have the broadest powers to act in any circumstances on behalf of the SICAV, subject to the powers reserved by law to the Shareholders.

The SICAV qualifies as an alternative investment fund ("AIF") under Directive 2011/61/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2011 on alternative investment fund managers ("AIFMD") and the Luxembourg law of 12 July 2013 in this connection, as may be amended from time to time (the "AIFM Law").

The Management Company has also been appointed as alternative investment fund manager ("AIFM") of the SICAV within the meaning of the AIFMD and the AIFM Law. It is thus responsible, among others, for portfolio management and risk management functions.

#### **Investment Objective**

The Board of Directors shall have power to determine the corporate and investment objective and policy of the SICAV, and the course of conduct of the management and business affairs of the SICAV.

Investors have the opportunity to invest in one or more Sub-Funds and thus determine their own preferred exposure on a region by region and/or asset class by asset class basis. The specific information concerning each Sub-Fund is detailed in Appendix I of the Prospectus.

The investment objectives and policies of the Sub-Funds are determined jointly by the SICAV and the Management Company. The SICAV and the Management Company may change the investment objective and policy of the Sub-Funds, subject to the approval of

the Regulatory Authority. In such case, Shareholders will be duly informed of such changes prior to implementation and the Prospectus will be amended accordingly.

#### Sub-Funds

As indicated above the SICAV may comprise a number of Sub-Funds. A separate pool of assets is maintained for each Sub-Fund and is invested in accordance with the investment objective applicable to the relevant Sub-Fund. This structure enables investors to choose between one or more investment objectives by investing in the various Sub-Fund(s). Investors may choose which Sub-Fund(s) are most appropriate for their specific risk and return expectations as well as their diversification needs.

Each Sub-Fund corresponds to a distinct part of the assets and liabilities of the SICAV. For the purposes of the relations as between Shareholders, each Sub-Fund is deemed to be a separate entity. The rights of Shareholders and creditors in respect of a Sub-Fund which have arisen in connection with the creation, operation or liquidation of a Sub-Fund are limited to the assets of that Sub-Fund. The assets of a Sub-Fund are exclusively available to satisfy the rights of Shareholders in relation to that Sub-Fund and the rights of creditors whose claims have arisen in connection with the creation, operation or liquidation of that Sub-Fund.

#### **Shares**

The Directors may decide to create Shares of different classes (individually a "Class" and collectively the "Classes") in each Sub-Fund. Within each Sub-Fund the assets of each Class are commonly invested according to the investment policy of the Sub-Fund and investors may choose from alternative Class features most suited to their individual circumstances, according to the amount subscribed, the length of time they expect to hold their Shares, and other personal investment criteria.

Shares of the various Classes within the Sub-Funds may be issued, redeemed and converted at prices calculated on the basis of the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Class of a Sub-Fund.

The Directors have authorised the issue of Classes A, B, C, D, E, F, H, I, J, R, S and X Shares in some or all Sub-Funds of the SICAV as well as the issue of Distributing and Non-Distributing Shares of particular Classes.

Shares may be made available in GBP, Euro, U.S. dollars or such other freely convertible currency as may be decided by the Directors.

Information as to the availability of Classes in each country where the Shares of the SICAV are registered for sale may be obtained from the local information agents.

The Directors may decide to make an application to list the Shares of any Class of Sub-Fund on any recognised stock exchange.

# Creation of Additional Sub-Funds/Classes

The Directors may, at any time, resolve to create additional Sub-Funds with investment objectives different from the existing Sub-Funds and additional Classes with features different from existing Classes. Upon creation of new Sub-Funds or Classes, the Prospectus will be updated or supplemented. The Directors may also resolve to close a Sub-Fund or one or more classes of Shares within a Sub-Fund to further subscriptions at any time.

# Pricing, Base and Reference Currency

The Shares in any Sub-Fund shall be issued in such currency as may be determined by the Directors. The currency in which the Shares in a particular Class within a Sub-Fund are issued being the "Pricing Currency".

The assets and liabilities of each Sub-Fund are valued in its Base Currency.

The combined accounts of the Fund will be maintained in the reference currency of the Fund (the "Reference Currency").

#### Conflicts of Interest

The Directors, the Management Company, the Depositary and the Administrator and/or their respective affiliates or any person connected with them (together the "Relevant Parties") may from time to time act as directors, investment manager, manager, distributor, trustee, custodian, depositary, registrar, broker, administrator, investment adviser or dealer in relation to, or be otherwise involved in, other investment funds which have similar or different objectives to those of the SICAV or which may invest in the SICAV. It is, therefore, possible that any of them may, in the course of business, have actual or potential conflicts of interest with the SICAV. The Board of Directors and each of the Relevant Parties will, at all times, have regard in such event to its obligations to the SICAV and will endeavour to ensure that such conflicts are resolved timely and fairly. In addition, subject to applicable law, any Relevant Party may deal, as principal or agent, with the SICAV, provided that such dealings are carried out as if effected on normal commercial terms negotiated on an arm's length basis. Any Relevant Party may deal with the SICAV as principal or as agent, provided that it complies with applicable law and regulation and the provisions of the Management Company Agreement, the Administration Agreement and/or the Depositary Agreement, where and to the extent applicable.

In calculating the SICAV's Net Asset Value, the Administrator may consult with the Management Company with respect to the valuation of certain investments. There is an inherent conflict of interest between the involvement of the Management Company in determining the Net Asset Value of the SICAV and the entitlement of the Management Company to a management fee which is calculated on the basis of the Net Asset Value of the SICAV.

The Management Company or any of its affiliates or any person connected with the Management Company may invest in, directly or indirectly, or manage or advise other investment funds or accounts which invest in assets which may also be purchased or sold by the SICAV.

The Management Company has established and implemented a conflicts of interest policy that contains appropriate measures to mitigate such conflicts of interests.

The foregoing does not purport to be a complete list of all potential conflicts of interest involved in an investment in the SICAV. The Directors will seek to ensure that any conflict of interest of which they are aware is resolved in a fair and timely manner.

# General Corporate Information on the SICAV

Meetings of Shareholders and Reports to Shareholders

#### **Meetings**

The Annual General Meeting or Shareholders of the SICAV takes place in Luxembourg at a place specified in the notice of meeting each year on the last Friday of April at 11.30 am CET or if such day is not a Business Day, on the next Business Day.

Notice of all general meeting of Shareholders shall be sent by post to registered Shareholders at least 8 days prior to the meeting and shall be published in a Luxembourg newspaper to the extent and in the manner required by Luxembourg law and in such other newspapers as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The legal requirements as to notice, quorum and voting at all general and Sub-Fund or Class meetings are included in the Articles. Meetings of Shareholders of any given Sub-Fund or Class shall decide upon matters relating to that Sub-Fund or Class only and may be held at any time.

Any amendment to the Articles shall be filed with the Luxembourg Trade and Companies' Register and published in the Recueil électronique des sociétés et associations.

#### Reports

The accounting year of the SICAV ends on 31 December of each year. The SICAV will publish a semi-annual report drawn up as at 30 June of each year.

Detailed audited reports of the SICAV on its activities and on the management of its assets are published annually; such reports shall include, *inter alia*, a statement of assets and liabilities, a detailed income and expenditure account for the financial year, the number of Shares in issue and the Net Asset Value per Share, a report on the activities of the financial year, a description of the assets of the SICAV and a report from the Independent Auditor. The semi-annual unaudited reports of the SICAV on its activities are also published including, *inter alia*, a description of the assets of the SICAV and the number of Shares issued and redeemed since the last publication.

The SICAV's financial statements will be prepared in accordance with Luxembourg GAAP. The accounts of the SICAV are maintained in Euro being the Reference Currency of the SICAV.

The above reports will be available to the Shareholders within four months for the annual reports and two months for the semi-annual reports of the date thereof at the registered office of the SICAV. Upon request, these reports will be sent free of charge to any Shareholder and copies may be obtained free of charge by any person at the registered office of the SICAV. These reports are also made available to Shareholders on the website of the Management Company at www.amundi.lu/amundi-funds.

### Shareholder Rights

- a) Shares: The Shares issued by the SICAV are freely transferable and entitled to participate equally in the profits, and, in case of Distributing Shares, dividends of the Classes to which they relate, and in the net assets of such Class upon liquidation. The Shares carry no preferential and pre-emptive rights.
- b) Voting: At general meetings of the SICAV, each Shareholder has the right to one vote for each whole Share held. A Shareholder of any particular Sub-Fund or Class will be entitled at any separate meeting of the Shareholders of that Sub-Fund or Class to one vote for each whole Share of that Sub-Fund or Class held. In the case of a joint holding, only the first named Shareholder may vote.
- c) Compulsory redemption: The Directors may impose or relax restrictions on any Shares and, if necessary, require redemption of Shares to ensure that Shares are neither acquired nor held by or on behalf of any person in breach of the law or requirements of any country or government or regulatory authority or which might have adverse taxation or other pecuniary consequences for the SICAV including a requirement to register under the laws and regulations of any country or authority. The Directors may

in this connection require a Shareholder to provide such information as they may consider necessary to establish whether the Shareholder is the beneficial owner of the Shares which they hold. If it shall come to the attention of the Directors at any time that Shares are beneficially owned by a Restricted U.S. Investor (as defined below) the SICAV will have the right to compulsorily redeem such Shares.

#### **Transfers**

The transfer of Shares may be made by delivery to the Registrar and Transfer Agent of a duly signed stock transfer form in appropriate form together with, if issued, the relevant certificate to be cancelled.

# Dissolution and Liquidation of the SICAV

The SICAV may be dissolved at any time by a resolution of the general meeting of Shareholders subject to the quorum and majority requirements applicable for amendments to the Articles.

Whenever the share capital falls below two-thirds of the minimum capital indicated in the Articles, the question of the dissolution of the SICAV shall be referred to a general meeting of Shareholders by the Board of Directors. The general meeting, for which no quorum shall be required, shall decide by simple majority of the Shares present or represented at the meeting and voting.

The question of the dissolution of the SICAV shall also be referred to a general meeting of Shareholders whenever the share capital falls below one quarter of the minimum capital set by the Articles; in such event, the general meeting shall be held without any quorum requirement and the dissolution may be decided by Shareholders holding one quarter of the Shares present or represented at the meeting and voting.

The meeting must be convened so that it is held within a period of 40 days from the date that the net assets have fallen below two-thirds or one quarter of the legal minimum, as the case may be.

Liquidation shall be carried out by one or several liquidators, who may be physical persons or legal entities, duly approved by the Regulatory Authority and appointed by the general meeting of Shareholders that shall determine their powers and their compensation.

The net proceeds of liquidation of the SICAV shall be distributed by the liquidators to the holders of Shares of each Class in proportion to their holding of such Class.

Should the SICAV be voluntarily or compulsorily liquidated, its liquidation will be carried out in accordance with applicable provisions of Luxembourg law. Luxembourg law specifies the steps to be taken to enable Shareholders to participate in the distribution of the liquidation proceeds and provides for a deposit in escrow at the "Caisse de Consignation" at the time of the closure of the liquidation. Amounts not claimed from escrow within the statute of limitation period shall be forfeited in accordance with the provisions of Luxembourg law.

# Closure of Sub-Funds (or Classes Thereof)

#### **Closure Decided by the Directors**

In the event that for any reason the value of the total net assets in any Sub-Fund or Class has not reached or has decreased to an amount determined by the Board of Directors to be the minimum level for such Sub-Fund or Class to be operated in an economically efficient manner (as defined for each Sub-Fund in Appendix I), or in case of a substantial modification in the political, economic or monetary situation or as a matter of economic rationalisation, the Board of Directors may decide to redeem all the Shares of the relevant Sub-Fund or Class at the Net Asset Value per Share (taking into account actual realisation prices of investments and realisation expenses) determined as of the Valuation Day at which such decision shall take effect and therefore close the relevant Sub-Fund or Class.

The SICAV shall serve a written notice to the Shareholders of the relevant Class prior to the effective date for the compulsory redemption. This notice will indicate the reasons and the procedure for the redemption operations. Unless it is otherwise decided in the interests of, or to keep equal treatment between the Shareholders, the Shareholders of the Sub-Fund or Class concerned may continue to request redemption or conversion of their Shares free of charge (but taking into account actual realisation prices of investments and realisation expenses) prior to the effective date of the compulsory redemption.

#### **Closure Decided by the Shareholders**

Notwithstanding the powers conferred to the Board of Directors by the preceding paragraph, the general meeting of Shareholders of any Class may, upon a proposal from the Board of Directors, redeem all the Shares of the relevant Class and refund to the Shareholders the Net Asset Value of their Shares (taking into account actual realisation prices of investments and realisation expenses) calculated as of the Valuation Day at which such decision shall take effect. There shall be no quorum requirements for such general meeting of Shareholders which shall decide by resolution taken by simple majority of those present or represented and voting.

Assets which are not be distributed to Shareholders upon the implementation of the redemption will be deposited with the Depositary for the period required by Luxembourg law; after such period, the assets will be deposited with the *Caisse de Consignation* on behalf of the persons entitled thereto. All redeemed Shares shall be cancelled.

Mergers and Amalgamations of Sub-Funds and Classes

#### **Mergers of Sub-Funds**

The Board of Directors of the SICAV may decide to allocate the assets of any Sub-Fund to those of another existing Sub-Fund within the SICAV or to another UCI (the "New Sub-Fund") and to redesign the Shares of such Sub-Fund as Shares of the New Sub-Fund (following a split or consolidation, if necessary, and the payment of the amount corresponding to any fractional entitlement to Shareholders). Such decision will be published in the same manner as described under "Closure of Sub-Funds (or Classes thereof)" above (and, in addition, the publication will contain information in relation to the New Sub-Fund), one month before the date on which the merger becomes effective in order to enable Shareholders to request redemption or conversion of their Shares, free of charge, during such period.

At the expiry of this period, the decision related to the contribution binds all the Shareholders who have not exercised such right, provided that when the UCI benefiting from such contribution is of the contractual type (*e.g.* a "*fonds commun de placement*"), the decision only binds the Shareholders who agreed to the contribution.

The Board of Directors of the SICAV may also, under the same circumstances as provided above, decide to allocate the assets and liabilities attributable to any Sub-Fund to a foreign UCI.

A Sub-Fund may exclusively be contributed to a foreign UCI upon approval of all the Shareholders of the Classes within the Sub-Fund concerned or under the condition that only the assets of the consenting Shareholders be contributed to the foreign UCI.

Notwithstanding the powers conferred to the Board of Directors of the SICAV by the preceding paragraph, a contribution of the assets and of the liabilities attributable to any Sub-Fund to another Sub-Fund of the SICAV may be decided upon by a general meeting of the Shareholders issued in the Compartment concerned for which there shall be no quorum requirements and which will decide upon such a merger by resolution taken by a simple majority of validly cast votes.

A contribution of the assets and of the liabilities attributable to any Sub-Fund to another UCI or to another sub-fund within such other UCI shall require a resolution of the Shareholders of such Sub-Fund taken with 50% quorum requirement of the share capital in issue attributable to that Sub-Fund and adopted at a 2/3 majority of the validly cast votes, except when such a contribution is to be implemented with a Luxembourg UCI of

the contractual type (*fonds commun de placement*) or a foreign-based UCI, in which case such resolutions shall be binding only on those Shareholders who have voted in favour of such contribution.

#### **Amalgamation of Classes**

In the event that for any reason the value of the assets in any Class has decreased to an amount determined by the Board of Directors of the SICAV in the interests of Shareholders to be the minimum level for such Class to be operated in an economically efficient manner, or if a change in the economic, political or monetary situation relating to the Class concerned would have material adverse consequences on the investments of that Class or if the range of products offered to investors is rationalised, the Board of Directors of the SICAV may decide to allocate the assets of any Class to those of another existing Class within the SICAV and to redesignate the Shares of the Class or Classes concerned as Shares of another Class (following a split or consolidation, if necessary, and the payment of the amount corresponding to any fractional entitlement to Shareholders).

The SICAV shall send a written notice to the Shareholders of the relevant Class one month prior to the effective date for the amalgamation in order to enable Shareholders to request redemption or conversion of their Shares, free of charge, during such period. This notice will indicate the reasons and the procedure for the amalgamation operations. Unless it is otherwise therein advised in the interests of Shareholders, or to maintain equality of treatment between the Shareholders, the Shareholders of the Class concerned may continue to request redemptions or conversions of their Shares without any additional charges (but taking into account actual realisation prices of investments and realisation expenses) prior to the effective date of the compulsory redemption.

A contribution of the assets and of the liabilities attributable to any Class to another Class within any Sub-Fund of the SICAV may be decided upon by a general meeting of the Shareholders of the Class concerned for which there shall be no quorum requirements and which will decide upon such an amalgamation by resolution taken by simple majority of the validly cast votes.

#### **Directors' Interests**

The interests of the Directors and their interests in companies associated with the management, administration, promotion and marketing of the SICAV and the Shares are set out below.

Mr. E. Turchi is a Director of the Management Company.

The Directors or companies of which they are shareholders, members, officers or employees may subscribe for, exchange or redeem, Shares on the same terms as other Shareholders.

#### Indemnity

The Articles provide that every Director, agent, auditor, or officer of the SICAV and his personal representatives shall be indemnified and secured harmless out of the assets of the SICAV against all actions, proceedings, costs, charges, expenses, losses, damages or liabilities incurred or sustained by him in or about the conduct of the SICAV business or affairs or in the execution or discharge of his duties, powers, authorities or discretions, including actions, proceedings, costs, charges, expenses, losses, damages or liabilities incurred by him in defending (whether successfully or otherwise) any civil proceedings concerning the SICAV in any court whether in Luxembourg or elsewhere. No such person shall be liable: (i) for the acts, receipts, neglects, defaults or omissions of any other such person; or (ii) by reason of his having joined in any receipt for money not received by him personally; or (iii) for any loss on account of defect of title to any property of the SICAV; or (iv) on account of the insufficiency of any security in or upon which any money of the SICAV shall be invested; or (v) for any loss incurred through any bank, broker or other agent; or (vi) for any loss, damage or misfortune whatsoever which may happen in or arise from the execution or discharge of the duties, powers, authorities, or discretions of his office or in relation thereto, unless the same shall happen through his own gross negligence or wilful misconduct against the SICAV.

# Management and Administration

#### Overview

### Registered Office of the SICAV

5, Allée Scheffer L-2520 Luxembourg Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

### Board of Directors of the SICAV

#### Chairman:

→ Mr. Enrico Turchi, Deputy Managing Director, Amundi Luxembourg S.A., residing in Luxembourg.

#### Members:

- Mr. David Glassey, Head of Legal, Product and Distribution, Pioneer Investment Management Ltd, residing in Ireland;
- → Mr. Gianluca Minieri, Global Head of Trading, Pioneer Investments Management Ltd, residing in Ireland.

### Management Company, **Domiciliary Agent and** Distributor

#### Amundi Luxembourg S.A.

5, Allée Scheffer L-2520 Luxembourg Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

### Board of Directors of the **Management Company**

#### Chairman:

Mr. Patrick Zurstrassen, member of the board of directors of various fund management companies, residing in Luxembourg.

#### Members:

- Mr. Julien Faucher, Managing Director, Amundi Luxembourg S.A., residing in Luxembourg;
- → Mr. David Harte, Deputy Head Operations, Services & technology Division, Pioneer Investment Management Limited, residing in Ireland;
- → Mr. Claude Kremer, Partner of Arendt & Medernach S.A., residing in Luxembourg;
- → Mr. John Li, Independent Director of various companies including funds and other financial sector companies, residing in Luxembourg;
- → Ms. Corinne Massuyeau, Global Head Institutional Client Service, Pioneer Global Investments Limited, residing in France;
- → Mr. Enrico Turchi, Deputy Managing Director, Amundi Luxembourg S.A., residing in Luxembourg.

