

**This document is important and requires your immediate attention. If you are in any doubt as to the action you should take, you should seek professional advice from your investment consultant, tax adviser and/or legal adviser as appropriate.**

**If you have sold or transferred all of your Shares in Merian Global Investors Series plc (the “Company”), please pass this document at once to the purchaser or transferee or to the stockbroker, bank or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected for transmission to the purchaser or transferee as soon as possible.**

**The Directors of the Company accept responsibility for the information contained in this document. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this document is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.**

**Unless the context otherwise requires and except as varied or otherwise specified in this Circular, capitalised terms used herein shall bear the same meaning as capitalised terms used in the prospectus for the Company 22 July, 2020 (the “Prospectus”).**

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## **CIRCULAR TO SHAREHOLDERS OF**

## **MERIAN GLOBAL INVESTORS SERIES PLC**

(An open-ended investment company with variable capital incorporated with limited liability in Ireland and with segregated liability between sub-funds established as an undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No 352 of 2011 as amended)

**NOTICE CONVENING THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (THE “EGM”) OF THE COMPANY, TO BE HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY, 2021 at 2.00PM (IRISH TIME) IS ATTACHED TO THIS CIRCULAR. WHETHER OR NOT YOU PROPOSE TO ATTEND THE EGM YOU ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE PROXY FORMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS PRINTED THEREON.**

**The Proxy Form is attached to this Circular and should be returned by post for the attention of Martin McDonnell, Tudor Trust Limited, 33 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2 or by email to [tudortrust@dilloneustace.ie](mailto:tudortrust@dilloneustace.ie) (with original to follow by post). To be valid the Proxy Forms must be received at the above address, not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the holding of the meeting or adjourned meeting. Shareholders should pay particular attention when completing the proxy form.**

7 January, 2021

Dear Shareholder,

As you are aware, Merian Global Investors Series plc (the “**Company**”) is an investment company with variable capital and with segregated liability between sub-funds, incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland, authorised on 10 October, 1997 by the Central Bank of Ireland (the “**Central Bank**”) pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 as may be amended (the “**Regulations**”). The Company is an umbrella company, which comprises a number of sub-funds (collectively the “**Funds**”), or when referred to individually, (a “**Fund**”).

The Directors of the Company will convene an Extraordinary General Meeting (the “**EGM**”) of the Shareholders of the Company on 8 February, 2021 at 2.00PM (Irish time) at which Shareholders will be asked to approve the following:

**A. Special Business – Change of name of the Company**

*Change of Name of the Company*

We are seeking your approval of the proposed amendment to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company (the “**M&A**”) to change the name of the Company from Merian Global Investors Series plc to Jupiter Asset Management Series plc.

As you are aware, in July 2020, Merian Global Investors Limited (“**MGIL**”), the ultimate owner of Merian Global Investors (Europe) Limited, Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited and Merian Global Investors (Asia Pacific) Limited, was purchased by Jupiter Fund Management plc (“**JFM plc**”), a company listed on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange, (the “**Acquisition**”).

JFM plc completed the Acquisition on 1 July, 2020, and as part of the integration of the two firms, it is proposed to change the name of the Company to Jupiter Asset Management Series plc. The revised name of the Company will be incorporated in the Company’s constitutive documents including an updated M&A with appropriate filings being made with the Central Bank, the Irish Companies Registration Office and other relevant regulatory authorities in jurisdictions where the Shares of the Company are registered or otherwise available for sale. The effective date of the change of name of the Company is expected to be on or about 15 February, 2021 (the “**Effective Date**”).

**B. Resolutions to be put to Shareholders of the Company**

Accordingly, in order to adopt the change of name of the Company, the special resolution (the “**Special Resolution**”) as set out in Appendix A shall be put to the Shareholders at the EGM.

Formal notice of the EGM is set out in Appendix A and a Proxy Form for the EGM is set out in Appendix B attached to this Circular.

### C. Quorum and Voting Requirements

Two Members present in person or by proxy shall be a quorum for the purposes of the meeting of the Company. If a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place or to such other day and at such other time and place as the Directors may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the members present shall be a quorum.