## Depositary and **Paying Agent**

#### Société Générale Bank & Trust

11, Avenue Emile Reuter L-2420 Luxembourg

Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

## Administrator, Registrar and Transfer Agent

#### Société Générale Bank & Trust

Operational Center: 28-32, Place de la gare L-1616 Luxembourg Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

#### **Investment Managers**

#### Amundi Pioneer Asset Management, Inc.

60, State Street Boston, MA 02109-1820 United States of America

#### Pioneer Investment Management Limited

1, George's Quay Plaza George's Quay Dublin 2 Ireland

#### Auditors of the SICAV

### Deloitte Audit S.à r.l. 560 rue de Neudorf L-2220 Luxembourg

Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

### **Legal Advisors**

#### Arendt & Medernach S.A. 41A, avenue J.F. Kennedy L-2082 Luxembourg Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

# The Management Company and AIFM

Amundi Luxembourg S.A. (the "Management Company"), a public limited company ("société anonyme") incorporated in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg organised under Chapter 15 of the Law of 17 December 2010 has been appointed as management company of the SICAV and, as such, acts as its alternative investment fund manager ("AIFM") within the meaning of the AIFMD and the AIFM Law. It is thus responsible, among others, for portfolio management and risk management functions. Its share capital amounts to Euro 10,000,000.- and its shares are fully owned by Amundi Asset Mangement (SA). The Management Company currently also acts as management company for Amundi Funds, Amundi Funds II, Amundi S.F., Pioneer Investments Ertrag, Pioneer Investments Chance, Pioneer Investments Wachstum, Amundi Total Return, CoRe Series, Amundi SICAV II, myNEXT, Amundi Index Solutions, Amundi Money Market Fund, First Eagle Amundi, Structura, Amundi Islamic, Ocean Fund, Amundi Interinvest, Amundi Fund Hosting, Amundi Planet, Capital Invest, Amundi Fund Solutions, PNR Global (ex-Japan) Aggregate Bond, ASB Axion SICAV and PI Investment Funds.

The Management Company covers through additional own funds its professional liability risk associated with its function as AIFM of the SICAV.

The Management Company was incorporated on 20 December 1996 for an unlimited period of time. Its articles of incorporation are published in the *Mémorial* of 28 January 1997 and have been amended for the last time on 1 January 2018 with a publication of such amendment in the *Recueil électronique des sociétés et associations* dated 8 January 2018.

The Management Company is also appointed as domiciliary agent for the SICAV (the "Domiciliary Agent").

# Depositary and Paying Agent

Société Générale Bank & Trust has been appointed as Depositary (the "Depositary") of the SICAV's assets. In accordance with the AIFMD and the AIFM Law, the Depositary is responsible for monitoring the SICAV's cash flows, for the safe-keeping of the assets of the SICAV and for other oversight duties such as to:

- a) ensure that the sale, issue, redemption, conversion and cancellation of Shares effected by the SICAV or on its behalf are carried out in accordance with applicable law and the Articles;
- b) ensure that in transactions involving the assets of the SICAV, any consideration is remitted to it within the customary settlement dates; and
- c) ensure that the income attributable to the SICAV is applied in accordance with the Articles.

The Depositary may delegate to third parties the safe-keeping of the assets of the SICAV subject to the conditions laid down in the AIFMD and the AIFM Law, and in particular that such third parties are subject to effective prudential regulation (including minimum capital requirements, supervision in the jurisdiction concerned and external periodic audit) for the custody of financial instruments.

However, where the laws of a third country requires that certain financial instruments be held in custody by a local entity and no local entities satisfy these delegation requirements, the Depositary may delegate its functions to such a local entity only to the extent required by the law of the third country and only for as long as there are no local entities that satisfy these delegation requirements. Furthermore, the Depositary will only delegate the custody of financial instruments to such a third party not satisfying these delegation requirements upon instruction of the Management Company. The Depositary is not delegating its function to such local entities not satisfying the delegation requirements under AIFMD and the AIFM Law for the time being, but may do so if required in the future. Details on such delegations, if any, may be obtained upon request to the Management Company and the Depositary.

The identity of such delegates may be obtained upon request to the Management Company or the Depositary.

The Depositary's liability shall not be affected by any such delegation mentioned in the above paragraphs.

However, The Depositary may discharge its liability in case of loss of assets held in custody with delegates provided that:

- a) all requirements for the delegation of its safe-keeping services set forth above are met;
- b) the written contract between the Depositary and the relevant delegate expressly transfers the liability of the Depositary to that delegate and makes it possible for the Management Company acting on behalf of the SICAV to make a claim against that delegate in respect of the loss of assets or for the Depositary to make such a claim on behalf of the SICAV; and
- c) there is objective reasons for such discharge of liability which are:
  - i) limited to precise and concrete circumstances characterising a given activity; and
  - ii) consistent with the Depositary's policies and decisions.

Such objective reasons shall be established each time the Depositary intends to discharge itself of liability. There is no discharge of liability of the Depositary in place for the time being. In case this situation changes, details in such connection may be obtained upon request to the Management Company and the Depositary.

The SICAV has further appointed the Depositary as its paying agent (the "Paying Agent") responsible, upon instruction by the Registrar and Transfer Agent, for the payment of distributions, if any, to Shareholders of the SICAV and, if any, for the payment of the redemption price by the SICAV.

The Depositary is a Luxembourg *Société Anonyme* and is registered with the Regulatory Authority as a credit institution.

### Administrator

The Management Company has appointed Société Générale Bank & Trust as the administrator of the SICAV (the "Administrator") responsible for all administrative duties required by Luxembourg law, and in particular for the book-keeping and calculation of the Net Asset Value.

# Distributor / Domiciliary Agent

The Management Company is appointed as distributor (the "Distributor") to market and promote the Shares of each Sub-Fund.

The Distributor may conclude agreements with other Agents, including Agents or affiliated with the Investment Managers or the Depositary, to market and place Shares of any of the Sub-Funds in various countries throughout the world except in the United States of America or any of its territories or possessions subject to its jurisdiction as well as for connected processing services.

The Distributor and its Agents may be involved in the collection of subscription, redemption and conversion orders on behalf of the SICAV and the Agents may, subject to local law in countries where Shares are offered and with the agreement of the respective Shareholders, provide a nominee service to investors purchasing Shares through them.

Agents may only provide a nominee service to investors if they are (i) professionals of the financial sector located in a country which, subject to the discretion of the Management Company, is generally accepted as a country which has ratified the conclusions of the Financial Action Task Force and deemed to have identification requirements equivalent to those required by Luxembourg law or (ii) professionals of the financial sector being a branch or qualifying subsidiary of an eligible intermediary referred to under (i), provided that such eligible intermediary is, pursuant to its national legislation or by virtue of a statutory or professional obligation pursuant to a group policy, obliged to impose the same identification duties on its branches and subsidiaries situated abroad.

In this capacity, the Agents shall, in their name but as nominee for the investor, purchase or sell Shares for the investor and request registration of such operations in the SICAV's register. However, the investor may, subject as provided below, invest directly in the SICAV without using the nominee service and if the investor does invest through a nominee, he has at any time the right to terminate the nominee agreement and retain a direct claim to his Shares subscribed through the nominee. This is not applicable for Shareholders solicited in countries where the use of the services of a nominee is necessary or compulsory for legal, regulatory or compelling practical reasons.

The Distributor and, if appropriate, the Agents, shall, to the extent required by the Registrar and Transfer Agent in Luxembourg, forward application forms to the Registrar and Transfer Agent.

# Registrar and Transfer Agent

The Management Company has appointed Société Générale Bank & Trust as the registrar (the "Registrar") and transfer agent (the "Transfer Agent") of the SICAV. The Registrar and Transfer Agent is responsible for handling the processing of subscriptions for Shares of the SICAV, dealing with requests for redemption and conversion of Shares of the SICAV and accepting transfers of funds, safekeeping the register of Shareholders of the SICAV and providing and supervising the mailing of statements, reports, notices and other documents to the Shareholders of the SICAV.

The appointment of the Registrar and Transfer Agent was made pursuant to a Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement between the Management Company, the SICAV and the Registrar and Transfer Agent, for an unlimited period of time from the date of its signature. It may be terminated at any time by either party upon three months' notice.

#### **Investment Managers**

The Management Company has appointed Amundi Pioneer Asset Management, Inc. and Pioneer Investment Management Limited as investment managers (the "Investment Managers") to the SICAV.

The Investment Managers shall provide the Management Company with advice, reports and recommendations in connection with the management of the SICAV, and shall advise the Management Company as to the selection of the securities and other assets constituting the portfolio of each Sub-Fund. Furthermore, the Investment Managers shall, on a day-to-day basis and subject to the overall control and ultimate responsibility of the

Board of Directors of the Management Company, purchase and sell assets and otherwise manage the SICAV's portfolio and may, with the approval of the Management Company, sub-delegate all or part of their functions hereunder, in which case this Prospectus shall be amended.

Amundi Pioneer Asset Management, Inc., is a Boston based asset management company of the Amundi group of companies and was incorporated on 15 February 1962. In addition to acting as Investment Manager for the SICAV, Amundi Pioneer Asset Management, Inc., Boston and its affiliates act as an investment manager and adviser for institutional accounts and for over 25 other investment funds with a variety of investment objectives, including investment objectives similar to those of the SICAV. Amundi Pioneer Asset Management, Inc. and its affiliates had U.S. dollars 67.7 billion of assets under management at 9 October 2017.

Pioneer Investment Management Limited is a Dublin based asset management company of the Amundi group of companies. Pioneer Investment Management Limited, Dublin was incorporated on 12 June, 1998 and had euro 115.4 billion of assets under management at 30 August 2017. Pioneer Investment Management Limited is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland under SI No 60 of 2007 European Communities (Markets in Financial Instruments) Regulations 2007.

## **Investment Restrictions**

# Risk Diversification / Investment Restrictions

The assets of each Sub-Fund shall be managed in accordance with the investment restrictions and risk diversification rules as set forth below and supplemented for each Sub-Fund, as the case may be, by specific investment restrictions in Appendix I.

In compliance with the provisions of the Law of 17 December 2010, the CSSF Circular 02/80 and any applicable CSSF circulars, as may be amended and/or supplemented from time to time, the investment strategy of each Sub-Fund will be based on the following principles of risk diversification.

The SICAV and its Sub-Funds will not use for the time being securities financing transactions (as such terms are defined in 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 total return swaps. Securities financing transactions include in particular repurchase transactions, securities lending and borrowing, as well as buy-sell back or sell-buy back transactions. This Prospectus would be amended prior to the use of such instruments and transactions should the SICAV and its Sub-Funds intend to use them.

#### **Investments in Securities and Money Market Instruments**

- a) each Sub-Fund will not invest more than 10% of its assets in securities (including units of closed-ended funds) which are not admitted to official listing on a stock exchange or dealt on another Regulated Market;
- b) in order to achieve a minimum spread of the investment risks, each Sub-Fund may not acquire more than 10% of the securities of the same type issued by the same issuer;
- c) each Sub-Fund will not invest more than 20% of its assets in securities (including units of closed-ended funds) issued by the same issuer.

Exceptions to the above principles or additional restrictions, if any, applicable to a particular Sub-Fund are set out in Appendix I.

The restrictions set forth under (a) to (c) above do however not apply to investments in securities issued or guaranteed by an OECD member state or its regional or local authorities or by EU, regional or global supranational institutions and bodies and to investments in target UCIs that are subject to risk-spreading requirements at least comparable to those applicable to UCIs subject to Part II of the Law of 17 December 2010.

The Sub-Funds may invest in money market instruments pursuant to the restrictions set forth under (a) to (c) above.

Certain Sub-Funds may invest in contingent convertible bonds to a limited extent and in any event no more than 5% of their assets, unless otherwise specified in their specific investment policies.

#### **Investments in UCIs**

Investment in UCIs shall only be possible under the following conditions:

- a) each Sub-Fund will be able to acquire more than 50% of the units or shares issued by the same UCI, provided that, in such circumstances, if the UCI is a UCI with multiple sub-funds, the investment of each Sub-Fund in the legal entity constituting the target UCI must represent less than 50% of the net assets of each Sub-Fund;
- b) each Sub-Fund may not, in principle, invest more than 20% of its net assets in units or shares issued by the same UCI. For the purpose of this restriction of 20%, each sub-fund of a target UCI with multiple sub-funds is to be considered as a distinct target UCI on the condition that the principle of segregation of the commitments of the different sub-funds towards third parties is ensured.

Exceptions to the above principles or additional restrictions, if any, applicable to a particular Sub-Fund are set out in Appendix I.

By derogation, the above restrictions under (a) and (b) shall not apply to investments in open-ended target UCIs subject to risk diversification rules similar to those provided for in respect of Luxembourg UCIs governed by Part II of the Law of 17 December 2010, if such target UCIs are submitted in their state of origin to a permanent control carried out by a regulatory authority set up by law in order to ensure the protection of investors. Such derogation may not, at any time, result in an excessive concentration of investments of each Sub-Fund in any single target UCI, it being understood that, for the purpose of this limitation, each sub-fund of a target UCI with multiple sub-funds is to be considered as a distinct target UCI provided that the principle of segregation of the commitments of the different sub-funds towards third parties is ensured.

#### **Short sales**

Short sales may not result in a Sub-Fund holding:

- a short position on transferable securities which are not listed on a stock exchange or dealt on an Other Regulated Market, operating regularly and being recognised and open to the public. However, each Sub-Fund may hold short positions on transferable securities which are not quoted and not dealt on a Regulated Market if such securities are highly liquid and do not represent more than 10% of the Sub-Fund's assets;
- 2. a short position on transferable securities which represent more than 10% of the securities of the same type issued by the same issuer;
- 3. a short position on transferable securities of the same issuer, (i) if the sum of the cancelling price of the short positions relating thereto represents more than 10% of the Sub-Fund's assets or (ii) if the short position entails a commitment exceeding 5% of the assets.

The commitments arising from short sales on transferable securities at a given time correspond to the cumulative non-realised losses resulting, at that time, from the short sales made by a Sub-Fund. The non-realised loss resulting from a short sale is the positive amount equal to the market price at which the short position can be covered less the price at which the relevant transferable security has been sold short.

The aggregate commitments of each Sub-Fund resulting from short sales may at no time exceed 50% of the assets of the relevant Sub-Fund. If a Sub-Fund enters into uncovered sales, it must hold sufficient assets enabling it at any time to close the open positions resulting from such short sales.

The short positions of transferable securities for which a Sub-Fund holds adequate coverage are not considered for the purpose of calculating the total commitments referred to above. It is to be noted that the fact that a Sub-Fund has granted a security, of whatever nature, on its assets to third parties to guarantee its obligations towards such third parties, is not to be considered as adequate coverage for the Sub-Fund's commitments, from the point of view of that Sub-Fund.

In connection with short sales on transferable securities, each Sub-Fund is authorised to enter, as borrower, into securities lending transactions with first class professionals specialised in this type of transaction. The counterparty risk resulting from the difference between (i) the value of the assets transferred by a Sub-Fund to a lender as security in the context of the securities lending transactions and (ii) the debt of a Sub-Fund owed to such lender may not exceed 20% of the Sub-Fund's assets. It is to be noted that the Sub-Fund may, in addition, grant guarantees in the context of systems of guarantees which do not result in a transfer of ownership or which limit the counterparty risk by other means.

#### **Financial Derivative Instruments and Other Techniques**

Each Sub-Fund is authorised to make use of the financial derivative instruments and techniques referred to hereafter.

The financial derivative instruments may include, amongst others, options, futures and forward contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts as well as swap

contracts by private agreement on any type of financial instruments. In addition, each Sub-Fund may participate in securities lending transactions as well as sale with right of repurchase transactions and repurchase transactions.

Leverage is defined as any method by which the AIFM increases the exposure of the AIF it manages whether through borrowing of cash or securities, or leverage embedded in derivative positions or by any other means. The leverage of an AIF is expressed as the ratio between the exposure of the AIF and its net asset value.

The exposure of an AIF is calculated in accordance with the gross method and with the commitment method. The gross method shows the sum of the absolute values of the positions, not taking into account hedging and netting effects. The commitment method shows the sum of the absolute values of the positions, taking into account hedging and netting effects.

The maximum expected levels of leverage calculated in accordance with gross method and with the commitment method will be set out for each Sub-Fund in Appendix I. Under certain circumstances (e.g. very low market volatility) the leverage may exceed the levels referred to in Appendix I. The financial derivative instruments must be dealt on an organised market or contracted by private agreement with first class professionals specialised in this type of transactions.

The aggregate commitments resulting from short sales of transferable securities together with the commitments resulting from financial derivate instruments entered into by private agreement and, if applicable, the commitments resulting from financial derivate instruments dealt on a Regulated Market may not exceed at any time the assets of the Sub-Funds.

#### a) Restrictions Relating to Financial Derivative Instruments

- 1. Margin deposits in relation to financial derivative instruments dealt on an organised market as well as the commitments arising from financial derivative instruments dealt "over-the-counter" (*i.e.* contracted by private agreement, "OTC" financial derivative instruments) may not exceed 50% of the assets of each Sub-Fund. The reserve of liquid assets of each Sub-Fund must represent at least an amount equal to the margin deposits made by the Sub-Fund. Liquid assets do not only comprise time deposits and regularly negotiated money market instruments the remaining maturity of which is less than 12 months, but also treasury bills and bonds issued by OECD member states or their local authorities or by supranational institutions and organisations with European, regional or worldwide scope as well as bonds listed on a stock exchange or dealt on a Regulated Market, which operates regularly and is open to the public, issued by first class issuers and being highly liquid.
- 2. A Sub-Fund may not borrow to finance margin deposits.
- 3. A Sub-Fund may not enter into contracts relating to commodities other than commodity future contracts. However, each Compartment may acquire, for cash consideration, precious metals which are negotiable on an organised market.
- 4. The premiums paid for the acquisition of options outstanding are included in the 50% limit referred to under item (1) above.
- Each Sub-Fund must ensure an adequate spread of investment risks by sufficient diversification.
- 6. A Sub-Fund may not hold an open position in any single contract relating to a financial derivative instrument dealt on an organised market or a single OTC financial derivative instrument for which the margin required or the commitment taken, respectively, represents 5% or more of the assets of the Sub-Fund.
- 7. The premiums paid to acquire options outstanding having identical characteristics may not exceed 5% of the assets of each Sub-Fund.

- 8. A Sub-Fund may not hold an open position in financial derivative instruments relating to a single commodity or a single category of forward contracts on financial instruments for which the margin required (in relation to financial derivative instruments negotiated on an organised market) together with the commitment (in relation to OTC financial derivative instruments) represent 20% or more of the assets of the Sub-Fund.
- 9. The commitment of a Sub-Fund in relation to a transaction on an OTC financial derivative instrument corresponds to the non-realised loss resulting, at that time, from the relevant transaction.
- 10. The risk exposure of a Sub-Fund to a counterparty in an OTC financial derivative instrument may not exceed 10% of the Sub-Fund's net assets when the counterparty is a credit institution which has its registered office in a member state of the European Union or, if the registered office of the credit institution is situated in another state, provided that it is subject to prudential rules considered by the Regulatory Authority as equivalent to those laid down in European Union rules; or 5% of its net assets in other cases.

#### b) Securities Lending Transactions

To the maximum extent allowed by, and within the limits set forth in the Law of 17 December 2010 as well as any present or future related Luxembourg laws or implementing regulations, circulars and positions of the Regulatory Authority, in particular the provisions of CSSF Circular 08/356 relating to the rules applicable to undertakings for collective investments when they use certain techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities and money market instruments, each Sub-Fund may for the purpose of generating additional capital or income or for reducing costs or risks (A) enter, either as purchaser or seller, into optional as well as non-optional repurchase transactions and (B) engage in securities lending transactions.

#### c) Sale with Right of Repurchase Transactions and Repurchase Transactions

The Sub-Fund may enter into sale with right of repurchase transactions (*opérations à réméré*) which consist in the purchase and sale of securities where the terms reserve the right to the seller to repurchase the securities from the buyer at a price and at a time agreed between the two parties at the time when the contract is entered into. The Sub-Fund can also enter into repurchase transactions (*opérations de mise en pension*) which consist in transactions where, at maturity, the seller has the obligation to take back the asset sold whereas the original buyer either has a right or an obligation to return the asset sold.

The Sub-Fund can either act as buyer or as seller in the context of the aforementioned transactions. Its participation in the relevant transactions is however subject to the following rules:

#### 1. Rules to Bring the Transactions to a Successful Conclusion:

The Sub-Fund may participate in sale with right of repurchase transactions (*opérations à réméré*) or repurchase transactions (*opérations de mise en pension*) only if the counterparties in such transactions are first class professionals specialised in this type of transactions.

#### 2. Conditions and Limits of these Transactions:

During the duration of a sale with right of repurchase agreement where the Sub-Fund acts as purchaser, it may not sell the securities which are the subject of the contract before the counterparty has exercised its right to repurchase the securities or until the deadline for the repurchase has expired, unless such a Sub-Fund has other means of coverage. If the Sub-Fund is open for redemption, it must ensure that the value of such transactions is kept at a level such that it is able at any time to meet its redemption obligation. The same conditions are applicable in the case of a repurchase transaction on the basis of a purchase and firm re-sale agreement where the Sub-Fund acts as purchaser (transferee).

Where the Sub-Fund acts as seller (transferor) in a repurchase transaction, the Sub-Fund may not, during the whole duration of the repo, transfer the title to the security under the repo or pledge them to a third party, or repo them a second time, in whatever form. The Sub-Fund must at the maturity of the repurchase transactions hold sufficient assets to pay, if appropriate, the agreed upon repurchase price payable to the transferee.

#### 3. Periodical information of the public:

In its financial reports, the Sub-Fund must separately, for its sale with right of repurchase transactions and for its repurchase transactions, indicate the total amount of the open transactions at the date as of which the relevant reports indicate are issued.

#### d) Collateral

As the case may be, cash collateral received by each Sub-Fund in relation to any of these above-mentioned transactions may be reinvested in a manner consistent with the investment objectives of such Sub-Fund in (a) shares or units issued by money market UCIs calculating a daily net asset value and being assigned a rating of AAA or its equivalent, (b) short-term bank deposits, (c) money market instruments as defined in the above referred Grand-Ducal regulation, (d) short-term bonds issued or guaranteed by an EU member state, Switzerland, Canada, Japan or the United States or by their local authorities or by supranational institutions and undertakings with EU, regional or worldwide scope, (e) bonds issued or guaranteed by first class issuers offering an adequate liquidity, and (f) reverse repurchase agreement transactions according to the provisions described under section I.C.a) of the above referred CSSF Circular. Such reinvestment will be taken into account for the calculation of each concerned Sub-Fund's market risk, in particular if it creates a leverage effect.

Use of the aforesaid techniques and instruments involves certain risks and there can be no assurance that the objective sought to be obtained from such use will be achieved.

Exceptions to the above principles or additional restrictions, if any, applicable to a particular Sub-Fund are set out in Appendix I.

#### **Cash Holding**

In order to maintain adequate liquidity, Sub-Funds may hold cash on an ancillary basis.

However, some Sub-Funds may have to hold, temporarily, cash representing fifty per cent (50%) or more of their net assets. Cash will be deposited with one or more credit institutions having their registered office in the EU.

#### **Borrowings**

A Sub-Fund may borrow permanently and for investment purposes from first class professionals specialised in this type of transaction.

Such borrowings are limited to 200% of the net assets of the relevant Sub-Fund. Consequently, the value of the assets of the Sub-Fund may not exceed 300% of its net assets. Sub-Funds adopting a strategy which presents a high degree of correlation between long and short positions are authorised to borrow up to 400% of their net assets.

The counterparty risk resulting from the difference between (i) the value of the assets transferred by a Sub-Fund to a lender as security in the context of the borrowing transactions and (ii) the debt of the Sub-Fund owed to such lender may not exceed 20% of the Sub-Fund's assets. A Sub-Fund may, in addition, grant guarantees in the context of systems of guarantee which do not result in a transfer of ownership or which limit the counterparty risk by other means.

The counterparty risk resulting from the sum of (i) the difference between the value of the assets transferred as security in the context of the borrowing of securities and the amounts due under the last paragraph of the section "Short Sales" above and (ii) the difference between the assets transferred as security and the amounts borrowed referred to above may not exceed, in respect of a single lender, 20% of a Sub-Fund's assets.

#### **Techniques and Instruments**

Unless further restricted by the investment policies of a specific Sub-Fund as described in Appendix I, the SICAV may employ techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities and money instruments and other securities in which it can invest, under the conditions and within the limits laid down in this Prospectus and provided that such techniques and instruments are used for efficient portfolio management and hedging purposes.

Under no circumstances shall these operations cause a Sub-Fund to diverge from its investment objectives as laid down in Appendix I.

#### **Side Pocket**

The Board of Directors may decide, in the interest of Shareholders and subject to the approval of the Regulatory Authority, to segregate certain assets from a Sub-Fund's portfolio (*e.g.* assets which have become illiquid or hard to evaluate) within a "side pocket", the form and specificities of which will be disclosed to the relevant Sub-Fund's Shareholders by way of notice. The creation and implementation of a side pocket shall not require any approval by the relevant Sub-Fund's Shareholders.

Side pockets may be created in any form authorised in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and may result, amongst others, in Shareholders becoming Shareholders of an additional new Class (within the same Sub-Fund or within a new Sub-Fund) or Sub-Fund. In this respect, any provisions of the Articles normally applicable to a Class or Sub-Fund which are incompatible with the implementation the side pocket shall be set aside if the interest of the relevant Shareholders so requires.

Upon creation of a side pocket, the Net Asset Value of the relevant Sub-Fund shall be reduced so that it takes into account only such assets of the Sub-Fund which would have not been isolated within the side pocket.

The Board of Directors will try to sell the assets isolated in any side pocket on the market. Shareholders of the Sub-Fund in relation to which a side pocket has been created shall be entitled to receive a portion of the assets (in cash or in kind) of such side pocket at its liquidation; such portion shall be proportional to their shareholding in the relevant Sub-Fund at the time of creation of the side pocket.

#### **Use of Subsidiaries**

The Board of Directors may decide that investments in relation to any Sub-Fund should be held by subsidiaries located in or outside Luxembourg rather than being held directly by the SICAV. The use of subsidiaries is subject to compliance with the following conditions:

- → the sole purpose of the subsidiaries must be to directly or indirectly own assets acquired for the purpose of implementing the investment objectives of the SICAV;
- → the securities of the subsidiaries must be issued in registered form only;
- → the majority of the directors of the Luxembourg domiciled subsidiaries must be either Directors of the SICAV and/or directors and/or officers of Amundi Luxembourg S.A.;
- → the auditor of the accounts of the subsidiaries must be of the same group as the SICAV's auditor;
- → the financial year-end of the subsidiaries must be on the same date as the financial year-end of the SICAV;
- → in the annual accounts of the SICAV, the subsidiaries must be consolidated: the accounts of the SICAV must list the subsidiaries and the assets held via these entities;
- → the overall external borrowings must be calculated on a consolidated basis;
- → the subsidiaries must comply with the investment restrictions of the SICAV;
- → the Depositary must be able at any time to carry out its duties set forth by law and regulations.

#### Investments in Other Sub-Fund(s)

A Sub-Fund may subscribe, acquire and/or hold Shares of one or more Sub-Fund(s) (the "Target Sub-Fund(s)"), without it being subject to the requirements of the Luxembourg 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 that:

- a) the Target Sub-Fund does not, in turn, invest in the Sub-Fund invested in this Target Sub-Fund;
- b) the voting rights, if any, which might be attached to the Shares concerned will be suspended for as long as they are held by the relevant Sub-Fund and without prejudice to an appropriate treatment in accounting and in the periodical reports; and
- c) in any case, as long as the Shares are held by the Sub-Fund, their value shall not be taken into account for the calculation of the Sub-Fund's Net Asset Value for the control of the minimum threshold of net assets imposed by the Law of 17 December 2010.

#### Risk Management

A Sub-Fund is required to use a risk management process to monitor and measure at all times the risks associated with its investments and their contribution to the overall risk profile of the relevant Sub-Fund.

This risk-management process will measure the market risk of each Sub-Fund with the Value at Risk ("VaR").

#### Value-at-Risk

In financial mathematics and risk management, the VaR approach is a widely used risk measurement of the maximum potential loss for a specific portfolio of assets, due to market risk. More specifically, the VaR approach measures the maximum potential loss of such a portfolio at a given confidence level (or probability) over a specific time period under normal market conditions.

Absolute VaR links the VaR of the portfolio of a Sub-Fund with its Net Asset Value and relative VaR links the VaR of the portfolio of a Sub-Fund with the VaR of a reference portfolio.

#### Leverage

The use of financial derivative instruments and other positions, efficient portfolio management techniques and borrowing may result in a Sub-Fund being leveraged. Leverage is monitored on a regular basis. The leverage for each Sub-Fund is not expected to exceed the gross and net levels set out for each Sub-Fund in Appendix I.

The Sub-Funds may receive any collateral in connection with OTC financial derivative instruments and efficient portfolio management techniques and have the right to reuse such collateral. The nature of the rights granted for the reuse of collateral will be disclosed in the financial reports.

The leverage of an AIF is expressed as the ratio between the exposure of the AIF and its net asset value, where the exposure is calculated in accordance with the gross method and with the commitment method. The gross method shows the sum of the absolute values of the positions, not taking into account hedging and netting effects. The commitment method shows the sum of the absolute values of the positions, taking into account hedging and netting effects.

Under certain circumstances (e.g. very low market volatility) the leverage may exceed the levels referred to in Appendix I.

#### **Liquidity Management**

With respect to liquidity management, the Management Company shall:

- → employ for each Sub-Fund an appropriate liquidity management system and adopt procedures which enable to monitor the liquidity risk of the Sub-Funds and to ensure that the liquidity profile of the investments of the Sub-Funds comply with their underlying obligations;
- → regularly conduct stress tests, under normal and exceptional liquidity conditions, which enable to assess the liquidity risk of the Sub-Funds and monitor the liquidity risk of the Sub-Funds accordingly; and
- → ensure that, for each Sub-Fund, the investment strategy, liquidity profile and redemption policy are all consistent.

### Asset Structure/ Pooling of Assets

For the purpose of effective management, where the investment policies of the Sub-Funds (as disclosed in Appendix I of the Prospectus) so permit, the Management Company may choose to co-manage assets of certain Sub-Funds.

In such case, assets of different Sub-Funds will be managed in common. The assets which are co-managed shall be referred to as a "pool" notwithstanding the fact that such pools are used solely for internal management purposes. The pools do not constitute separate entities and are not directly accessible to investors. Each of the co-managed Sub-Funds shall be allocated its specific assets.

Where the assets of more than one Sub-Fund are pooled, the assets attributable to each participating Sub-Fund will initially be determined by reference to its initial allocation of assets to such a pool and will change in the event of additional allocations or withdrawals.

The entitlements of each participating Sub-Fund to the co-managed assets apply to each and every line of investments of such a pool.

Additional investments made on behalf of the co-managed Sub-Funds shall be allotted to such Sub-Funds in accordance with their respective entitlements, whereas assets sold shall be levied similarly on the assets attributable to each participating Sub-Fund.

### **Shares**

All Sub-Funds may offer Classes A, B, C, D, E, F, H, I, J, R, S and X Shares as more fully described individually in Appendix I of the Prospectus. Each Class whilst participating in the assets of the same Sub-Fund (i) has a different fee structure, (ii) may be targeted to different types of investors, (iii) may not be available in all jurisdictions where the Shares are sold, (iv) may be sold through different distribution channels, (v) may have different distribution policies, (vi) may be quoted in a different Pricing Currency as compared to the Base Currency of the relevant Sub-Fund in which it is issued and (vii) may aim to offer protection against certain currency fluctuations.

With respect to certain Classes (collectively, the "Hedged Classes"), the Management Company (or its agents) may employ techniques and instruments to protect against currency fluctuations between the Pricing Currency of the Class and the predominant currency of the assets of the relevant Sub-Fund with the goal of providing a similar return to that which would have been obtained for a Class denominated in the predominant currency of the assets of the relevant Sub-Fund. In normal circumstances, the above hedging against currency fluctuations will approximate and not exceed 100% of the net assets of the relevant Hedged Class. While the Management Company (or its agents) may attempt to hedge the currency risk, there can be no guarantee that it will be successful in doing so.

The use of the techniques and instruments described above may substantially limit Shareholders in the relevant Hedged Class from benefiting if the Pricing Currency falls against the currency in which some or all of the assets of the relevant portfolio are denominated. All costs, gains or losses arising from or in connection with such hedging transactions are borne by the Shareholders of the respective Hedged Class.

Information as to the availability of Hedged Classes within some or all Sub-Funds of the SICAV, as the case may be, will be detailed in the Appendix I of the Prospectus.

Class H Shares may only be purchased by investors (whether directly or through an appointed nominee) who make an initial investment of at least EUR 1 Million or its equivalent in any other freely convertible currency subject to the discretion of the Management Company to waive such minimum, provided always that the principle of equal treatment of Shareholders is complied with.

Class I Shares may only be purchased by investors who make an initial investment of at least EUR 10 Million or its equivalent in any other freely convertible currency subject to the discretion of the Management Company to waive such minimum, provided always that the principle of equal treatment of Shareholders is complied with.

Class J Shares may only be purchased by investors (whether directly or through an appointed nominee) who make an initial investment of EUR 30 Million or more (or the equivalent in another currency) in that Class of a Sub-Fund subject to the discretion of the Management Company to waive such minimum, provided always that the principle of equal treatment of Shareholders is complied with. Where a Shareholder's investment falls below EUR 30 Million, the Management Company reserves the right to convert those Class J Shares to Class I Shares in the same Sub-Fund. No conversion fees will be applied and the Shareholder will be informed accordingly.

Class R Shares are reserved for intermediaries or providers of individual portfolio management services that are prohibited, by law or contract, from retaining inducements.

Class S Shares may only be purchased by investors (whether directly or through an appointed nominee) who make an initial investment of EUR 10 Million or more (or the equivalent in another currency) in that Class of a Sub-Fund subject to the discretion of the Management Company to waive such minimum, provided always that the principle of equal treatment of Shareholders is complied with. Class S Shares may only be purchased by investors which have previously been approved by the Management Company. Any investor holding Class S Shares without the approval of the Management Company will be

compulsorily redeemed. Further details on the management fee applicable to the relevant Class within a Sub-Fund are described in Appendix I to the Prospectus. With respect to Class S Shares, the management and/or performance fees specified for Class J Shares shall be applicable 18 months following the launch date of the relevant Sub-Fund. Prior to the expiry of that period, Class S Shares are subject to fees agreed between the Management Company and the relevant investors, which will not be greater than the management and/or performance fees specified for Class J Shares of the relevant Sub-Fund.

Class X Shares may only be purchased by investors who make an initial investment of at least EUR 25 Million or its equivalent in any other freely convertible currency subject to the discretion of the Management Company to waive such minimum, provided always that the principle of equal treatment of Shareholders is complied with.

Furthermore, within each Sub-Fund, Distributing and Non-Distributing Shares may also be issued by the Management Company as further described in Appendix I of the Prospectus.

Shares in any Sub-Fund are issued in registered form only.

The inscription of the Shareholder's name in the Share register evidences its right of ownership of such Shares. The Shareholder shall receive a written confirmation of its shareholding; no certificates shall be issued.

Fractions of registered Shares may be issued up to three decimals, whether resulting from subscription or conversion of Shares.

### Net Asset Value

# Net Asset Value Calculation

The Net Asset Value is calculated for a valuation day (the "Valuation Day") as determined in Appendix I of the Prospectus for each Sub-Fund individually by reference to the value of the underlying assets of the relevant Class within the relevant Sub-Fund. These underlying assets are valued at the last available prices on the relevant Valuation Day. Whenever used herein, the term "Business Day" shall mean a full day on which banks and the stock exchange are open for business in Luxembourg City as well as any other specific place disclosed for each Sub-Fund in Appendix I.

The Net Asset Value as determined for each Class shall be expressed in the Pricing Currency of the relevant Class and shall be calculated by dividing the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund attributable to the relevant Class which is equal to (i) the value of the assets attributable to such Class and the income thereon, less (ii) the liabilities attributable to such Class and any provisions deemed prudent or necessary, through the total number of Shares of such Class outstanding on the relevant Valuation Day.

The Net Asset Value per Share may be rounded up or down to the nearest unit of the Pricing Currency of each Class within each Sub-Fund. To the extent feasible, investment income, interest payable, fees and other liabilities will be accrued each Valuation Day.

The value of the assets will be determined as set forth in the manner explained below under the heading "Valuation of the Assets". The charges incurred by the SICAV are explained below under the heading "Charges and Expenses".

# Suspension of Calculation

The SICAV may temporarily suspend the determination of the Net Asset Value per Share of any particular Sub-Fund and the issue and redemption of its Shares from its Shareholders as well as the conversion from and to Shares of each Sub-Fund:

- a) during any period when any of the principal stock exchanges, regulated market or other regulated markets on which a substantial portion of the investments of the SICAV attributable to a Sub-Fund from time to time is quoted or when one or more foreign exchange markets in the currency in which a substantial portion of the assets of the Sub-Fund is denominated are closed otherwise than for ordinary holidays or during which dealings are substantially restricted or suspended;
- b) political, economic, military, monetary or other emergency beyond the control, liability and influence of the SICAV makes the disposal of the assets of any Sub-Fund impossible under normal conditions or such disposal would be detrimental to the interests of the Shareholders;
- during any breakdown in the means of communication network normally employed in determining the price or value of any of the investments of such Sub-Fund or the current price or value on any stock exchange or market in respect of the assets attributable to such Sub-Fund;
- d) during any period when the SICAV is unable to repatriate funds for the purpose of making payments on the redemption of Shares of such Sub-Fund or during which any transfer of funds involved in the realisation or acquisition of investments or payments due on redemption of Shares cannot, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, be effected at normal rates of exchange;
- e) during any period when for any other reason the prices of any investments owned by the SICAV attributable to such Sub-Fund cannot promptly or accurately be ascertained;
- f) during any period when the Board of Directors so decides, provided all Shareholders are treated on an equal footing and all relevant laws and regulations are applied (i) as soon as an extraordinary general meeting of Shareholders of the SICAV or a Sub-Fund

has been convened for the purpose of deciding on the liquidation or dissolution of the SICAV or a Sub-Fund and (ii) when the Board of Directors is empowered to decide on this matter, upon its decision to liquidate or dissolve a Sub-Fund;

- g) following a decision to merge, liquidate or dissolve the SICAV or any of its Sub-Funds or upon the order of the Regulatory Authority;
- h) in the case of a Sub-Fund for which the Board of Directors has required that a Side Pocket Sub-Fund be established.

When exceptional circumstances might adversely affect Shareholders' interests or in the case that significant requests for subscription, redemption or conversion are received, the Board of Directors reserves the right to set the value of Shares in one or more Sub-Funds only after having sold the necessary securities, as soon as possible, on behalf of the Sub-Fund(s) concerned. In this case, subscriptions, redemptions and conversions that are simultaneously in the process of execution will be treated on the basis of a single Net Asset Value per Share in order to ensure that all Shareholders having presented requests for subscription, redemption or conversion are treated equally.

Any such suspension of the calculation of the Net Asset Value shall be notified to the subscribers and Shareholders requesting redemption, subscription or conversion of their Shares on receipt of their request for subscription, redemption or conversion.

Suspended subscriptions, redemptions and conversions will be taken into account on the first Valuation Day after the suspension ends.

Such suspension as to any Class shall have no effect on the calculation of the Net Asset Value per Share, the issue, redemption and conversion of Shares of any other Class.

Any request for subscription, redemption or conversion shall be irrevocable except in the event of a suspension of the calculation of the Net Asset Value.

#### Valuation of the Assets

The calculation of the Net Asset Value of Shares in any Class of any Sub-Fund and of the assets and liabilities of any Class of any Sub-Fund shall be made in the following manner:

- I. The assets of the SICAV shall include:
- 1. all cash on hand or on deposit, including any interest accrued thereon;
- 2. all bills and notes payable and accounts receivable (including proceeds of securities sold but not delivered);
- 3. all bonds, time notes, shares, stock, debenture stocks, subscription rights, warrants, options and other securities, financial instruments and similar assets owned or contracted for by the SICAV (provided that the SICAV may make adjustments in a manner not inconsistent with paragraph 1. below with regard to fluctuations in the market value of securities caused by trading ex-dividends, ex-rights, or by similar practices);
- 4. all stock dividends, cash dividends and cash distributions receivable by the SICAV to the extent information thereon is reasonably available to the SICAV;
- 5. all interest accrued on any interest-bearing assets owned by the SICAV except to the extent that the same is included or reflected in the principal amount of such asset;
- 6. the liquidating value of all forward contracts and all call or put options the SICAV has an open position in;
- 7. the preliminary expenses of the SICAV, including the cost of issuing and distributing Shares of the SICAV, insofar as the same have to be written off;
- 8. all other assets of any kind and nature including expenses paid in advance.