The Special Resolution set out in the Notice in **Appendix A** will need to be duly passed by 75% or more of the votes cast in person or by proxy at the EGM.

### D. Directors' recommendation

The Directors consider that the special business as described above is in the best interests of the Shareholders of the Company as a whole and recommend that you vote in favour of the proposed resolution.

### E. Action to be taken

In order to consider the proposals set out in this document, you are advised first to read all the enclosed documentation.

**EGM of the Company.** In **Appendix A** to this document you will find a Notice of the EGM of the Shareholders of the Company to be held at the registered office of the Company at 33 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2, Ireland on 8 February, 2021 at 2.00PM (Irish time) at which the Special Resolution will be put to the Shareholders. Shareholders should vote either by attending the EGM or by completing and returning the form of proxy in Appendix B enclosed with this Circular. If you wish to vote by proxy you should complete and return the form **by post for the attention of Martin McDonnell, Tudor Trust Limited, 33 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2 or by email to tudortrust@dilloneustace.ie (with original to follow by post)**. To be valid, forms of proxy must be received not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for holding the EGM (or any adjourned meeting) and therefore by 6 February 2021, at 1.59 PM (Irish time) at the latest. You may attend and vote at the meeting even if you have appointed a proxy. If your Shares in a Fund are registered in the name of a nominee, you can exercise your vote in relation to those Shares only by directing the registered holder to vote on your behalf.

### F. Updating the Prospectus

Subject to the Shareholders' approval being obtained for the Special Resolution set out in the Notice in Appendix A, the Company proposes to amend the Prospectus to reflect the changes, where relevant, described above.

In addition, the revised Prospectus will contain a number of other proposed amendments and updates which are described at Sections G-M below, and other miscellaneous updates (including enhancement of disclosures on the investment policy of the Merian Gold & Silver

Fund to clarify that the Fund will not invest in below Investment Grade debt securities, update to the profile of the director of the Company and appointment of new director of the Manager). These changes will be incorporated into the revised Prospectus which is expected to be issued on or about 15 February, 2021.

Copies of the revised Prospectus, subject to the relevant regulatory approval, will be available free of charge upon request during normal business hours from the registered office of the Administrator of the Company.

#### **G. Change of names of the Funds of the Company**

Following the rebranding of the Merian group of companies as a result of their change of ownership as described above, and subject to the passing of the Special Resolution set out above, the names of the following Funds of the Company will be changed as follows with effect from the Effective Date:

<b>Current names of the Funds</b>	<b>Proposed new names of the Funds</b>
Merian World Equity Fund	Jupiter Merian World Equity Fund
Merian North American Equity Fund	Jupiter Merian North American Equity Fund (IRL)
Merian US Equity Income Fund	Jupiter Merian US Equity Income Fund
Merian Pacific Equity Fund	Jupiter Pacific Equity Fund
Merian China Equity Fund	Jupiter China Equity Fund
Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund	Jupiter Global Emerging Markets Focus Fund
Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL)	Jupiter Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL)
Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund	Jupiter Emerging Market Debt Fund
Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund	Jupiter Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund
Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund	Jupiter Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund
Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund	Jupiter UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund
Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund	Jupiter UK Dynamic Equity Fund
Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund	Jupiter Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund
Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL)	Jupiter UK Alpha Fund (IRL)
Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund	Jupiter Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund
Merian Gold & Silver Fund	Jupiter Gold & Silver Fund
Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund	Jupiter UK Specialist Equity Fund
Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund	Jupiter Financials Contingent Capital Fund

For the avoidance of doubt, there is no change to the name of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund, Merian European Equity Fund and Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund.

#### **H. Change of name of the Manager and Distributor**

With effect from the Effective Date, the name of the Manager and Distributor of the Company will be changed to Jupiter Asset Management (Europe) Limited

#### **I. Change of name of the Investment Manager**

With effect from the Effective Date, the name of the Investment Manager of the Company and the Funds will be changed to Jupiter Investment Management Limited.