The value of the assets of all Sub-Funds shall be determined as follows:

- 1. The value of any cash on hand or on deposit, bills and demand notes and accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, cash dividends and interest declared or accrued as aforesaid and not yet received shall be deemed to be the full amount thereof, unless in any case the same is unlikely to be paid or received in full, in which case the value thereof shall be arrived at after making such discount as the Management Company may consider appropriate in such case to reflect the true value thereof.
- The value of each security or money market instrument which is quoted or dealt in on
  a stock exchange will be based on its last available price at the time of valuation on the
  Valuation Day on the stock exchange which is normally the principal market for
  such security.
- 3. The value of each security or money market instrument dealt in on any other Regulated Market will be based on its last available price at the time of valuation on the Valuation Day.
- 4. In the event that any of the securities or money market instruments held in a Sub-Fund's portfolio on the relevant day are not quoted or dealt in on any stock exchange or dealt in on any other Regulated Market or if, with respect of securities quoted or dealt in on any stock exchange or dealt in on any Regulated Market, the price as determined pursuant to sub-paragraphs 2. or 3. is not representative of the relevant securities, the value of such securities will be determined based on a reasonably foreseeable sales price determined prudently and in good faith.
- 5. The liquidating value of futures, forward or options contracts not traded on exchanges or on other organised markets shall mean their net liquidating value determined, pursuant to the policies established by the Management Company, on a basis consistently applied for each different variety of contracts. The liquidating value of futures, forward or options contracts traded on exchanges or on other organised markets shall be based upon the last available settlement prices of these contracts on exchanges and organised markets on which the particular futures, forward or options contracts are traded on behalf of the SICAV; provided that if a futures, forward or options contract could not be liquidated on the day with respect to which net assets are being determined, the basis for determining the liquidating value of such contract shall be such value as the Management Company may deem fair and reasonable.
- 6. Swaps, all other securities and other assets will be valued at fair market value as determined in good faith pursuant to procedures established by the Management Company.
- 7. Units or shares of open-ended UCIs will be valued at their last determined and available net asset value, or, if such price is not representative of the fair market value of such assets, then the price shall be determined by the Management Company on a fair and equitable basis. Units or shares of a closed-ended UCIs will be valued at their last available stock market value at the time of valuation on the Valuation Day.
- II. The liabilities of the SICAV shall include:
- 1. all loans, bills and accounts payable;
- 2. all accrued interest on loans of the SICAV (including accrued fees for commitment for such loans);
- 3. all accrued or payable expenses (including, without limitation, administrative expenses, management fees, including incentive fees, if any, and depositary fees);
- all known liabilities, present and future, including all matured contractual obligations for payments of money or property, including the amount of any unpaid distributions declared by the SICAV;

- 5. an appropriate provision for future taxes based on capital and income as of the Valuation Day, as determined from time to time by the Management Company, and other reserves (if any) authorized and approved by the Management Company, as well as such amount (if any) as the Management Company may consider to be an appropriate allowance in respect of any contingent liabilities of the SICAV;
- 6. all other liabilities of the SICAV of whatsoever kind and nature reflected in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. In determining the amount of such liabilities, the Management Company shall take into account all charges and expenses payable by the SICAV pursuant to section "Charges and Expenses" of this Prospectus. The Management Company may accrue administrative and other expenses of a regular or recurring nature based on an estimated amount rateably for yearly or other periods.

The value of all assets and liabilities not expressed in the Base Currency of a Sub-Fund will be converted into the Base Currency of such Sub-Fund at the rate of exchange ruling in Luxembourg on the relevant Valuation Day. If such quotations are not available, the rate of exchange will be determined in good faith by or under procedures established by the Management Company.

The Management Company, in its discretion, may permit some other method of valuation to be used, if it considers that such valuation better reflects the fair value of any asset of the SICAV.

In the event that extraordinary circumstances render a valuation in accordance with the foregoing guidelines impracticable or inadequate, the Management Company will, prudently and in good faith, use other criteria in order to achieve what it believes to be a fair valuation in the circumstances.

To the extent that the Management Company considers that it is in the best interests of Shareholders, if on any Valuation Day the aggregate subscriptions and redemptions in Shares of all Classes of any particular Sub-Fund expected to result in a net increase or decrease of Shares which exceeds a threshold set by the Management Company from time to time for that Sub-Fund, taking into account factors including the prevailing market conditions, the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund may be adjusted to reflect the estimated dealing spreads, costs and charges to be incurred by the Sub-Fund in liquidating or purchasing investments to satisfy the net transactions for that particular Valuation Day. The adjustment shall not exceed 2% of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Sub-Fund on the relevant Valuation Day. This adjustment will be made before the application of any performance fee if applicable.

#### III. Allocation of the assets of the SICAV:

The Board of Directors shall establish a Sub-Fund in respect of each Class and may establish a Sub-Fund in respect of two or more Classes in the following manner:

- a) if two or more Classes relate to one Sub-Fund, the assets attributable to such Classes shall be commonly invested pursuant to the specific investment policy of the Sub-Fund concerned;
- b) the proceeds to be received from the issue of Shares of a Class shall be applied in the books of the SICAV to the Sub-Fund corresponding to that Class, provided that if several Classes are outstanding in such Sub-Fund, the relevant amount shall increase the proportion of the net assets of such Sub-Fund attributable to the Class to be issued;
- c) the assets and liabilities and income and expenditure applied to a Sub-Fund shall be attributable to the Class or Classes corresponding to such Sub-Fund;
- d) where the SICAV incurs a liability which relates to any asset of a particular Sub-Fund or Class or to any action taken in connection with an asset of a particular Sub-Fund or Class, such liability shall be allocated to the relevant Sub-Fund or Class;

- e) in the case where any asset or liability of the SICAV cannot be considered as being attributable to a particular Class or Sub-Fund, such asset or liability shall be allocated to all the Classes in any Sub-Fund or to the Sub-Funds pro rata to the Net Asset Values of the relevant Classes or in such other manner as determined by the Management Company acting in good faith. The SICAV shall be considered as one single entity. However, with regard to third parties, in particular towards the SICAV's creditors, each Sub-Fund shall be exclusively responsible for all liabilities attributable to it;
- f) upon the payment of distributions to the Shareholders of any Class, the Net Asset Value of such Class shall be reduced by the amount of such distributions.

## Procedures for Subscription, Conversion and Redemption

#### 1. Dealing Price

The dealing price for the subscription, conversion and redemption of Shares of the same Class within each Sub-Fund will be calculated as follows:

#### **Subscriptions**

In the event of a subscription for Class B, C, F, I, J, R, S and X Shares, the dealing price will be equal to the Net Asset Value per Share. Class B and C Shares are subject to a deferred sales charge.

In the event of a subscription for Class A, D, E and H Shares, the dealing price will be equal to the Net Asset Value per Share increased by the relevant sales charge.

#### Conversions

The dealing price will be equal to the Net Asset Value per Share of Class B, C, F, I, J, R, S and X Shares when converting Shares of a Sub-Fund into Shares of another Sub-Fund.

The dealing price will be equal to the Net Asset Value per Share of Class A, D, E, and H Shares decreased by a conversion fee equal to the difference between the sales charge of the Sub-Fund to be purchased and the Sub-Fund to be sold when converting Shares of a Sub-Fund into Shares of another Sub-Fund charging a higher sales charge.

Furthermore, in respect of conversion of Class A, E, and F Shares, the dealing price may also be decreased by an additional conversion fee representing a percentage of the Net Asset Value of the Shares to be converted.

#### **Redemptions**

In the event of a redemption from Class A, D, E, F, H, I, J, R, S and X Shares, the dealing price will be equal to the Net Asset Value per Share.

In the event of a redemption from Class B and C Shares, the dealing price will be equal to the Net Asset Value per Share decreased by the relevant deferred sales charge.

The dealing price will be equal to the Net Asset Value per Share decreased by the redemption fee in case of redemptions for Shares in Sub-Funds applying such a fee (as more fully disclosed in Appendix I for each Sub-Fund).

## 2. Dealing Time

The Management Company does not permit market-timing or other excessive trading practices. Excessive, short-term (market-timing) trading practices may disrupt portfolio management strategies and harm the SICAV's performance. To minimise harm to the SICAV and the Shareholders, the Management Company has the right to suspend any subscription, redemption or conversion order, or levy a fee of up to 2% of the value of the order for the benefit of the relevant Sub-Fund of the SICAV from any investor who is engaging in excessive trading or has history of excessive trading or if an investor's trading, in the opinion of the Management Company, has been or may be disruptive to the SICAV or any of the Sub-Funds. In making this judgment, the Management Company may consider trading done in multiple accounts under common ownership or control. The Management Company also has the power to redeem all Shares held by a Shareholder who is or has been engaged in excessive trading. The Management Company will not be held liable for any loss resulting from rejecting orders or mandatory redemptions.

The application for subscription, conversion or redemption must be received by the Registrar and Transfer Agent (on behalf of the Management Company) at any time before the "cut-off time" as defined for each Sub-Fund in Appendix I, otherwise such application shall be deemed to have been received on the next following Valuation Day.

All subscriptions, conversions or redemptions will be handled on the basis of an unknown Net Asset Value.

Applications for subscription, redemption or conversion shall be irrevocable after they have been lodged with the Management Company or the Depositary unless in case of suspension of the Net Asset Value calculation as described under the heading "Suspension of Calculation".

#### 3. Subscription of Shares

A completed application form is required for the initial application. For subsequent subscriptions, instructions may be given by fax or post or other electronic method as deemed suitable by the Management Company but not by phone for the time being.

The Management Company and the Depositary have discretion to refuse or delay applications for subscription and suspend or limit the issue of Shares if deemed in the best interests of the Shareholders of the Sub-Funds.

The Management Company may agree to issue Shares as consideration for a contribution in kind of securities, in compliance with the conditions set forth by the Management Company, in particular the obligation to deliver a valuation report from the auditor of the SICAV ("réviseur d'entreprises agréé") which shall be available for inspection, and provided that such securities comply with the investment objectives and policies of the relevant Sub-Fund described in Appendix I of the Prospectus. Any costs incurred in connection with a contribution in kind of securities shall be borne by the relevant Shareholders.

Payments for the subscription of Shares must be made in the Pricing Currency or in any other currency specified by the investor (in which case the cost of any currency conversion shall be borne by the investor and the rate of such conversion will be that of the relevant Valuation Day) and must be received in favour of the SICAV by the Depositary at the latest three (3) Business Days after the relevant Valuation Day unless otherwise specified for a relevant Sub-Fund in Appendix I.

Transfer of funds should be made by wire, transfer or swift, net of all banking charges, or by such other method of electronic transfer as may be agreed by the Management Company.

#### 4. Conversion of Shares

Except otherwise specified in Appendix I, conversion of Shares of one Sub-Fund into Shares of another Sub-Fund but only within the same Class can take place on any Valuation Day upon receipt by the Management Company or the Registrar and Transfer Agent of an application for conversion.

Distributing Shares, if any, issued within a Sub-Fund may be converted into Non-Distributing Shares, or vice versa, within the same or another Sub-Fund, under the terms and conditions described hereunder.

Applications for the conversion of Shares may be given by fax or post or other electronic method as deemed suitable by the Management Company but not by phone for the time being.

In converting Shares of a Sub-Fund for Shares of another Sub-Fund, a Shareholder must meet any applicable minimum investment requirement imposed in the relevant Class by the acquired Sub-Fund.

If, as a result of any request for conversion, the aggregate Net Asset Value of the Shares held by the converting Shareholder in a Class within a Sub-Fund would fall below the minimum applicable holding requirement, the SICAV may treat such request as a request to convert the entire shareholding of such Shareholder in such Class.

The conversion from one Sub-Fund to another Sub-Fund is effected on any Valuation Day on the basis of the respective Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Class in the two Sub-Funds calculated on such Valuation Day and using the applicable market rates prevailing at the time of calculation of such Net Asset Values.

A conversion of Shares of one Sub-Fund for Shares of another Sub-Fund including conversions between Non-Distributing Shares and Distributing Shares, will be treated as a redemption of Shares and simultaneous purchase of Shares. A converting Shareholder may, therefore, realise a taxable gain or loss in connection with the conversion under the laws of the country of the Shareholder's citizenship, residence or domicile.

All terms and notices regarding the redemption of Shares shall equally apply to the conversion of Shares.

The Management Company shall use its best efforts to maintain an appropriate level of liquidity in the assets of each Sub-Fund so that conversions of the Shares of the Sub-Fund under normal circumstances may be made without undue delay after request by Shareholders. The Management Company shall however, in exceptional circumstances when sufficient liquidity is not available, be entitled, subject to obtaining the approval of the Depositary, to implement conversion orders only after the sale of corresponding assets of the relevant Sub-Fund of the SICAV shall have been effected without delay. In particular, conversion requests above a certain limit may be deferred for specific Sub-Funds as disclosed in Appendix I, as the case may be.

Compulsory conversions for Class J Shares will be made in accordance with section "Shares" above.

#### 5. Redemption of Shares

Applications for the redemption of Shares must be sent to the Management Company or the Registrar and Transfer Agent by fax or post or other electronic method as deemed suitable by the Management Company but not by phone for the time being.

Depending on the development of the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Class in the relevant Sub-Fund, Shares may be redeemed at a higher or lower price than the dealing price paid for subscription of such Shares.

Unless otherwise specified for a relevant Sub-Fund in Appendix I or agreed with the Shareholder, payment for redeemed Shares shall be made by bank transfer to the redeeming Shareholder in the Pricing Currency with a value date not later than three (3) Business Days following the relevant Valuation Day or in any other currency specified by the investor (in which case the cost of any currency conversion shall be borne by the investor and the rate of such conversion will be that of the relevant Valuation Day). Payments will be made only if no legal provision, such as exchange controls or other circumstances outside the control of the Depositary, prohibit the making of a payment.

The Management Company shall use its best efforts to maintain an appropriate level of liquidity in the assets of each Sub-Fund so that redemption of the Shares of the Sub-Fund under normal circumstances may be made without undue delay after request by Shareholders. The Management Company shall however, in exceptional circumstances when sufficient liquidity is not available, be entitled, subject to obtaining the approval of the Depositary, to implement redemption orders only after the sale of corresponding assets of the relevant Sub-Fund of the SICAV shall have been effected without delay. In particular, redemption requests above a certain limit may be deferred for specific Sub-Funds as disclosed in Appendix I, as the case may be.

If, as a result of any request for redemption, the aggregate Net Asset Value of the Shares held by the redeeming Shareholder in a Class within a Sub-Fund would fall below the minimum applicable holding requirement, the SICAV may treat such request as a request to redeem the entire shareholding of such Shareholder in such Class.

The Management Company may, at the request of a Shareholder who wishes to redeem Shares, agree to make, in whole or in part, a distribution in kind of securities or other assets of any Sub-Fund to that Shareholder in lieu of paying to that Shareholder redemption proceeds in cash. The Management Company will agree to do so if it determines that such transaction would not be detrimental to the best interests of the

remaining Shareholders of the relevant Sub-Fund. The assets to be transferred to such Shareholder shall be determined on a prorata basis by the relevant Investment Manager and the Depositary, with regard to the practicality of transferring the assets, to the interests of the relevant Sub-Fund and continuing participants therein and to the Shareholder. The selection, valuation and transfer of assets shall be subject to a valuation report of the SICAV's auditors at the cost of the relevant Shareholder. In case the relevant Shareholder further decides, on the same Valuation Day or at any time thereafter, to realize or to transfer the securities or other assets so received in satisfaction of its redemption, such Shareholder may incur charges, including but not limited to brokerage and/or local tax charges on any such transfer or sale. As a consequence thereof, the net proceeds from this sale or transfer by the redeeming Shareholder of such securities or other assets may be more or less than the corresponding redemption price of Shares in the relevant Class of the relevant Sub-Fund due to market conditions and/or differences in the prices used for the purposes of such sale or transfer and the calculation of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Shares within the relevant Class of the relevant Sub-Fund.

#### 6. Confirmations

The Administrator will on behalf of the Management Company and without undue delay, issue a written confirmation stating the number of Shares of the relevant Class within the relevant Sub-Fund subscribed and accepted or resulting from a conversion as well as the balance thereof in case of redemption, and the price paid in the Pricing Currency.

Ownership of the Shares lies with an entry in the Share Register evidenced by a confirmation advice, in each case issued by the Management Company.

## **Distribution Policy**

The SICAV may issue Distributing Shares and Non-Distributing Shares in certain Classes within the Sub-Funds of the SICAV, as summarised in Appendix I of the Prospectus.

Non-Distributing Shares capitalise their entire earnings whereas Distributing Shares pay dividends. The SICAV shall determine how the income of the relevant Classes of the relevant Sub-Funds shall be distributed and may declare from time to time, at such time and in relation to such periods as the Board of Directors may determine, distributions in the form of cash or Shares as set forth hereinafter.

All distributions will be paid out of the net investment income available for distribution. For certain Classes, the Board of Directors may decide from time to time to distribute net realized capital gains. Unless otherwise specifically requested, dividends will be reinvested in further Shares within the same Class of the same Sub-Fund and investors will be advised of the details by dividend statement.

For Classes entitled to distribution, dividends, if any, will be declared and distributed on an annual basis. Moreover, interim dividends may be declared and distributed from time to time at a frequency decided by the Board of Directors with the conditions set forth by law.

However, in any event, no distribution may be made if, as a result, the Net Asset Value of the SICAV would fall below EUR 1,250,000.

Dividends not claimed within five years of their due date will lapse and revert to the relevant Class of the relevant Sub-Fund.

No interest shall be paid on a distribution declared by the SICAV and kept by it at the disposal of its beneficiary.

## **Charges and Expenses**

#### 1. Dealing Charges

#### **Sales Charge**

A sales charge will be levied as a percentage of the Net Asset Value as detailed in the table below:

Class	Sales Charge
Class A	Maximum of 5%
Class D	Maximum of 3%
Class E	Maximum of 4.75 %
Class H	Maximum of 2%
Class B and C	Subject to a deferred sales charge
Class F, I, J, R, S and X	No sales charge

Details of sales charges applicable to each Class and Sub-Fund are set out for each Sub-Fund in Appendix I of the Prospectus.

The Distributor may share the sales charge and any applicable conversion fee received by it with any of its Agents (if any) or professional advisers as it may, in its discretion, determine.

#### **Deferred Sales Charge**

Classes B and C Shares are sold without a sales charge, although a deferred sales charge may be imposed if Shareholders redeem Shares within a specific period of time as detailed in the table below.

Class	Deferred Sales Charge
Class B	4% maximum declining to 0% over a 4 year period following investment
Class C	1% maximum during the first year of investment

Shareholders should note that for the purpose of determining the number of years Shares have been held:

- a) the anniversary of the date of subscription shall be used;
- b) the Shares held the longest period are redeemed first;
- c) the Shares which a Shareholder receives upon a conversion carry the holding period(s) which corresponds to the holding period(s) of the Shares which were converted;
- d) when a Shareholder converts Shares which have been subscribed at different times to Shares of another Sub-Fund, the Registrar and Transfer Agent will convert the Shares held for the longest period.

No deferred sales charge will be imposed on Class B and Class C Shares if Shareholders redeem Shares after the four-year period and after the one-year period respectively.

Shares acquired by reinvestment of dividends or distributions will be exempt from the deferred sales charge in the same manner as the deferred sales charge will also be waived on redemption of Classes B and C Shares arising out of death or disability of a Shareholder or all Shareholders (in case of a single Shareholder or in case of joint shareholding).

For Shares subject to a deferred sales charge, the amount of the charge is determined as a percentage of the lesser of the current market value and the purchase price of the Shares being redeemed. For example, when a Share that has appreciated in value is redeemed during the deferred sales charge period, a deferred sales charge is assessed only on its initial purchase price.

In determining whether a deferred sales charge is payable on any redemption, the Sub-Fund will first redeem Shares not subject to any deferred sales charge, and then Shares held longest during the deferred sales charge period. The amount of any deferred sales charge to be paid will be retained by the Management Company which is entitled to such deferred sales charge.

#### **Conversion Fee**

When converting Shares of a Sub-Fund into Shares of another Sub-Fund within the same Class charging a higher sales charge, a conversion fee equal to the difference between the sales charge of the Sub-Fund to be purchased and the sales charge of the Sub-Fund to be sold may be charged by the Distributor to the Shareholder. No conversion fee will be levied to the Shareholder when converting Shares from a Sub-Fund charging a higher commission.

When converting either Class A, E or F Shares of a Sub-Fund into Class A, E or F Shares respectively of another Sub-Fund, an additional conversion fee of up to 1% may be levied as a percentage of the Net Asset Value of the Shares to be converted by the Distributor or its Agents to the Shareholder. The Distributor or its Agents shall inform the investors whether such additional conversion fee applies.

If Shareholders convert either Class B or C Shares (which are subject to a deferred sales charge), of one Sub-Fund for Class B or C Shares respectively of another Sub-Fund, the transaction will not be subject to a deferred sales charge. However, when Shareholders redeem the Shares acquired through the conversion, the redemption may be subject to the deferred sales charge and/or a redemption fee if applicable to that Class, depending upon when Shareholders originally purchased the Shares of that Class.

#### **Redemption Fee**

For all Sub-Funds, Shares will be redeemed at a price based on the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Class in the relevant Sub-Fund. At present no redemption fees are levied on the redemption of Shares.

#### Other Costs

Any currency conversion costs as well as any costs incurred on cash transfers will be charged to the Shareholder.

#### 2. Additional Charges

#### **Management Fee**

The Management Company is entitled to receive from each Sub-Fund a management fee which may be calculated as a percentage of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Class within a Sub-Fund and which is charged to the Sub-Fund and thereby reflected in the Net Asset Value of the relevant Class.

For Class I and J Shares such fee shall not exceed 3% per annum.

Further details on the management fee applicable to a relevant Class within a Sub-Fund are described in Appendix I to the Prospectus. With respect to Class S Shares, the management and/or performance fees specified for Class J Shares shall be applicable 18 months following the launch date of the relevant Sub-Fund. Prior to the expiry of that period, Class S Shares are subject to fees agreed between the Management Company and the relevant investors, which will be in any case lower or equal to the management and/or performance fees specified for Class J Shares the relevant Sub-Fund.

Such fee is calculated and accrued on each Valuation Day and is payable monthly in arrears on the basis of the average monthly Net Asset Value of the relevant Class within the relevant Sub-Fund.

For Class X Shares, no management fee will be charged to the Sub-Funds directly and therefore reflected in the Net Asset Value, rather the management fee will be charged and collected by the Management Company directly from the Shareholder. Such fee may be calculated as above or in accordance with whatever methodology and payment terms agreed between the Management Company and the relevant investor.

The Management Company is responsible for the payment of fees to the Investment Managers.

#### **Distribution Fee**

The Management Company, in its capacity as Distributor, shall receive a distribution fee, payable monthly in arrears on the basis of the average Net Asset Value of the relevant Class within the relevant Sub-Fund as described in Appendix I to the Prospectus. However, no distribution fee will apply to Class X Shares. The Management Company may pass on a portion of or all of such fees to its Agents (if any), as well as to professional advisers as commission for their services.

#### Fees of the Depositary, Paying Agent and Administrator and the Registrar and Transfer Agent

In consideration for their services, the Depositary, Paying Agent and Administrator, as well as the Registrar and Transfer Agent are entitled to receive out of the assets of the relevant Sub-Fund (or the relevant Class, if applicable), a fee which will range, depending on the country where the assets of the relevant Sub-Fund are held, from 0.003% to 0.5% of the asset values underlying the relevant Sub-Fund or Class, payable monthly in arrears.

#### **Expenses**

The SICAV pays out of its assets all expenses payable by the SICAV. These include expenses payable to the Auditor, Depositary and Paying Agent, Administrator, Registrar and Transfer Agent, Management Company, Investment Manager, distributors, outside counsels and other professionals.

They also include any expenses involved in registering and maintaining the registration of the SICAV with any governmental agencies or stock exchanges in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and in any other country and administrative expenses, such as registration expenses, insurance coverage and the expenses relating to the translation and printing of this Prospectus and reports to Shareholders, and any fees and costs incurred by the agents of delegated Investment Managers in centralising orders and supporting best execution (some of these agents may be affiliates of Amundi).

Expenses specific to a Sub-Fund or Class will be borne by that Sub-Fund or Class. Expenses that are not specifically attributable to a particular Sub-Fund or Class may be allocated among the relevant Sub-Funds or Classes based on their respective net assets or any other reasonable basis given the nature of the expenses.

The costs and expenses incurred in connection with the formation of the SICAV and the initial issue of Shares by the SICAV, including those incurred in the preparation and publication of the sales documents of the SICAV, all legal, fiscal and printing costs, as well as certain launch expenses (including advertising costs) and other preliminary expenses shall be written off over a period not exceeding five years and in such amount in each year in each Sub-Fund of the SICAV as determined by the Board of Directors of the SICAV.

If a new Sub-Fund is created in the future, charges relating to the creation of such new Sub-Fund will be borne by the Sub-Fund exclusively and will be charged to the Sub-Fund immediately or, upon the Board of Directors' decision, amortised over a period of 5 years with effect from the launch date of the said Sub-Fund. The newly created Sub-Fund shall bear a pro rata share of the costs and expenses incurred in connection with the formation of the SICAV and the initial issue of Shares in the initial Sub-Funds, which have not already been written off at the time of the creation of the new Sub-Fund.

#### 3. Best Execution

Each Investment Manager and sub-investment manager has adopted a best execution policy to implement all reasonable measures to ensure the best possible result for the SICAV, when executing orders. In determining what constitutes best execution, the Investment Manager and/or sub-investment manager will consider a range of different factors, such as price, liquidity, speed and cost, among others, depending on their relative importance based on the various types of orders or financial instrument. Transactions are principally executed via brokers selected and monitored on the basis of the criteria of the best execution policy. Counterparties that are affiliates of Amundi may also be considered. To meet its best execution objective, the Investment Manager and/or sub-investment manager may choose to use agents (which may be affiliates of Amundi) for its order transmission and execution activities.

# 4. Commission Sharing Arrangements

The SICAV's Investment Managers may enter into commission sharing or similar arrangements. Consistent with obtaining best execution, commission sharing agreements ("CSA") are agreements between the Investment Managers and nominated brokers that specify a certain proportion of dealing commission sent to a broker be reserved to pay for research with one or more third parties. The provision of research is subject to arrangements between the Investment Managers and the research providers and the commission split for execution and research is negotiated between the Investment Managers and the executing broker. Separately to CSA, executing brokers may also provide research with payment deducted from the execution cost. The receipt of investment research and information and related services permits the Investment Managers to supplement their own research and analysis and makes available to them the views and information of individuals and research staffs of other firms. Such services do not include travel, accommodation, entertainment, general administrative goods or services, general office equipment or premises, membership fees, employee salaries or direct money payment, which are paid by the Investment Managers.

#### 5. Inducements

The Management Company shall not pay or be paid any fee or commission, or provide or be provided with any non-monetary benefit, other than the following:

- a) a fee, commission or non-monetary benefit paid or provided to or by the SICAV or a person on behalf of the SICAV;
- b) a fee, commission or non-monetary benefit paid or provided to or by a third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party, where the Management Company can demonstrate that the following conditions are satisfied:
  - the existence, nature and amount of the fee, commission or benefit, or, where the amount cannot be ascertained, the method of calculating that amount, is clearly disclosed to Shareholders in a manner that is comprehensive, accurate and understandable, prior to the provision of the relevant service;
  - ii) the payment of the fee or commission, or the provision of the non-monetary benefit are designed to enhance the quality of the relevant service and not impair compliance with the Management Company's duty to act in the best interests of the SICAV and Shareholders;
- c) proper fees which enable or are necessary for the provision of the relevant service, including custody costs, settlement and exchange fees, regulatory levies or legal fees, and which, by their nature, do not give rise to conflicts with the Management Company's duties to act honestly, fairly and in accordance with the best interests of the SICAV or Shareholders.

Shareholders may receive, upon request to the Management Company and in accordance with item (i) of paragraph (b) above, further details regarding the existence, nature and amount or method of calculation of fees, commissions or benefits paid or provided to or by another party than the Management Company or a person acting on behalf of such third party for services provided in relation to the SICAV.

## Special considerations

# 1. General Legal Considerations

Luxembourg law governs the SICAV and the Management Company.

Investors should note that all the regulatory protections provided by their local regulatory authority may not apply. Investors should consult their personal financial adviser for further information in this regard.

Investment in the SICAV may involve legal requirements, foreign exchange restrictions and tax considerations unique to each investor. The Management Company makes no representations with respect to whether any Shareholder is permitted to hold such Shares. Prospective investors should consult their own legal and tax advisers regarding such considerations prior to making an investment decision.

# 2. Luxembourg Tax Considerations

#### 2.1 General

The following information is of a general nature only and is based on the SICAV's understanding of certain aspects of the laws and practice in force in Luxembourg as of the date of this Prospectus. It does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all of the tax considerations that might be relevant to an investment decision. It is included herein solely for preliminary information purposes. It is not intended to be, nor should it be construed to be, legal or tax advice. It is a description of the essential material Luxembourg tax consequences with respect to the Shares and may not include tax considerations that arise from rules of general application or that are generally assumed to be known to Shareholders. This summary is based on the laws in force in Luxembourg on the date of this Prospectus and is subject to any change in law that may take effect after such date. Prospective Shareholders should consult their professional advisors with respect to particular circumstances, the effects of state, local or foreign laws to which they may be subject and as to their tax position.

#### 2.2 The SICAV

Under current law and practice, the SICAV is not liable to any Luxembourg income tax.

The SICAV is as a rule liable in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to a subscription tax (*taxe d'abonnement*) of 0.05% *per annum* of its Net Asset Value, such tax being payable quarterly on the basis of the value of the aggregate net assets of each Sub-Fund of the SICAV at the end of the relevant calendar quarter.

This rate is however of 0.01% per annum for:

- → individual Sub-Funds of UCIs the exclusive object of which is the collective investment in money market instruments and the placing of deposits with credit institutions;
- → individual Sub-Funds of UCIs the exclusive object of which is the collective investment in deposits with credit institutions;
- → individual Sub-Funds of UCIs with multiple Sub-Funds as well as for individual classes of securities issued within a UCI or within a Sub-Fund of a UCI with multiple Sub-Funds, provided that the securities of such Sub-Funds or classes are reserved to one or more institutional investors.

Are further exempt from the subscription tax:

- → the value of the assets represented by units held in other UCIs, provided such units have already been subject to the subscription tax;
- → UCIs as well as individual sub-funds of umbrella funds (i) whose securities are reserved for institutional investors, (ii) whose exclusive object is the collective investment in money market instruments and the placing of deposits with credit institutions, (iii) whose weighted residual portfolio maturity must not exceed ninety (90) days, and (iv) which have obtained the highest possible rating from a recognized rating agency;

- → UCIs whose securities are reserved for (i) institutions for occupational retirement provision, or similar investment vehicles, created on the initiative of a same group for the benefit of its employees and (ii) undertakings of this same group investing funds they hold, to provide retirement benefits to their employees;
- → for UCIs as well as individual sub-funds of umbrella funds whose main objective is the investment in microfinance institutions; and
- → for UCIs as well as individual sub-funds of umbrella funds (i) whose securities are listed or traded on at least one stock exchange or another regulated market operating regularly, recognised and open to the public and (ii) whose exclusive object is to replicate the performance of one or more indices.

#### 2.3 Withholding Tax

Under current Luxembourg tax law, there is no withholding tax on any distribution, redemption or payment made by the SICAV to its Shareholders in relation to the Shares. There is also no withholding tax on the distribution of liquidation proceeds to the Shareholders.

#### 2.4 VAT

As per current Luxembourg legislation, regulated investment funds such as SICAVs have the status of taxable persons for value added tax ("VAT") purposes. Accordingly, the SICAV is considered in Luxembourg as a taxable person for VAT purposes without input VAT deduction right. A VAT exemption applies in Luxembourg for services qualifying as fund management services. Other services supplied to the SICAV could potentially trigger VAT and require the VAT registration of the SICAV in Luxembourg. As a result of such VAT registration, the SICAV will be in a position to fulfil its duty to self-assess the VAT regarded as due in Luxembourg on taxable services (or goods to some extent) purchased from abroad.

No VAT liability arises, in principle, in Luxembourg in respect of any payments by the SICAV to the Shareholders, to the extent that such payments are linked to their subscription to the SICAV's Shares and therefore do not constitute consideration received for taxable services supplied.

# 3. United Kingdom Tax Considerations

#### The SICAV

The Directors intend that the affairs of the SICAV should be managed and conducted so that it does not become resident in the UK for UK taxation purposes. Accordingly, and provided that the SICAV does not carry on a trade in the UK through a permanent establishment situated in the UK for corporation tax purposes, or through a branch or agency situated in the UK within the charge to income tax, the SICAV will not be subject to UK corporation tax or income tax on income and capital gains arising to it, save as noted below in relation to possible withholding tax on certain UK source income. The Directors intend that the affairs of the SICAV are conducted so that no such permanent establishment, branch or agency will arise insofar as this is within their control, but it cannot be guaranteed that the conditions necessary to prevent any such permanent establishment, branch or agency coming into being will at all times be satisfied.

Interest and other income received by the SICAV which has a UK source may be subject to withholding taxes in the UK.

#### **Shareholders**

It is the current policy of the Directors that no dividends will be paid to Shareholders. However, in the event that dividends are paid, and subject to their personal circumstances, non-corporate Shareholders resident in the UK for taxation purposes will be liable to UK income tax in respect of any dividends or other distributions of income by the SICAV, whether or not such distributions are reinvested. By contrast, legislation has been included in the Finance Act 2009 to change the way in which dividends and other income distributions received by companies within the charge to UK corporation tax are treated for UK tax purposes. The legislation provides for a wide exemption from UK corporation tax on such distributions (including distributions received from non-UK companies) subject to certain exclusions and specific anti-avoidance rules. In addition, Finance Act

2009 extends the availability of the dividend tax credit of  $1/9^{th}$  of the gross dividend which is currently available to certain individual investors on dividends received from certain non-UK resident companies. Subject to any exclusions and anti-avoidance rules, the legislation provides that individual investors in an offshore fund, such as the SICAV, may be entitled to the tax credit. However, as a result of anti-avoidance rules such credit will not be available to individual investors in certain offshore corporate funds where the market value of the fund's investments in debt instruments, securities and certain other offshore corporate funds which invest in similar assets exceeds 60 per cent. of the market value of all of the assets of the fund at any relevant time. Investors in these funds will be treated as receiving an interest payment which will not carry the tax credit.

Except in the case of a company owning directly or indirectly not less than ten per cent. of the voting share capital of the SICAV, no credit will be available against a Shareholder's UK taxation liability in respect of income distributions of the SICAV for any taxes suffered or paid by the SICAV on its own income.

Section 41 of the Finance Act 2008 and the Offshore Funds (Tax) Regulations 2009 provide that if an investor who is resident or ordinarily resident in the UK for taxation purposes is a participator in an overseas company that constitutes an "offshore fund" and that company is not certified as a "reporting fund" throughout the period during which the investor holds that interest, any gain accruing to the investor upon the sale, redemption or other disposal of that interest (which may include, where applicable, redemption by the SICAV) will be taxed at the time of such sale, redemption or disposal as income and not as a capital gain. The holding of Shares will constitute participation in an "offshore fund" for the purposes of these provisions.

The Directors currently intend that the SICAV will not seek certification as a reporting fund. Accordingly, Shareholders who are resident or ordinarily resident in the UK for taxation purposes may be liable to UK income taxation in respect of gains arising from the sale, redemption or other disposal of their Shares. Such gains may remain taxable notwithstanding any general or specific UK capital gains tax exemption or allowance available to an investor and this may result in certain investors incurring a proportionately greater UK taxation charge. Any losses arising on the disposal of Shares by Shareholders who are resident or ordinarily resident in the UK will be eligible for capital gains loss relief.

A Shareholder who is resident or ordinarily resident in the UK and who, subsequent to subscription, wishes to exchange Shares of one Class into Shares of a different Class in accordance with the procedure outlined in "Conversion of Shares" above should note that such an exchange could give rise to a disposal triggering a potential liability to income tax or corporation tax as appropriate depending upon the value of the shareholding on the date of conversion.

Chapter 3 of Part 6 of the Corporation Tax Act 2009 ("CTA 2009") provides that, if at any time in an accounting period a corporate investor within the charge to UK corporation tax holds an interest in an offshore fund and there is a time in that period when that fund fails to satisfy the "non-qualifying investments test", the material interest held by such a corporate investor will be treated for the accounting period as if it were rights under a creditor relationship for the purposes of the rules relating to the taxation of most corporate debt contained in CTA 2009 (the "Corporate Debt Regime"). The Shares will constitute an interest in an offshore fund. In circumstances where the test is not so satisfied (for example where a Class invests in cash, securities or debt instruments and the market value of such investments exceeds 60% of the market value of all its investments at any time) the Shares in the relevant Class will be treated for corporation tax purposes as within the Corporate Debt Regime. As a consequence, all returns on the Shares in the relevant Class in respect of each corporate investor's accounting period during which the test is not met (including gains, profits and deficits and, exchange gains and losses) will be taxed or relieved as an income receipt or expense on a fair value accounting basis. Accordingly, a corporate investor in the SICAV may, depending on its own circumstances, incur a charge to corporation tax on an unrealised increase in the value of its holding of Shares (and, likewise, obtain relief against corporation tax for an unrealised reduction in

the value of its holding of Shares). The provisions relating to non-reporting funds (outlined above) would not then apply to such corporate Shareholders and the effect of the provisions relating to holdings in controlled foreign companies (outlined below) would then be substantially mitigated.

The attention of individual Shareholders ordinarily resident in the UK is drawn to the provisions of Chapter 2 of Part 13 of the Income Tax Act 2007 under which the income accruing to the SICAV may be attributed to such a Shareholder and may render them liable to taxation in respect of the undistributed income and profits of the SICAV. This legislation will, however, not apply if such a Shareholder can satisfy HM Revenue and Customs that either:

- i) it would not be reasonable to draw the conclusion from all the circumstances of the case, that the purpose of avoiding liability to taxation was the purpose, or one of the purposes, for which the relevant transactions or any of them were effected; or
- ii) all the relevant transactions are genuine commercial transactions and it would not be reasonable to draw the conclusion, from all the circumstances of the case, that any one or more of the transactions was more than incidentally designed for the purpose of avoiding liability to taxation.

Chapter IV of Part XVII of the Taxes Act subjects UK resident companies to tax on the profits of companies not so resident in which they have an interest. The provisions, broadly, affect UK resident companies which hold, alone or together with certain other associated persons shares which confer a right to at least 25% of the profits of a non-resident company where that non-resident company is controlled by persons who are resident in the UK and is subject to a lower level of taxation in its territory of residence. The legislation is not directed towards the taxation of capital gains. The legislation provides for certain exceptions, though, as a part of an ongoing reform of these provisions, the exception for a company which implements an acceptable distribution policy was repealed by Finance Act 2009. This amendment takes effect for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009 with further reform of the legislation expected to take place in future based on the outcome of the ongoing consultation.

The attention of persons resident or ordinarily resident in the UK for taxation purposes is drawn to the provisions of section 13 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 ("section 13"). Section 13 applies to a "participator" for UK taxation purposes (which term includes a shareholder) if at any time when a gain accrues to the SICAV which constitutes a chargeable gain for those purposes, at the same time, the SICAV is itself controlled by a sufficiently small number of persons so as to render the SICAV a body corporate that would, were it to have been resident in the UK for taxation purposes, be a "close" company for those purposes. The provisions of section 13 could, if applied, result in any such person who is a "participator" in the SICAV being treated for the purposes of UK taxation of chargeable gains as if a part of any chargeable gain accruing to the SICAV had accrued to that person directly, that part being equal to the proportion of the gain that corresponds on a just and reasonable basis to that person's proportionate interest in the SICAV as a "participator". No liability under section 13 could be incurred by such a person however, where such proportion does not exceed one-tenth of the gain. In the case of UK resident or ordinarily resident individuals domiciled outside the UK, section 13 applies only to gains relating to UK situate assets of the SICAV and gains relating to non-UK situate assets if such gains are remitted to the UK.

Individuals who are resident or ordinarily resident in the UK but not domiciled in the UK for taxation purposes should note that if they are applying for Shares in certain Classes they may be required to make payment directly into a UK bank account. Where such an individual intends to meet subscription proceeds from funds sourced outside the UK, it is conceivable that such a payment might give rise to a taxable remittance for the purposes of UK taxation, depending upon the particular circumstances of that individual. Accordingly, it is recommended that such individuals seek independent taxation advice in this respect before making a subscription for Shares from such funds.