#### **J. Change of name of the Hong Kong Representative**

With effect from the Effective Date, the name of the Hong Kong Representative of the Company and the Funds will be changed to Jupiter Asset Management (Asia Pacific) Limited

#### **K. Change of website**

With effect from the Effective Date the website [www.merian.com](http://www.merian.com) will be changed to [www.jupiteram.com](http://www.jupiteram.com). Please note that this website has not been reviewed by the SFC and may contain information on funds not authorized by the SFC.

#### **L. Change of names of certain Share Classes**

The Directors have determined to change the names of a number of Share Classes in order to create a simplified and consistent approach with other funds in the Jupiter group. Accordingly, all Class A Shares in the Funds will be re-named Class L Shares, and all Class R Shares in the Funds will be renamed Class I Shares.

#### **M. Change of Investment Minimum Amounts**

The Directors have determined to change the Minimum Initial Investment, the Minimum Subsequent Investment and the Minimum Holding amounts (the "Minimum Amounts") in respect of certain Share Classes. The change of the Minimum Amounts will take effect on the Effective Date, and will not apply to any existing investments made prior to the Effective Date. For example, if the change of the Minimum Initial Investment amount results in your holding being below this revised Minimum Initial Investment amount, or the Minimum Holding amount, this will not affect your current shareholding, and you may continue to hold and top up your investment in these Share Classes subject to the Minimum Amounts of the relevant Share Classes adopted prior to the Effective Date. Any new investments in additional Classes of the Funds will be subject to these Minimum Amounts.

The Minimum Amounts will change in accordance with the below table and the Prospectus will be updated accordingly.

<b>Share Class</b>	<b>Current Minimum Initial Investment</b>	<b><i>New Minimum Initial Investment</i></b>	<b>Current Minimum Subsequent Investment</b>	<b><i>New Minimum Subsequent Investment</i></b>	<b>Current Minimum Holding Requirement</b>	<b><i>New Minimum Holding Requirement</i></b>
Current Class R and Class I Shares	10,000 in relevant currency	<i>1,000,000 in relevant currency</i>	5,000 in relevant currency	<i>100,000 in relevant currency</i>	5,000 in relevant currency	<i>1,000,000 in relevant currency</i>
Current Class A Shares	1,000 in relevant currency	<i>500 in relevant currency</i>	500 in relevant currency	<i>250 in relevant currency</i>	500 in relevant currency	<i>500 in relevant currency</i>

### **Conclusion**

Should you have any questions relating to these matters, you should either contact us at the above address or alternatively you should contact your investment consultant.

Yours faithfully,

*Adrian Waters*

**Director**

**For and on behalf of**

**Merian Global Investors Series plc**

**Appendix A**

**Merian Global Investors Series plc  
(the “Company”)**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at 33 Sir John Rogerson’s Quay, Dublin 2, Ireland on **Monday, 8 February, 2021 at 2.00 p.m.** (Irish time) for the following purpose:

*Resolutions*

That the name of the Company be changed to Jupiter Asset Management Series public limited company to take effect from 15 February 2021

**The COVID-19 Pandemic**

- The Company considers the health and safety of shareholders and directors a priority.
- A notice setting out the measures adopted by the Company to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 at the Extraordinary General Meeting is annexed to this Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting.

**By order of the Board of Directors of the Company**

Dated this 7 January, 2021

*A Member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote instead*

*of him/her and a proxy need not also be a Member.*

**Registered in Dublin, Ireland – No: 271517**

Appendix B

**EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**  
**PROXY FORM**

**MERIAN GLOBAL INVESTORS SERIES PLC**  
**(THE "COMPANY")**

Holder ID	Account ID & Description

I/We \_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_

being (a) holder(s) of [                      ] Shares in Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "Company"), hereby

appoint \_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_

or in the absence of the appointment of any specified person or in the event of a nominated proxy (note 2&3) being unable to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting, the Chairperson of the Meeting or failing him any representative of Tudor Trust Limited of 33 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2, Ireland as my/our proxy to vote for me/us on my/our behalf in the manner indicated below at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the members of the Company to be held at 33 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2, Ireland on the **Monday 8 February, 2021 at 2.00 p.m. (Irish time)** and at any adjournment thereof.