The summary given in this section is for information purposes only. It is not exhaustive and does not constitute legal or tax advice. Prospective investors should consult their own professional advisers as to the implications of their subscribing for, purchasing, holding, switching or disposing of Shares. The tax consequences applicable to investors may vary depending on their particular circumstances. It is the responsibility of all prospective investors to inform themselves as to the tax consequences and any foreign exchange or other fiscal or legal restrictions, which may be relevant to their particular circumstances in connection with the acquisition, holding or disposition of Shares. The above is a brief summary of certain aspects of UK taxation law and practice relevant to the transactions contemplated in the Prospectus. While it is based on the law and practice and official interpretation currently in effect, no assurance can be given that courts or fiscal authorities responsible for the administration of such laws will agree with the interpretation given or that changes in such law and practice will not occur.

## Specific Restrictions on Offering

# Identification of Subscribers

Pursuant to the laws and regulations of Luxembourg with respect to the fight against money laundering and terrorism financing and, in particular, pursuant to any relevant Circulars issued by the Regulatory Authority from time to time, obligations have been imposed on financial sector individuals to prevent the use of UCIs for money laundering and terrorism financing purposes. To meet these requirements the application form of a subscriber (and, where necessary, a beneficial owner) must be accompanied, in the case of individuals, by a copy of the passport or identification card and/or in the case of legal entities, a copy of the articles of incorporation and an extract from the commercial register (any such copy must be certified to be a true copy by one of the following authorities: embassy, consulate, notary, local police or other authorities determined on a case by case basis by the SICAV). Such identification procedure may be waived by the SICAV in the following circumstances:

- a) in the case of a subscription through a professional of the financial sector resident in a country which imposes an identification obligation equivalent to that required under Luxembourg law for the prevention of money laundering and terrorism financing;
- b) in the case of a subscription through a professional of the financial sector whose parent is subject to an identification obligation equivalent to that required by Luxembourg law and where the law applicable to the parent -or a statutory or professional obligation pursuant to a group policy- impose an equivalent obligation on its subsidiaries or branches.

The investor due diligence procedure may be simplified or enhanced depending on the profile of an investor in terms of the risk of money laundering or terrorist financing.

Subject to the discretion of the SICAV, it is generally accepted that financial professionals resident in a country which has ratified the conclusions of the Financial Action Task Force are deemed to have identification requirements equivalent to that required by Luxembourg law.

## Excessive Trading/ Market Timing

The SICAV does not permit excessive trading practices. Excessive, short-term (market-timing) trading practices may disrupt portfolio management strategies and harm the SICAV's performance. To minimise harm to the SICAV and the Shareholders and for the benefit of the relevant Sub-Fund, the SICAV has the right to suspend any subscription, redemption or conversion order, or levy a fee of up to 2% of the value of the order from any investor who is engaging in excessive trading or has history of excessive trading or if an investor's trading, in the opinion of the SICAV, has been or may be disruptive to the SICAV or any of the Sub-Funds.

In exercising these rights, the SICAV may consider trading done in multiple accounts under common ownership or control. Where accounts are held by an intermediary on behalf of client(s), such as nominee accounts, the SICAV may require the intermediary to provide information about the transactions and to take action to prevent excessive trading practices. The SICAV also has the power to redeem all Shares held by a Shareholder who is or has been engaged in excessive trading. The SICAV will not be held liable for any loss resulting from rejecting orders or mandatory redemptions.

#### **General Distribution**

The distribution of the Prospectus and/or the offer and sale of the Shares in certain jurisdictions or to certain investors, may be restricted or prohibited by law. Investors should note that some Sub-Funds and/or Classes may not be available to all investors. Their financial advisor can give them information about which Sub-Funds and/or Classes are offered in their country of residence.

# Distribution in the European Union - General

In the European Union, unless otherwise specified for a Sub-fund in Appendix I, the SICAV and its Sub-Funds are reserved for and may only be invested by Professional Investors.

### Distribution in the United Kingdom

The SICAV is a collective investment scheme as defined in the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("FSMA") of the United Kingdom. It has not been authorised, or otherwise recognised or approved by the United Kingdom's Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") and, accordingly, cannot be marketed in the United Kingdom to the general public.

The issue or distribution of this Prospectus in the United Kingdom, (a) if made by a person who is not an authorised person under FSMA, is being made only to, or directed only at, persons who are (i) investment professionals under article 19 of the FSMA (Financial Promotion) Order 2001 (the "FPO"); or (ii) high net worth entities or certified sophisticated investors falling within articles 49 and 50 of the FPO, respectively, (all such persons under (i) and (ii) together being referred to as "FPO Persons"); and (b) if made by a person who is an authorised person under FSMA, is being made only to, or directed only at, persons who are (i) investment professionals under article 14 of the FSMA 2000 (Promotion of Collective Investment Schemes) (Exemptions) Order 2001 (the "PCIS Order"); or (ii) high net worth entities or certified sophisticated investors falling within articles 22 and 23 of the PCIS Order, respectively; or (iii) persons to whom it may otherwise be lawfully distributed under chapter 4.12 of the FCA's Conduct of Business sourcebook (all such persons under (i) and (ii) together being referred to as "PCIS Persons" and, together with the FPO persons, "Relevant Persons").

Investment professionals under the FPO and the PCIS Order are persons authorised pursuant to FSMA or exempt from the requirement to be so authorised; governments, local and public authorities; persons who invest, or can reasonably be expected to invest, in the SICAV on a professional basis; and any director, officer, executive or employee of any such person when acting in that capacity.

High net worth entities under the FPO and the PCIS Order are (a) any body corporate with, or grouped with another person that has, paid up share capital or net assets exceeding £5m (or currency equivalent); (b) any body corporate with, or grouped with another person that has, at least 20 members and paid up share capital or net assets exceeding £500,000 (or currency equivalent); (c) any partnership or unincorporated body with net assets exceeding £5m (or currency equivalent); (d) the trustee of any trust which at any time in the 12 months preceding the date of the promotion constituted by this Prospectus had a gross value of £10m (or currency equivalent) in cash or FSMA regulated investments; or (e) any director, officer, executive or employee of any person in (a) to (d) above when acting in that capacity.

Certified sophisticated investors under the FPO and the PCIS Order are persons who (a) have a certificate signed within the past three years by a firm authorised by the FCA or an equivalent EEA regulator stating that the person is sufficiently knowledgeable to understand the risks associated with participating in unregulated collective investment schemes; and (b) have themselves in the past 12 months signed a statement in prescribed terms.

This Prospectus is exempt from the scheme promotion restriction in section 238 FSMA on the communication of invitations or inducements to participate in unregulated collective investment schemes on the ground that it is made to Relevant Persons, and it must not be acted on or relied on by persons who are not Relevant Persons. Any investment or investment activity to which this Prospectus relates, including the sale of Shares, is available only to Relevant Persons and will be engaged in only with Relevant Persons.

Buying Shares may expose an investor to a significant risk of losing all of the property they invest. Any Relevant Person who is in any doubt about the SICAV should consult an authorised person who specialises in advising on investing in unregulated collective investment schemes.

Potential investors in the United Kingdom are advised that all, or most, of the protections afforded by the United Kingdom regulatory system will not apply to an investment in the SICAV and that compensation will not be available under the United Kingdom Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

# Distribution in the United States

The SICAV is not offering Shares either (i) in the United States or (ii) to, or for the account or benefit of, any person that is (A) a "U.S. person" as defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, (B) not a "Non-United States Person" as defined in Rule 4.7 under the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act, as amended, (C) a "United States person" as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, as amended or (D) a "U.S. Person" as defined in the Further Interpretative Guidance and Policy Statement Regarding Compliance with Certain Swap Regulations, as promulgated by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 78 Fed. Reg. 45292 (26 July 2013), as may be amended, (any person referred to in any of (A), (B), (C) or (D), a "Restricted U.S. Investor"). Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") nor any other federal or state regulatory authority has passed on or endorsed the merits of this offering or the accuracy of adequacy of this Prospectus. This document may not be delivered to any prospective investor in the United States or to any Restricted U.S. Investor. This Prospectus is being given to the recipient solely for the purpose of evaluating the investment in the Shares described herein. All subscribers for Shares will be required to represent that they are not, and are not subscribing for Shares for the account or benefit of, a Restricted U.S. Investor. If the Management Company determines that any Shares are held by, or for the account or benefit of, a Restricted U.S. Investor, the Management Company will direct the Registrar and Transfer Agent of the SICAV to redeem those Shares on a compulsory basis.

The investor is not, and is not subscribing for Shares for the account or benefit of a Restricted U.S. Investor as defined above. The investor is required to notify the Management Company or its agents immediately if the investor either becomes a Restricted U.S. Investor or holds Shares for the account or benefit of a Restricted U.S. Investor and any Shares held by or for the account of the investor shall be subject to compulsory redemption.

## **APPENDIX I: Sub-Funds**

# Global Floating Rate Income

(hereinafter the "Sub-Fund")

#### 1. Investment Objective

The Sub-Fund will seek to generate income, and on a secondary basis achieve capital growth over the recommended holding period, by investing in a diversified global bank loan portfolio with a focus on liquid, performing, non-distressed issues on both a primary and secondary basis.

#### 2. Investment Policy

The Sub-Fund will aim to achieve its objective by investing at least 80% of its net assets in floating rate loans or other floating rate instruments, as well as any type of financial derivative instrument that has economic characteristics similar to such floating rate instruments. The Sub-Fund may invest up to 50% of its net assets in debt and debt-related instruments of non-U.S. issuers, including Emerging Market issuers. The Sub-Fund may invest in U.S. government securities, zero coupon securities, subordinated debt securities and event-linked bonds.

The Sub-Fund will invest in senior loans as well as other securities, including unsecured or subordinated loans, revolving credit facility loans, high yield corporate bonds, mortgage and asset-backed securities (for up to 50% of its net assets), preferred stocks, convertible securities and any other debt and debt-related instruments. The Sub-Fund may receive debt or equity securities as a result of the general restructuring of the debt of an issuer, the restructuring of a floating rate loan, or as part of a package of securities acquired with a loan. The Sub-Fund may invest, without limit, in securities of any rating, including those that are in default.

The Sub-Fund invests in securities with a broad range of maturities and does not have a targeted maturity range for its portfolio. The Sub-Fund's investments may have fixed or variable principal payments, including provision for balloon or negative amortization payments, and all types of interest rate, dividend payment and reset terms, including fixed, adjustable or floating rates, contingent, deferred, payment in kind and auction rate features.

Floating rate investments are securities and other instruments with interest rates that adjust or "float" periodically based on a specified interest rate or other reference and include floating rate loans, repurchase agreements, money market securities and shares of money market and short-term bond funds. Floating rate loans typically are rated below Investment Grade.

#### 3. Investor Profile

Recommended for Professional Investors

- → With an average knowledge of investing in funds and some experience of investing in the Sub-Fund or similar funds.
- → Who understand the risk of losing some or all of the capital invested.
- → Seeking to increase the value of their investment and provide income over the recommended holding period.

Recommended holding period 4 years.

#### 4. Investment Restrictions

- a) In respect of the Sub-Fund's investments in securities and instruments, the Sub-Fund will comply with the restrictions disclosed in section "Investment Restrictions" except that it may invest up to 100% in non-listed securities.
- b) In respect of the Sub-Fund's investments in securities and instruments, the Sub-Fund will not:
  - i) acquire more than 10% of the securities or instruments issued by the same issuer;
  - ii) invest more than 10% of its net assets in securities or instruments issued by the same issuer.

The restrictions set forth under i) and ii) above are not applicable to securities and instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State of the OECD or by any of their local authorities or by supranational institutions and organisations with European, regional or worldwide scope.

- c) In respect of the Sub-Fund's borrowings:
  The Sub-Fund may borrow up to 25% of its net assets.
- d) The Sub-Fund can use derivatives for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and currency hedging.

#### 5. Leverage

The Sub-Fund may be leveraged as a consequence of the use of financial derivative instruments, other positions, efficient portfolio management techniques and borrowing.

The leverage of the Sub-Fund calculated according to the commitment method is not expected to exceed 150%. The leverage of the Sub-Fund calculated according to the gross method is not expected to exceed 200%.

Under certain circumstances (e.g. very low market volatility) the leverage may exceed the levels referred above.

#### 6. Classes

For the time being, only Distributing and Non-Distributing Classes A, C, H, I, J and S Shares are available in the Sub-Fund.

#### 7. Investment Managers

The Investment Managers of the Sub-Fund will be Amundi Pioneer Asset Management, Inc., Boston and Pioneer Investment Management Limited, Dublin.

Amundi Pioneer Asset Management, Inc., Boston will be in charge of managing the U.S. segment of the portfolio of the Sub-Fund and Pioneer Investment Management Limited, Dublin will manage the non-U.S. segment of the portfolio of the Sub-Fund.

### 8. Dealings

Applications for redemption of Shares in the Sub-Fund must be received by the Registrar and Transfer Agent (on behalf of the Management Company) at any time before 6.00 p.m. Luxembourg time (the "cut-off time") not later than five (5) Business Days before the relevant Valuation Day.

An application for subscription must be received by the Registrar and Transfer Agent at any time before 6.00 p.m. Luxembourg time on the relevant Valuation Day.

No conversions are available to or from the Sub-Fund.

Applications for redemption of Shares are subject to an overall maximum aggregate net redemption limit of 5% of the total assets of the Sub-Fund for each relevant Valuation Day (the "Redemption Limit") which may be applied at the discretion of the Management Company. Where redemption requests received from Shareholders do not exceed the Redemption Limit, transactions will be processed on the Valuation Day for which the redemption request is received (or deemed to have been received), provided such redemption request is received (or deemed to have been received) before the cut-off time as described above.

If the aggregate net redemption requests for a relevant Valuation Day made by Shareholders result in the Redemption Limit being exceeded, the Management Company may, but is not obliged to, refuse to effect all of the redemptions concerned to the extent they exceed the Redemption Limit.

The Management Company may, with the approval of the Shareholder, make, in whole or in part, a distribution in kind of securities or other assets of the Sub-Fund to that Shareholder in lieu of paying to that Shareholder redemption proceeds in cash.

Such redemption will be made in accordance with the provisions disclosed in the Prospectus under the heading "Redemption of Shares".

### Settlement of Subscriptions and Redemptions of the Shares

By exception to the provisions of section "Procedures for subscription, conversion and redemption" of the Prospectus, payment for subscribed and redeemed Shares shall be made not later than twenty (20) Business Days following the relevant Valuation Day.

In exceptional cases, settlement periods for redeemed Shares may be based upon the average settlement period for the S&P/LSTA Leveraged Performing Loan Index for USA and S&P European Leveraged Loan Index (ELLI) in the previous quarter.

#### 10. Valuation Day

The Valuation Day of the Sub-Fund is each "Business Day" defined as a full day on which banks and the stock exchange are open for business in Luxembourg City and New York City. The Net Asset Value for a Valuation Day is normally calculated by reference to the value of the underlying assets of the relevant Class within the Sub-Fund. These underlying assets are valued at the last available prices at the time of valuation on the relevant Valuation Day.

Shares of the Sub-Fund may normally be purchased or redeemed at prices based on the Net Asset Value per Share calculated on a Valuation Day.

#### 11. Minimum Assets Level

If the Net Asset Value of this Sub-Fund falls under EUR 25,000,000.- or the equivalent in another currency the Board of Directors of the Management Company may decide, within a period of six months, to liquidate the Sub-Fund by the compulsory redemption of all the Shares.

# 12. Base Currency of the Sub-Fund

The Base Currency of the Sub-Fund is USD.

# 13. Pricing Currency of the Shares

The Management Company may issue Shares in EUR or USD or such other freely convertible currency as they may decide. The Pricing Currency in which the Shares are currently issued in the Sub-Fund is more fully disclosed in the current application form.

#### 14. Fees

Class	Management Fee	Distribution Fee	Sales Charge
A	Max. 1.20%	None	Max. 2.50%
С	Max. 1.20%	Max. 1.00%	01
Н	Max. 0.75%	None	None
1	Max. 0.60%	None	None
J	Max. 0.60%	None	None

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mbox{\tiny 1}}\mbox{Deferred}$  sales charge of 1% if redeemed within one year of purchase

#### 15. Duration

The Sub-Fund is created for an unlimited period of time.

## U.K. Libor Diversified

(hereinafter the "Sub-Fund")

#### 1. Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Sub-Fund is to outperform the U.K. 3 Month LIBOR (the "Benchmark") over the market cycle.

#### 2. Investment Policy

The Investment Manager will aim to achieve the objective by targeting outperformance of the Benchmark through an actively managed portfolio consisting primarily of units of a number of sub-funds of the Amundi Funds II, a Luxembourg domiciled UCITS subject to Part I of the Law of 17 December 2010 in the form of a fonds commun de placement with the use of derivative contracts as outlined below.

Subject to the "Investment Restrictions" section below, the Sub-Fund will invest at least 75% of its net assets in sub-funds of the Amundi Funds II and of other UCITS and/or UCIs, which primarily invest in fixed interest, bond or cash instruments. The remaining portion of the assets of the portfolio of the Sub-Fund may be invested in any government bond (floating-rate, fixed-rate, or inflation-linked) as well as in other debt securities and money market instruments, such as corporate bonds, commercial paper, collateralized debt obligations ("CDOs"), certificates of deposit, asset-backed securities ("ABS") and mortgage-backed securities, provided that either the issue or the issuer have a rating of at least BB, as defined by Moody's, Standard and Poor's or Fitch.

The overall duration of the portfolio of the Sub-Fund will be within a range of -1 to +3 years. The duration of the portion of the Sub-Fund not invested in UCITS and/or UCIs will be no longer than 7 years. The strategy of the Investment Manager is to attempt to remove the correlation of the underlying fund(s) with the markets in which such underlying funds invest, and replace this correlation with exposure to the reference market i.e. U.K. LIBOR, via the use of derivatives contracts (in particular forward foreign exchange, interest rate and bond futures as well as any types of swaps), both traded and OTC. OTC derivatives contracts will be entered into with regulated financial institutions. To that end, the portfolio of the Sub-Fund will consist of a long position of Amundi Funds II and other UCITS and/or UCIs and of an additional derivative overlay that offsets the market exposure of underlying funds in terms of currency and interest rate and produces an active exposure to the reference market. The use of derivatives, hence, is intended to separate the sources of active and passive risk of the underlying funds and to recombine them in the most suitable way with regards to exposure to the reference market.

The Sub-Fund shall ensure that its global risk exposure relating to derivative instruments does not exceed the total Net Asset Value of its portfolio.

#### 3. Investor Profile

Recommended for Professional Investors

- → With a basic knowledge of investing in funds and no or limited experience of investing in the Sub-Fund or similar funds.
- → Who understand the risk of losing some or all of the capital invested.
- $\rightarrow$  Seeking to increase the value of their investment over the recommended holding period.

Recommended holding period 4 years.

#### 4. Investment Restrictions

a) In respect of the Sub-Fund's investments in UCIs and/or UCITS: The main objective of the Sub-Fund is to invest at all times at least 75% of its net assets in several specific sub-funds of Amundi Funds II and of other UCITS and/or UCIs in order to take advantage of the investment policy of such sub-funds. Amundi Funds II is an umbrella fund and as such provides investors with the choice of investment in a range of several separate sub-funds each of which relates to a separate portfolio of transferable securities and other assets permitted by the Law of 17 December 2010 with specific investment objectives. Amundi Funds II is an open-ended UCI.

A copy of the prospectus of the Amundi Funds II may be obtained free of charge at the registered office of the Management Company.

Should any of the UCITS or UCIs in which the Investment Manager has chosen to invest be closed or merged, or should their investment policy be modified such as to prevent the Sub-Fund from achieving its investment objectives, the Sub-Fund may invest up to 100% of its net assets in the units or shares of any other Luxembourg or other European domiciled UCI or UCITS which, in the opinion of the Investment Manager, may allow the Sub-Fund to achieve its investment objectives.

The Sub-Fund will only invest in UCIs or UCITS which offer daily liquidity.

The Sub-Fund will not hold more than 15% of the total net assets of any UCI or UCITS in which it invests.

- b) In respect of the Sub-Fund's investments in transferable securities and money market instruments, the Sub-Fund will not:
  - i) invest more than 20% of its net assets in transferable securities or money market instruments which are not admitted to official listing on a stock exchange or dealt on another regulated market which operates regularly and is recognised and open to the public,
  - ii) acquire more than 20% of the transferable securities or money market instruments of the same nature issued by the same issuer,
  - iii) invest more than 20% of its net assets in transferable securities or money market instruments issued by the same issuer.

The restrictions set forth under i), ii) and iii) above are not applicable to securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State of the OECD or by any of their local authorities or by supranational institutions and organisations with European, regional or worldwide scope.

- c) In respect of the Sub-Fund's investments in cash or cash equivalents:

  The Sub-Fund may hold on an ancillary basis cash and cash equivalents as well as money market instruments with a residual maturity of less than twelve months.
- d) In respect of the Sub-Fund's borrowings:
  The Sub-Fund may borrow up to 25% of its net assets.
- e) In respect of the Sub-Fund's investments in OTC financial derivative instruments: The risk exposure of the Sub-Fund to a counterparty in an OTC derivative transaction may not exceed 10% of the Sub-Fund's net assets when the counterparty is a credit institution which has its registered office in a member state of the European Union or, if the registered office of the credit institution is situated in an other state, provided that it is subject to prudential rules considered by the Regulatory Authority as equivalent to those laid down in European Union rules; or 5% of its net assets in other cases.

#### 5. Leverage

The Sub-Fund may be leveraged for investment purposes as a consequence of the use of financial derivative instruments and other positions, efficient portfolio management and borrowing.

The leverage of the Sub-Fund calculated according to the gross method is not expected to exceed 400%. The leverage of the Sub-Fund calculated according to the commitment method is not expected to exceed 300%.

Under certain circumstances (e.g. very low market volatility) the leverage may exceed the levels referred above.

#### 6. Share Classes

For the time being, only Class X Shares are available in the Sub-Fund. However, Class I and J Shares will be launched upon decision of the Board of Directors of the Management Company.

#### 7. Investment Manager

The investment management of the Sub-Fund will be undertaken by Pioneer Investment Management Limited, Dublin.

#### 8. Dealings

Applications for redemption of Shares in the Sub-Fund must be received by the Registrar and Transfer Agent (on behalf of the Management Company) at any time before 12.00 midday Luxembourg time (the "cut-off time") on the relevant Valuation Day.

An application for subscription must be received by the Registrar and Transfer Agent at any time before 12.00 midday Luxembourg time on the relevant Valuation Day.

No conversions are available to or from the Sub-Fund, except conversions between Shares of the Sub-Fund.

The Management Company may, with the approval of the Shareholder, make, in whole or in part, a distribution in kind of securities or other assets of the Sub-Fund to that Shareholder in lieu of paying to that Shareholder redemption proceeds in cash. Such redemption will be made in accordance with the provisions disclosed in the Prospectus under the heading "Redemption of Shares".

#### 9. Valuation Day

The Valuation Day of the Sub-Fund is the last Business Day of each calendar month. The Net Asset Value for a Valuation Day is normally calculated by reference to the value of the underlying assets of the relevant Class within the relevant Sub-Fund. These underlying assets are valued at the last available prices on the relevant Valuation Day. The Net Asset Value may also be calculated at such more frequent intervals as determined by the Management Company and duly notified to investors.

Shares of the Sub-Fund may normally be purchased, converted or redeemed at prices based on the Net Asset Value per Share calculated on a Valuation Day.

#### 10. Minimum Assets Level

If the Net Asset Value of this Sub-Fund falls under GBP 20,000,000.-, the Board of Directors of the Management company may decide, within a period of six months, to liquidate the Sub-Fund by the compulsory redemption of all the Shares.

# 11. Base Currency of the Sub-Fund

The Base Currency of the Sub-Fund is GBP.

# 12. Pricing Currency of the Shares

The Management Company may decide to issue shares in GBP, EUR, USD or such other freely convertible currency as they may decide. The Pricing Currency in which the Shares are currently issued in the Sub-Fund is more fully disclosed in the current application form.

#### 13. Fees

The management fees applicable are more fully described in the Prospectus.

#### 14. Duration

The Sub-Fund is created for an unlimited period of time.

## **Credit Opportunities**

(hereinafter the "Sub-Fund")

#### 1. Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Sub-Fund is to outperform the benchmark chosen by the Investment Manager (the "Benchmark") over the market cycle.

The Benchmark is comprised of 50% BofA ML U.S. High Yield Index and 50% BofA ML U.S. Corporate Index.

#### 2. Investment Policy

The Investment Manager will aim to achieve the objective by targeting outperformance of the Benchmark through an actively managed portfolio of fixed income securities.

Investments and securities in which the Sub-Fund may invest include (but are not limited to):

- any government bonds (floating-rate, fixed-rate, or inflation-linked) as well as in other debt securities and money market instruments, such as high yield or investment grade corporate bonds, commercial papers, collateralized debt obligations, certificates of deposit, time deposits, bankers acceptances, asset backed securities and mortgage-backed securities;
- → any structured notes and securitized certificates;
- → equities and equity-linked instruments, including securities convertible into equity securities of the issuer;
- → leveraged loans at all seniority levels, including second lien securities;
- → shares or units of UCITS and/or UCIs;
- → any type of derivative financial instruments, both traded and over-the-counter ("OTC"), including but not limited to futures, options and basket securities, spot and forward currencies, and any types of swaps.

The Sub-Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds.

The portfolio's duration of the Sub-Fund will be in the range of -2 to +2 years of the Benchmark's duration.

The strategy of the Investment Manager is to take advantage of opportunities that arise from time to time in credit sub-asset classes (for example asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities and high-yield bank loans). The Investment Manager will position the portfolio across the sub-asset class areas having assessed the respective sub-asset classes relative to the overall credit markets.

#### 3. Investor Profile

Recommended for Professional Investors

- → With a basic knowledge of investing in funds and no or limited experience of investing in the Sub-Fund or similar funds.
- → Who understand the risk of losing some or all of the capital invested.
- $\,\,\rightarrow\,\,$  Seeking to increase the value of their investment over the recommended holding period.

Recommended holding period 4 years.

#### 4. Investment Restrictions

- a) In respect of the Sub-Fund's investments in securities and instruments, the Sub-Fund will not:
  - i) acquire more than 20% of the securities or instruments issued by the same issuer,
  - ii) invest more than 20% of its net assets in securities or instruments issued by the same issuer.

The restrictions set forth under i) and ii) above are not applicable to securities and instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State of the OECD or by any of their local authorities or by supranational institutions and organisations with European, regional or worldwide scope.

- b) In respect of the Sub-Fund's borrowings:The Sub-Fund may borrow up to 25% of its net assets.
- c) In respect of the Sub-Fund's investment in derivative instruments, the Sub-Fund shall ensure that its global risk exposure relating to derivative instruments does not exceed the total Net Asset Value of its portfolio.

#### 5. Leverage

The Sub-Fund may be leveraged for investment purposes as a consequence of the use of financial derivative instruments and other positions, efficient portfolio management and borrowing.

The leverage of the Sub-Fund calculated according to the gross method as well as the leverage calculated according to commitment method, is not expected to exceed 200%.

Under certain circumstances (e.g. very low market volatility) the leverage may exceed the level referred above.

#### 6. Share Classes

For the time being, only Classes I and X Non-Distributing Shares are available in the Sub-Fund. Distributing Shares and Class J Shares will be launched upon decision of the Board of Directors of the Management Company.

#### 7. Investment Manager

The investment management of the Sub-Fund will be undertaken by Amundi Pioneer Asset Management, Inc., Boston.

#### 8. Dealings

Applications for redemption of Shares in the Sub-Fund must be received by the Registrar and Transfer Agent (on behalf of the Management Company) at any time before 12.00 midday Luxembourg time (the "cut-off time") not later than ten (10) Business Days before the relevant Valuation Day.

An application for subscription must be received by the Registrar and Transfer Agent at any time before 12.00 midday Luxembourg time on the relevant Valuation Day.

No conversions are available to or from the Sub-Fund, except conversions between Shares of the Sub-Fund.

The Management Company may, with the approval of the Shareholder, make, in whole or in part, a distribution in kind of securities or other assets of the Sub-Fund to that Shareholder in lieu of paying to that Shareholder redemption proceeds in cash. Such redemption will be made in accordance with the provisions disclosed in the Prospectus under the heading "Redemption of Shares".

### 9. Valuation Day

The Valuation Day of the Sub-Fund is the last Business Day of each calendar month. The Net Asset Value for a Valuation Day is normally calculated by reference to the value of the underlying assets of the relevant Class within the Sub-Fund. These underlying assets are valued at the last available prices on the relevant Valuation Day. The Net Asset Value may also be calculated at such more frequent intervals as determined by the Management Company and duly notified to investors.

Shares of the Sub-Fund may normally be purchased, converted or redeemed at prices based on the Net Asset Value per Share calculated on a Valuation Day.

#### 10. Minimum Assets Level

If the Net Asset Value of this Sub-Fund falls under EUR 20,000,000, the Board of Directors of the Management Company may decide, within a period of six months, to liquidate the Sub-Fund by the compulsory redemption of all the Shares.

# 11. Base Currency of the Sub-Fund

The Base Currency of the Sub-Fund is USD.

# 12. Pricing Currency of the Shares

The Management Company may issue shares in EUR, GBP or USD or such other freely convertible currency as they may decide. The Pricing Currency in which the Shares are currently issued in the Sub-Fund is more fully disclosed in the current application form.

13. Fees

The management fees applicable are more fully described in the Prospectus.

14. Duration

The Sub-Fund is created for an unlimited period of time.

## Appendix II: Special Risk Considerations

Special risk considerations exist for investors in some Sub-Funds of the SICAV. Investment in certain assets involves a greater degree of risk than is usually associated with investment in the securities of other major securities markets. Potential investors should consider the following risks before investing in any of the Sub-Funds.

This section is intended to inform potential investors about the risks associated with investments in financial instruments and other assets. In general, they should be aware that the price and value of the Shares may fall as well as rise and that they may not recover the full amount invested. Past performance cannot be considered as a guide to future performance; returns are not guaranteed and a loss of the capital invested may occur.

#### 1. Emerging Markets Risks

In certain countries, there is the possibility of seizure of assets, confiscatory taxation, political or social instability or diplomatic developments which could affect investment in those countries. There may be less publicly available information about certain financial instruments than some investors would find customary. Legal entities in some countries may not be subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and requirements comparable to those to which certain investors may be accustomed. Certain financial markets, while generally growing in volume, have for the most part, substantially less volume than more developed markets. Securities of many companies are less liquid and their prices more volatile than securities of comparable companies in more sizeable markets. There are also varying levels of government supervision and regulation of exchanges, financial institutions and issuers in various countries. In addition, the manner in which foreign investors may invest in securities in certain countries, as well as limitations on such investments, may affect the investment operations of the Sub-Funds.

Emerging country debt will be subject to high risk, will not be required to meet a minimum rating standard and may not be rated for creditworthiness by any internationally recognised credit rating organisation. The issuer or governmental authority that controls the repayment of an emerging country's debt may not be able or willing to repay the principal and/or interest when due in accordance with the terms of such debt. As a result, a government obligor may default on its obligations. If such an event occurs, the SICAV may have limited legal recourse against the issuer and/or guarantor. Remedies must, in some cases, be pursued in the courts of the defaulting party itself, and the ability of the holder of foreign government debt securities to obtain recourse may be subject to the political climate in the relevant country. In addition, no assurance can be given that the holders of commercial debt will not contest payments to the holders of other foreign government debt obligations in the event of default under their commercial bank loan agreements.

Settlement systems in Emerging Markets may be less well organised than in developed markets. There may be a risk that settlement may be delayed and that cash or securities of the Sub-Funds may be in jeopardy because of failures or of defects in the systems. In particular, market practice may require that payment be made prior to receipt of the security which is being purchased or that delivery of a security must be made before payment is received. In such cases, default by a broker or bank (the "Counterparty") through whom the relevant transaction is effected might result in a loss being suffered by Sub-Funds investing in emerging market securities.

The SICAV will seek, where possible, to use Counterparties whose financial status is such that this risk is reduced. However, there can be no certainty that the SICAV will be successful in eliminating this risk for the Sub-Funds, particularly as Counterparties operating in Emerging Markets frequently lack the substance or financial resources of those in developed countries.

There may also be a danger that, because of uncertainties in the operation of settlement systems in individual markets, competing claims may arise in respect of securities held by or to be transferred to the Sub-Funds. Compensation schemes may be non-existent or limited or inadequate to meet the SICAV's claims in any of these events.

In some Eastern European countries there are uncertainties with regard to the ownership of properties. As a result, investing in securities issued by companies owning such property may be subject to increased risk.

Investments in Russia are subject to certain heightened risks with regard to the ownership and custody of securities. In Russia this is evidenced by entries in the books of a company or its registrar (which is neither an agent nor responsible to the Depositary). No certificates representing ownership of Russian companies will be held by the Depositary or any of its local correspondents or in an effective central depository system. As a result of this system and the lack of the effective state regulation and enforcement, the SICAV could lose its registration and ownership of Russian securities through fraud, negligence or even mere oversight. In addition, Russian securities have an increased custodial risk associated with them as such securities are, in accordance with market practice, held in custody with Russian institutions which may not have adequate insurance coverage to cover loss due to theft, destruction or default whilst such assets are in its custody.

Some Sub-Funds may invest a significant portion of their net assets in securities or corporate bonds issued by companies domiciled, established or operating in Russia as well as, as the case may be, in debt securities issued by the Russian government as more fully described for each relevant Sub-Fund in its investment policy.

Frontier Market countries generally have smaller economies and even less developed capital markets that traditional Emerging Markets, and, as a result, the risks of investing in Emerging Markets are magnified in Frontier Market countries. This is the result of many factors, including the potential for extreme price volatility and illiquidity; government ownership or control of parts of the private sector and certain companies; relatively new or undeveloped securities regulations; corruption; transparency, adequacy and reliability of financial information; trade barriers, exchange controls, managed adjustments in relative currency values and other protectionist measures imposed or negotiated by the countries with which the Frontier Markets trade. There are a limited number of attractive investment opportunities in Frontier Markets and this may lead to delay in investment and may increase the price at which such investments may be made and reduce potential investment returns for a Sub-Fund.

A Sub-Fund may also gain exposure to Frontier Markets by investing indirectly through Participatory Notes ("P-Notes") which presents additional risk to the Sub-Fund as the use of P-Notes is uncollateralised resulting in the Sub-Fund being subject to full counterparty risk via the P-Note issuer. P-Notes also present liquidity issues as the Sub-Fund, being a captive client of a P-Note issuer, may only be able to realise its investment through the P-Note issuer and this may have a negative impact on the liquidity of the P-Notes which does not correlate to the liquidity of the underlying security. The SICAV and the Management Company consider asset allocation, stock selection and levels of gearing on a regular basis and has set investment restrictions and guidelines which are monitored for each Sub-Fund and reported on by the Investment Manager. The SICAV and the Management Company monitor the implementation and results of the investment process with the Investment Manager.

Finally, certain Sub-Funds may invest in bonds from countries which are now negotiating, or may in the future, negotiate accession to the EU, whose creditworthiness is usually lower than of government bonds issued by countries already belonging to the EU, but that can be expected to pay a higher coupon.

# 2. Investment in High Yield or Sub-Investment Grade Securities

Some Sub-Funds may invest in high yield or sub-Investment Grade securities. Investment in such higher yielding securities is speculative as it generally entails increased credit and market risk. Such securities are subject to the risk of an issuer's inability to meet principal and interest payments on its obligations (credit risk) and may also be subject to price volatility due to such factors as interest rate sensitivity, market perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer and general market liquidity.

### Foreign Exchange/ Currency Risk

Although different Classes may be denominated in a specific Pricing Currency, the assets relating to that Class may be invested in securities denominated in other currencies. The Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund as expressed in its Base Currency will fluctuate in accordance with the changes in the foreign exchange rate between the Base Currency of the Sub-Fund and the currencies in which the Sub-Fund's investments are denominated. The Sub-Fund may therefore be exposed to a foreign exchange/currency risk. It may not be possible or practicable to hedge against the consequent foreign exchange/currency risk exposure.

Investment Managers may enter into currency transactions at their sole discretion, for the purposes of efficient portfolio management and for the purposes of hedging. There can be no assurance that such hedging transactions will be effective or beneficial or that there will be a hedge in place at any given time.

# 4. Investment in Currencies

Sub-Funds investing in currencies as a primary objective will seek to exploit the fluctuations in international currencies, through the use of foreign currency and interest rate derivatives. This means that a greater than normal currency risk may arise. In the short-term this may take the form of large, unpredictable fluctuations in the price of Shares and in the long-term in a negative performance due to unforeseen currency or market trends.

#### 5. Market Risk

The SICAV must employ a risk-management process which enables it to monitor and measure the risk of the positions in its portfolios, the use of efficient portfolio management techniques, the management of collateral and their contribution to the overall risk profile of each Sub-Fund.

The SICAV may use Value at Risk ("VaR") in order to calculate the market risk exposure of each relevant Sub-Fund.

The VaR approach is a risk measurement methodology that captures the relevant or material aspects of market risk for the instruments eligible to the AIF. It incorporates actual market conditions in determining the market risk exposure of the AIF.

### 6. Liquidity Risk

Some of the stock exchanges and regulated or non-regulated markets on which a Sub-Fund may invest may prove to be illiquid, insufficiently liquid or highly volatile from time to time. This may affect the timing and price at which a Sub-Fund may liquidate positions to meet redemption requests or other funding requirements.

7. Investment In Mortgage-Related Securities and in Asset-Backed Securities Certain Sub-Funds may invest in mortgage derivatives and structured notes, including mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities. Mortgage pass-through securities are securities representing interests in "pools" of mortgages in which payments of both interest and principal on the securities are made monthly, in effect "passing through" monthly payments made by the individual borrowers on the residential mortgage loans which underlie the securities. Early or late repayment of principal based on an expected repayment schedule on mortgage pass-through securities held by the Sub-Funds (due to early or late repayments of principal on the underlying mortgage loans) may result in a lower rate of return when the Sub-Funds reinvest such principal. In addition, as with callable fixed-income securities generally, if the Sub-Funds purchased the securities at a premium, sustained earlier than expected repayment would reduce the value of the

security relative to the premium paid. When interest rates rise or decline the value of a mortgage-related security generally will decline, or increase but not as much as other fixed-income, fixed-maturity securities which have no prepayment or call features.

Payment of principal and interest on some mortgage pass-through securities (but not the market value of the securities themselves) may be guaranteed by the U.S. Government, or by agencies or instrumentalities of the U.S. Government (which guarantees are supported only by the discretionary authority of the U.S. Government to purchase the agency's obligations). Certain mortgage pass-through securities created by non-governmental issuers may be supported by various forms of insurance or guarantees, while other such securities may be backed only by the underlying mortgage collateral.

Some Sub-Funds may invest in collateralised mortgage obligations ("CMOs"), which are structured products backed by underlying pools of mortgage pass-through securities. Similar to a bond, interest and prepaid principal on a CMO are paid, in most cases, monthly. CMOs may be collateralised by whole residential or commercial mortgage loans but are more typically collateralised by portfolios of residential mortgage pass-through securities guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities. CMOs are structured into multiple classes, with each class having a different expected average life and/or stated maturity. Monthly payments of principal, including prepayments, are allocated to different classes in accordance with the terms of the instruments, and changes in prepayment rates or assumptions may significantly affect the expected average life and value of a particular class.

Some Sub-Funds may invest in principal-only or interest-only stripped mortgage-backed securities. Stripped mortgage-backed securities have greater volatility than other types of mortgage-related securities. Stripped mortgage-backed securities which are purchased at a substantial premium or discount generally are extremely sensitive not only to changes in prevailing interest rates but also to the rate of principal payments (including prepayments) on the related underlying mortgage assets, and a sustained higher or lower than expected rate of principal payments may have a material adverse effect on such securities' yield to duration. In addition, stripped mortgage securities may be less liquid than other securities which do not include such a structure and are more volatile if interest rates move unfavourably.

As new types of mortgage-related securities are developed and offered to investors, the Investment Manager will consider making investments in such securities.

Asset-backed securities represent a participation in, or are secured by and payable from, a stream of payments generated by particular assets, most often a pool of assets similar to one another, such as motor vehicle receivables or credit card receivables, home equity loans, manufactured housing loans or bank loan obligations.

Finally some Sub-Funds may invest in collateralised loans obligations ("CLOs") with an underlying portfolio composed of loans.

#### 8. Structured Products

Sub-Funds may invest in structured products. These include interests in entities organised solely for the purpose of restructuring the investment characteristics of certain other investments. These investments are purchased by the entities, which then issue securities (the structured products) backed by, or representing interests in, the underlying investments. The cash flow on the underlying investments may be apportioned among the newly issued structured products to create securities with different investment characteristics such as varying maturities, payment priorities or interest rate provisions. The extent of the payments made with respect to structured investments depends on the amount of the cash flow on the underlying investments.