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dated this** \_\_\_\_\_ **day of** \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

Please indicate with an "X" in the spaces below, under the heading Resolution, how you wish your vote to be cast for the resolution or, in the event of a poll being called, insert the number of total votes to be cast "for", "against" and/or "abstain" for the resolution in the spaces below.

**RESOLUTION:**

<b>Special Resolution</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
That the name of the Company be changed to Jupiter Asset Management Series public limited company to take effect from 15 February 2021.			

**A Shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote in his/her stead. A proxy need not be a Shareholder. Unless otherwise instructed above the proxy shall vote as (s)he sees fit.**



**MERIAN GLOBAL INVESTORS SERIES PLC**  
**FORM OF PROXY**

**Notes**

1. If you have sold or otherwise transferred all of your Shares, please pass this Circular and accompanying Form of Proxy as soon as possible to the purchaser or transferee or to the stockbroker, bank or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected for delivery to the purchaser or the transferee.
2. A member may vote by proxy in advance of the meeting.
3. A member may appoint a proxy of his own choice. If the appointment is made delete the words "the Chairperson of the meeting" and insert the name of the person appointed as proxy in the space provided.
4. If the appointer is a corporation, this form must be under the Common Seal or under the hand of some duly appointed officer or attorney duly authorised on its behalf and please ensure that you indicate the capacity in which you are signing.
5. If the instrument appointing a proxy is signed under a power of attorney, please ensure that you enclose an original or a notarially certified copy of such Power of Attorney with your proxy form.
6. In the case of joint holders, the vote of the first named of joint holders who tenders a vote whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders and for this purpose, the first named shall be determined by the order in which the names of the joint holders stand in the Register of Members.
7. If this form is returned without any indication as to how the person appointed proxy shall vote he will exercise his discretion as to how he votes or whether he abstains from voting.
8. The voting "Abstain" option on the Proxy Form is provided to enable a member to abstain from voting on any particular resolution. An abstention is not a vote in accordance with law or the Company's Articles of Association and will not be counted towards calculating the proportion of votes cast "for" or "against" a particular resolution.
9. Any alterations made to this form must be initialled to be valid.
10. To be valid, this form, including notarially certified copy of such power or authority must be completed and deposited at the Registered Office of the Company, Company Secretary (**Tudor Trust Limited, 33 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2, Ireland, Attn: Martin McDonnell, or by email to Tudor Trust Limited at [tudortrust@dilloneustace.ie](mailto:tudortrust@dilloneustace.ie)**) not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting.

11. Should an appointed proxy be unable to attend the meeting at short notice due to travel restrictions, an illness or as a precautionary measure the proxy form, having being completed and deposited at the Registered Office of the Company not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting, provides that in their absence the Chairperson of the Meeting or a representative of Tudor Trust Limited will be deemed to have been appointed as the proxy.

**MERIAN GLOBAL INVESTORS SERIES PLC**  
**(THE "COMPANY")**

**MEASURES TO REDUCE COVID-19 TRANSMISSION AT THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

**OF THE COMPANY**

- The Company considers the health and safety of shareholders and directors a priority.
- In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Company seeks to minimise attendance at the upcoming Extraordinary General Meeting, in line with public health guidance on social distancing.
- Please be advised that due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic the time, date and venue of the Extraordinary General Meeting are subject to change and that any changes to the time date or venue will be communicated to members electronically.
- Members are encouraged to appoint a proxy.
- Members are further encouraged to consolidate their proxies to a limited number of proxy advisors.
- A member may vote by proxy in advance of the meeting.
- Physical distancing restrictions will be implemented at the meeting.
- Members are invited to submit questions in advance of the meeting. Questions may be submitted by depositing same at the Registered Office of the Company (**33 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2, Ireland**), by post, courier or email at [tudortrust@dilloneustace.ie](mailto:tudortrust@dilloneustace.ie).
- Due to the rapidly evolving nature of the pandemic, the Company will communicate further updates with the shareholders electronically as they arise.