Some Sub-Funds may also acquire, when it is in the best interests of the Shareholders, credit-linked notes.

The use of credit-linked notes can overcome problems and mitigate certain risks associated with direct investment in the underlying assets.

Credit-linked notes referenced to underlying securities, other instruments, baskets or indices, which a Sub-Fund may hold, are subject to both issuer risk and the risk inherent in the underlying investment.

Sub-Funds may also invest in indexed securities which are linked to the performance of certain securities, indices, interest rates or currency exchange rates. The terms of such securities may provide that their principal amounts or just their coupon interest rates are adjusted upwards or downwards at maturity or on established coupon payment dates to reflect movements in various measures of underlying market or security while the obligation is outstanding.

Structured products are subject to the risks associated with the underlying market or security, and may be subject to greater volatility than direct investments in the underlying market or security. Structured products may entail the risk of loss of principal and/or interest payments as a result of movements in the underlying market or security.

### Investment in Distressed Securities

Some Sub-Funds may invest in distressed securities. These securities may be the subject of bankruptcy proceedings or otherwise in default as to the repayment of principal and/or payment of interest at the time of acquisition by the Sub-Fund or are rated in the lower rating categories (Ca or lower by Moody's or CC or lower by Standard & Poor's) or are unrated investments considered by the Investment Manager of the relevant Sub-Fund to be of comparable quality. Investment in distressed securities is speculative and involves significant risk. Distressed securities frequently do not produce income while they are outstanding and may require the Sub-Fund to bear certain extraordinary expenses in order to protect and recover its investment. Therefore, to the extent the Sub-Fund seeks capital appreciation through investment in distressed securities, the Sub-Fund's ability to achieve current income for its Shareholders may be diminished. The Sub-Fund also will be subject to significant uncertainty as to when and in what manner and for what value the obligations evidenced by the distressed securities will eventually be satisfied (e.g., through a liquidation of the obligor's assets, an exchange offer or plan of reorganisation involving the distressed securities or a payment of some amount in satisfaction of the obligation). In addition, even if an exchange offer is made or a plan of reorganisation is adopted with respect to distressed securities held by the Sub-Fund, there can be no assurance that the securities or other assets received by the Sub-Fund in connection with such exchange offer or plan of reorganisation will not have a lower value or income potential than may have been anticipated when the investment was made. Further, any securities received by the Sub-Fund upon completion of an exchange offer or plan of reorganisation may be restricted from resale. As a result of the Sub-Fund's participation in negotiations with respect to any exchange offer or plan of reorganisation with respect to an issuer of distressed securities, the Sub-Fund may be restricted from disposing quickly of such securities.

# 10. Special Risks of Hedging and Income Enhancement Strategies

Sub-Funds may engage in various portfolio strategies to attempt to reduce certain risks of its investments and enhance return. These strategies may include the use of options, forward foreign exchange contracts, swaps, credit default swaps, interest rate swaps, equity swaps, swaptions, total return swaps, currency swaps and inflation-linked swaps, futures contracts and options thereon, including international equity and bond indices, as well as efficient portfolio management techniques, including securities lending and borrowing and repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions.

The use of derivatives and efficient portfolio management techniques involves far higher risk than standard investment Instruments and may have an adverse impact on the performance of the Sub-Funds. There can therefore be no assurance that the relevant Sub-Fund's investment objectives will be achieved.

In addition, the use of derivatives and efficient portfolio management techniques involves particular risk, mainly associated with leverage, whereby large liabilities can be incurred using relatively small financial means. This is the risk associated with the use of relatively small financial resources to obtain a large number of commitments.

# 11. Investment in Equities and Equity-Linked Instruments

The buying and selling of equities and equity linked-instruments carries a number of risks, the most important being the volatility of the capital markets on which those securities are traded and the general insolvency risk associated with the issuers of equities, including index and basket certificates. Index and basket certificates rarely carry any entitlement to repayment of invested capital or to interest or dividend payments. The calculation of the reference index or basket usually takes account of cost and/or fees; and the repayment of invested capital is usually entirely dependent on the performance of the reference index or basket.

Although index and basket certificates are debt instruments, the risk they carry is inter alia an equity risk since the certificate performance depends on that of an index or basket which itself is dependent on the performance of its own components (*e.g.* securities). The value of certificates that inversely reflect the performance of their components may fall when markets rise. The risk that the relevant Sub-Fund may lose all or part of its value cannot be excluded.

Potential investors should be aware of the additional risks as well as of the general price risks when investing in shares. By picking equities on the basis of earning potential rather than country or origin or industry, performance will not depend on general trends.

Equity-linked instruments may comprise warrants, which confer on the investor the right to subscribe a fixed number of ordinary shares in the relevant company at a pre-determined price for a fixed period. The cost of this right will be substantially less than the cost of the share itself. Consequently, the price movements in the share will be multiplied in the price movements of the warrant. This multiplier is the leverage or gearing factor. The higher the leverage is, the more attractive the warrant. By comparing, for a selection of warrants, the premium paid for this right and the leverage involved, their relative worth can be assessed. The levels of the premium and gearing can increase or decrease with investor sentiment.

Warrants are therefore more volatile and speculative than ordinary shares. Investors should be warned that prices of warrants are extremely volatile and that it may not always be possible to dispose of them. The leverage associated with warrants may lead to loss of the entire price or premium of the warrants involved.

## 12. Depository Receipts

Investment in a given country may be made via direct investments into that market or by depository receipts traded on other international exchanges in order to benefit from increased liquidity in a particular security and other advantages. A depository receipt traded on an eligible market is deemed an eligible transferable security regardless of the eligibility of the market in which the security it relates to locally trades.

13. Investment In Equities and Equity-Linked Instruments of Small and Medium Capitalisation Companies

In general the equity and equity-linked instruments of small and, as the case may be, medium capitalisation companies are less liquid than the securities of larger companies as daily volumes of shares traded may qualify their shares as less liquid. In addition, markets where such securities are traded tend towards increased volatility.

14. Investments in Specific Countries, Sectors, Regions or Markets

Where an investment objective restricts investment to specific countries, sectors, regions or markets diversification may be limited. Performance may differ significantly from the general trend of the global equity markets.

# 15. Investments in the Property Sector

Investments in the securities of companies operating mainly in the property sector are subject to particular risks, such as the cyclical nature of property securities, general and local business conditions, excessive construction and growing competition, increasing property tax and management costs, population change and its impact on investment income, changes in building laws and regulations, losses arising from damage or court decisions, environmental risk, public law restrictions on rental, neighbourhood-related changes in valuation, interest rate risk, changes associated with the attractiveness of land to tenants, increases in use and other property-market influences.

#### 16. Investment in Units or Shares of UCIs

When investing in Shares of some Sub-Funds of the SICAV which in turn may invest in other UCIs, the investors are subject to the risk of duplication of fees and commissions except that if a Sub-Fund invests in other UCIs managed by the Management Company or another entity of the Amundi group of companies, the Sub-Fund will not be charged any subscription and redemption fees with respect to such investment.

Investors should note that, given the fact that some Sub-Funds may principally invest in sub-funds of the Amundi Funds II, the fees incurred by the Amundi Funds II will have an impact on the calculation of the net asset value per unit of the underlying investments and therefore on the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Sub-Funds. However, the Management Company has undertaken that, with respect to investments in the Amundi Funds II, the relevant Sub-Funds will receive a partial rebate of management fees normally charged on the investment in units of the Amundi Funds II. The management fee applicable to the relevant Class of Shares therefore shall be stated herein inclusive of both the fees charged in respect of the management of the relevant Sub-Funds and any management fees charged on underlying investments.

Investors should also take into consideration when investing into these Sub-Funds, that the fees incurred by the underlying sub-funds in which the relevant Sub-Funds invest (other than management fees), including custody and administration, transfer agency and other fees charged to those sub-funds, shall also affect the calculation of the net asset value per Share of the relevant Sub-Funds.

The value of an investment by a Sub-Fund in a UCI may be affected by fluctuations in the currency of the country where such UCI invests, or by the application of foreign exchange rules, or of various tax laws of the relevant countries, including withholding taxes, government changes or variations of the monetary and economic policy of the relevant countries.

However, the risks inherent to investments in other UCIs are limited to the loss of the initial investment contributed by the relevant Sub-Fund.

Furthermore, it is noteworthy that the Net Asset Value per Share will mainly depend on the net asset value of the targeted sub-funds of the Amundi Funds II for Sub-Funds investing in such UCITS.

17. Reinvestment of
Collateral Received in
Connection with
Securities Lending
and Repurchase
Transactions

The Fund may reinvest the collateral received in connection with securities lending and repurchase transactions. Reinvestment of collateral involves risks associated with the type of investments made and may create a leverage effect.

#### 18. Sub-Underwriting

The Investment Manager may engage in sub-underwriting transactions on behalf of a Sub-Fund. In an underwriting transaction a bank, stock-broker, major shareholder of the company or other related or unrelated party may underwrite an entire issue of securities. A Sub-Fund may in turn sub-underwrite a portion of that issue of securities pursuant to a sub-underwriting transaction. The Investment Manager may only engage in sub-underwriting in relation to securities which the relevant Sub-Fund could otherwise invest in directly in accordance with the investment objective and policies of the sub-fund and the relevant investment restrictions. A Sub-Fund must maintain at all times sufficient liquid assets or readily marketable securities to cover its obligations under any sub-underwriting arrangements.

# 19. Investment in Financial Derivative Instruments

Some Sub-Funds may invest a portion of their assets in financial derivative instruments. The risks posed by such instruments and techniques, which can be extremely complex and may involve leverage, include: (1) credit risks (the exposure to the possibility of loss resulting from a counterparty's failure to meet its financial obligations); (2) market risk (adverse movements in the price of a financial asset); (3) legal risks (the characterisation of a transaction or a party's legal capacity to enter into it could render the financial contract unenforceable and the insolvency or bankruptcy of a counterparty could pre-empt otherwise enforceable contract rights); (4) operational risk (inadequate controls, deficient procedures, human error, system failure or fraud); (5) documentation risk (exposure to losses resulting from inadequate documentation); (6) liquidity risk (exposure to losses created by an inability prematurely to terminate the derivative); (7) system risk (the risk that financial difficulties in one institution or a major market disruption will cause uncontrollable financial harm to the financial system); (8) concentration risk (exposure to losses from the concentration of closely related risks such as exposure to a particular industry or exposure linked to a particular entity); and (9) settlement risk (the risk faced when one party to a transaction has performed its obligations under a contract but has not yet received value from its counterparty).

Use of derivative techniques involves certain additional risks, including (i) dependence on the ability to predict movements in the price of the securities hedged; (ii) imperfect correlation between movements in the securities on which the derivative is based and movements in the assets of the underlying portfolio; and (iii) possible impediments to effective portfolio management or the ability to meet short-term obligations because a percentage of the portfolio's assets is segregated to cover its obligations.

In hedging a particular position, any potential gain from an increase in value of such position may be limited.

#### 20. Short Positions

A Sub-Fund may use financial derivative instruments to implement synthetic short positions. The relevant Sub-Fund may not necessarily off-set such short positions with corresponding long positions. Taking short positions involves leverage of the Sub-Fund's assets and presents various risks. If the price of the instrument or market which the Sub-Fund has taken a short position on increases, then the Sub-Fund will incur a loss equal to the increase in price from the time that the short position was entered into plus any premiums and interest paid to a counterparty. Therefore, taking short positions involves the risk that losses may be exaggerated, potentially losing more money than the actual cost of the investment.

## 21. Counterparty Risks

Some Sub-Funds may enter into OTC derivative agreements, including swap agreements, as well as efficient portfolio management techniques as more fully described in their investment policy. Such agreements may expose the relevant Sub-Fund to risks with regard to the credit status of its counterparties and their capacity to meet the conditions of such agreements.

Consistent with best execution and at all times when it is in the best interests of the Sub-Fund and its Shareholders, a Sub-Fund may also enter into such OTC derivative

agreements and/or efficient portfolio management techniques with other companies in the same group of companies as the Management Company or Investment Manager.

#### 22. Custody Risk

Sub-Fund assets are deposited with the Depositary and identified in the Depositary's books as belonging to the respective Sub-Funds. Assets, except cash, are segregated from other assets of the Depositary which mitigates but does not prevent the risk of non-restitution in the event of bankruptcy of the Depositary. Cash deposits are not segregated in this way and therefore exposed to increased risk in the event of bankruptcy.

Sub-Fund assets may also be held by sub-custodians appointed by the Depositary in countries where the Sub-Funds invest and, notwithstanding compliance by the Depositary with its legal obligations, are therefore exposed to the risk of bankruptcy of those sub-custodians. A Sub-Fund may invest in markets where custodial or settlement systems are not fully developed, where assets are held by a sub-custodian and where there may be a risk that the Depositary may have no liability for the return of those assets.

# 23. Investment Management and Opposing Positions

The Investment Manager or another member of the group of companies to which it belongs, may make investment decisions, undertake transactions and maintain investment positions for one or more clients that may impact the interests of other clients and that may pose a conflict of interest for the Investment Manager, particularly if the company and / or its staff earn higher compensation from one mandate, product or client than for another. Such conflicts, for instance, are present when the Investment Manager or another member of the group of companies to which it belongs, buys and sells the same security at the same time for different clients or maintains market positions in the same instruments with market exposure in opposite directions at the same time for different clients. The Investment Manager and individual portfolio managers may manage long only, long-short or short only mandates where such conflicts of interest may be especially prevalent. Such investment decisions, transactions or positions are taken, made and maintained in accordance with established policies and procedures designed to ensure an appropriate aggregation and allocation of trades and investment decisions executed or taken without creating undue advantage or disadvantage to any of the Investment Manager's mandates, products or client's and in line with the relevant mandates and investment guidelines for such clients.

In certain situations though, management of these conflicts may result in a loss of investment opportunity for clients or may cause the Investment Manager to trade or maintain market exposures in a manner that is different from how it would trade if these conflicts were not present, which may negatively impact investment performance.

#### 24. Conflicts of Interest

The Management Company or its affiliates may effect transactions in which the Management Company or its affiliates have, directly or indirectly, an interest which may involve a potential conflict with the Management Company's duty to a Sub-Fund. Neither the Management Company nor any of its affiliates shall be liable to account to the Sub-Fund for any profit, commission remuneration made or received from or by reason of such transactions or any connected transactions nor will the Management Company's fees, unless otherwise provided, be adjusted. The Management Company will ensure that such transactions are effected on terms which are no less favourable to the Sub-Fund than if the potential conflict had not existed. Such potential conflicting interests or duties may arise because the Management Company or its affiliates may have invested directly or indirectly in the SICAV. More specifically, the Management Company, under the rules of conduct applicable to it, must try to avoid conflicts of interests and, when they cannot be avoided, ensure that its clients (including the Sub-Fund) are fairly treated.

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#### 25. Securities Lending

Securities lending involves the risk that the borrower may fail to return the securities in a timely manner or at all. As a result, the Sub-Fund may lose money and there may be a delay in recovering the lent securities. The Sub-Fund could also lose money if it does not recover the securities and/or the value of the collateral falls, including the value of investments made with cash collateral. A Sub-Fund's portfolio exposure to market risk will not change by engaging in securities lending. However, securities lending carries the specific market risk of the counterparty defaulting. In such a case, the collateral provided will need to be sold and the lent securities repurchased at the prevailing price, which may lead to a loss in value of the individual Sub-Funds. Securities lending also carries operational risks such as the non-settlement of instructions associated with securities lending. Such operational risks are managed by means of procedures, controls and systems implemented by the securities lending agent and the Management Company.

#### 26. Withholding Tax Risk

Certain income of the SICAV and/or various Sub-Funds may be subject to withholding taxes, and any such taxes will reduce the return on the investments held by the Sub-Fund. However, the SICAV and/or various Sub-Funds (through the Management Company or its agents) may need to receive certain information from an investor for the SICAV and the Sub-Fund to avoid certain withholding taxes. In particular, Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA") recently adopted in the United States will require the SICAV (or the Management Company) to obtain certain identifying information about its investors and potentially provide that information to the United States Internal Revenue Service. Subject to certain transition rules, investors that fail to provide the Management Company or its agents with the requisite information will be subject to a 30% withholding tax on distributions to them and on proceeds from any sale or disposition. Any such withholding taxes imposed will be treated as a distribution to the investors that failed to provide the necessary information. In addition, Shares held by such investors shall be subject to compulsory redemption.

27. Investment in Subordinated Debt and Debt-Related Instruments

Some Sub-Funds may invest in subordinated debt and debt-related instruments which may be Investment Grade and sub-Investment Grade securities and may be secured or unsecured. Investment in such instruments may entail increased credit risk as they would rank behind other debt instruments of the same issuer should the issuer fall into liquidation or bankruptcy, *i.e.* they will be repayable only after other debts have been paid.

## 28. Contingent Convertible Bonds ("CoCo")

Certain Sub-Funds may also invest in CoCos which are debt securities paying a higher coupon and which may be converted into equity securities or suffer capital losses if pre-specified events occur ("trigger events"), depending in particular of the capital ratio levels of the issuer of such CoCos ("trigger levels"). CoCos are complex financial instruments which trigger levels and thus exposure to conversion risk differ widely. These are innovative financial instruments and their behaviour under a stressed financial environment is thus unknown. This increases uncertainty in the valuation of CoCos and the risks of potential price contagion and volatility of the entire CoCos asset class, in particular as it still remains unclear whether holders of CoCos have fully considered the underlying risks of these instruments. Investment in CoCos may result in material losses to the relevant Sub-Fund. Following certain trigger events, including an issuer's capital ratio falling below a particular level, the debt security may be converted into the issuer's equity or suffer capital losses. In certain scenarios, holders of CoCos will suffer losses ahead of holders of equity securities issued by the same issuer, contrary to the classic order of capital structure hierarchy where equity holders are expected to suffer the loss before debt holders. Some CoCos are also subject to the risk of discretionary cancellation of coupon payments by the issuer at any point, for any reason, and for any length of time. CoCos may be issued as perpetual instruments and it should not be assumed that these will be called on call date.

## 29. Investment in China by Direct Access to the China Interbank Bond Market (CIBM)

Some of the Sub-Funds may seek exposure to RMB fixed income securities without particular license or quota directly on the CIBM via an onshore bond settlement agent. The CIBM Direct Access rules and regulations are relatively new. The application and interpretation of such investment regulations are relatively untested and there is no certainty as to how they will applied and there is no precedent or certainty as to how the wide discretion of the PRC authorities and regulators may be exercised now or in the future. Certain restrictions may be imposed by the authorities on investors participating in the CIBM Direct Access and/or bond settlement agent which may have an adverse effect on the Sub-Fund's liquidity and performance.

# 30. Investment in China via R-QFII System

The Management Company has obtained a R-QFII licence and may allocate R-QFII investment quotas to certain Sub-Funds. Following the obtaining of such R-QFII quota, the Management Company may, subject to any applicable regulations, apply for increase of its R-QFII quota to the extent it has utilised its entire initial R-QFII quota on behalf of the relevant Sub-Funds. There can however be no assurance that additional R-QFII quota can be obtained. The size of the quota may be reduced or cancelled by the relevant Chinese authorities if the Management Company is unable to use its R-QFII quota effectively. Should the Management Company lose its R-QFII status or its investment quota is revoked or reduced, the Sub-Funds may no longer be able to invest directly in China or may be required to dispose of its investments held through the quota which could have an adverse effect on its performance or result in a significant loss.

PRC Custodian Risks: The Management Company (in its capacity as a R-QFII) and the Depositary have appointed the PRC Custodian as custodian (the "R-QFII Local Custodian") to maintain the assets of the relevant Sub-Funds in custody in the PRC, pursuant to relevant laws and regulations. The Depositary will make arrangements to ensure that the R-QFII Local Custodian has appropriate procedures to properly safe-keep the assets of the relevant Sub-Funds, in accordance with applicable requirements, including maintaining records that clearly show that the respective assets of such Sub-Funds are recorded in the name of such Sub-Funds and segregated from the other assets of the R-QFII Local Custodian. There is a risk that the Sub-Fund may suffer losses, whether direct or consequential, from the default or bankruptcy of the RQFII Local Custodian or disqualification of the same party from acting as a custodian. This may adversely affect the Sub-Fund in the execution or settlement of any transaction or in the transfer of any funds or securities.

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