Members should be cognisant of the virus and should keep up to date with advice from the WHO, the HSE and the Government.

Copies of the Prospectus and Key Investor Information Documents (“KIIDs”), as well as the Constitution and the latest annual and semi-annual reports of the Company, are available free of charge upon request during normal business hours from the registered office of the Company or from the local representatives of the Company in the jurisdictions in which the Company is registered for public distribution, as set out below.

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**FOR INVESTORS IN AUSTRIA**

Erste Bank der Oesterreichischen Sparkassen AG, Am Belvedere 1, 1100 Wien, Austria

**FOR INVESTORS IN BELGIUM**

CACEIS, Avenue du Port / Havenlaan 86C b 320 B-1000, Brussels, Belgique

**FOR INVESTORS IN FRANCE**

BNP Paribas, 66 Rue De La Victoire, 75009 Paris 09, France

**FOR INVESTORS IN GERMANY**

GerFIS - German Fund Information Service UG, Zum Eichhagen 4, 21382 Brietlingen, Deutschland

**FOR INVESTORS IN ITALY**

Allfunds Bank, Legal Department Italy, Via Bocchetto, 6, 20123 Milano, Italia  
SGSS S.p.A., Milan, Via Benigno Crespi 19A – MAC2, Italia

**FOR INVESTORS IN LUXEMBOURG**

BNP Paribas, 60 avenue J.F. Kennedy, L-1855, Luxembourg, Luxembourg

**FOR INVESTORS IN PORTUGAL**

Banco Best, Praça Marquês de Pombal, 3-3.º, 1250-161 Lisboa, Portugal  
Activobank,  
Millenium BCP

**FOR INVESTORS IN SWITZERLAND**

BNP Paribas Securities Services, Paris, Zurich Branch, Selnaustrasse 16, 8002 Zurich, Switzerland  
First Independent Fund Services Limited, Klausstrasse 33, CH-8008 Zurich, Switzerland

**FOR INVESTORS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**

Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited, The Zig Zag Building, 70 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6SQ, United Kingdom

The Directors of Merian Global Investors Series plc whose names appear on page v accept responsibility for the information contained in this Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

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## **MERIAN GLOBAL INVESTORS SERIES PLC**

An investment company with variable capital incorporated with limited liability in Ireland with registered number 271517, established as an umbrella fund with segregated liability between funds and authorised pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011, as amended

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### **PROSPECTUS**

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Dated 22 July 2020

Distribution of this Prospectus is not authorised unless it is accompanied by a copy of the latest annual report and, if published thereafter, the latest half-yearly report.

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This is a consolidated prospectus consisting of the Prospectus noted by the Central Bank of Ireland on 22 July 2020 and Additional Information for Investors in Germany noted by the Central Bank of Ireland on 4 December 2020.

This consolidated prospectus dated 4 December 2020 does not constitute a prospectus for the purpose of Irish applicable law and is solely for use in relation to investors in Germany.

**THIS PROSPECTUS CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MERIAN GLOBAL INVESTORS SERIES PLC AND SHOULD BE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE INVESTING. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONTENTS OF THIS PROSPECTUS OR THE SUITABILITY OF AN INVESTMENT IN MERIAN GLOBAL INVESTORS SERIES PLC FOR YOU, YOU SHOULD CONSULT YOUR BANK MANAGER, LEGAL ADVISER, ACCOUNTANT OR OTHER FINANCIAL ADVISER.**

*Certain terms used in this Prospectus are defined in “Definitions” section of this Prospectus.*

### **The Central Bank Authorisation**

**Merian Global Investors Series plc (the “Company”) has been authorised by the Central Bank as a UCITS within the meaning of the Regulations. The authorisation of the Company as a UCITS by the Central Bank is not an endorsement or guarantee of the Company by the Central Bank nor is the Central Bank responsible for the contents of this Prospectus.**

**The authorisation of the Company by the Central Bank shall not constitute a warranty as to the performance of the Company and the Central Bank shall not be liable for the performance or default of the Company.**

### **Reliance on this Prospectus and KIID access**

*In deciding whether to invest in the Company, investors should rely on information in this Prospectus, the relevant Key Investor Information Document (“KIID”), and the Company’s most recent annual and/or semi-annual reports.*

*Because the Prospectus and KIID may be updated from time to time, investors should make sure that they have the most recent versions available.*

### **Segregated Liability**

*The Company has segregated liability between its Funds and accordingly, any liability incurred on behalf of or attributable to any Fund shall be discharged solely out of the assets of that Fund.*

### **Investment Risks**

*There can be no assurance that a Fund will achieve its investment objective. An investment in a Fund involves investment risks, including possible loss of the amount invested. In view of the fact that an initial charge may be payable on a subscription for Shares, a contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on a redemption within a period of four years after subscribing for Shares and a redemption charge may be payable on a redemption of Shares by an investor in a Fund an investment in a Fund should be regarded as a medium to long term investment. Any redemption charge shall not exceed 3 per cent. of the redemption price paid for Shares of a Fund. A dilution adjustment may also be payable on subscriptions for and redemptions of Shares. Details of certain investment risks and other information for an investor are set out more fully in this Prospectus. An investment in a Fund which invests in Emerging Markets may be subject to higher liquidity and volatility risks and investment in a Fund which invests predominantly in a single market may involve a higher degree of concentration risk than an investment in a Fund with a more diversified investment policy and the risk factors set out in the section of the Prospectus entitled “Risk Factors” in relation to this should be read carefully before making an application for Shares.*

**Neither the Company, the Manager nor any of their respective subsidiaries, affiliates, associates, agents or delegates, guarantees the performance, or any future return, of any Fund. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. Investment in a Fund may not be suitable for all investors. The price of the Shares may fall as well as rise. Investors should make their own risk assessment. If you are in doubt, please seek independent professional financial advice. Investors should ensure that they fully understand the risks associated with the Company and the Funds before making an investment.**

## **Selling Restrictions**

*The distribution of this Prospectus and the offering or purchase of the Shares may be restricted in certain jurisdictions. No persons receiving a copy of this Prospectus or the accompanying application form in any such jurisdiction may treat this Prospectus or such application form as constituting an invitation to them to subscribe for Shares, nor should they in any event use such application form, unless in the relevant jurisdiction such an invitation could lawfully be made to them and such application form could lawfully be used without compliance with any registration or other legal requirements. Accordingly, this Prospectus does not constitute an offer or solicitation by anyone in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not lawful or in which the person making such offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to anyone to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation. It is the responsibility of any persons in possession of this Prospectus and any persons wishing to apply for Shares pursuant to this Prospectus to inform themselves of, and to observe, all applicable laws and regulations of any relevant jurisdiction. Prospective applicants for Shares should inform themselves as to the legal requirements of so applying and any applicable exchange control regulations and taxes in the countries of their respective citizenship, residence or domicile.*

*Notwithstanding anything else in this Prospectus, the Investment Manager or the relevant Investment Adviser shall not solely or mechanistically rely on credit ratings in determining the credit quality of an issuer or counterparty.*

## **United Kingdom**

*The Financial Conduct Authority in the United Kingdom granted the Company the status of a “recognised scheme” for the purposes of section 264 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 as amended (the “Act”). The Company is therefore authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority to offer and distribute Shares in the Funds on a commercial basis in the United Kingdom.*

*The promotion of the Company in the United Kingdom by persons authorised to conduct investment business in the United Kingdom under the Act is not subject to the restrictions contained in section 238 of the Act. The Company will provide such facilities in the United Kingdom as are required by the Collective Investment Scheme Sourcebook published by the Financial Conduct Authority regulations governing such schemes.*

## **United States**

*The Shares have not been and will not be registered under the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Company has not been and will not be registered under the US Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. Accordingly the Shares may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in the US or to any US Person except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to the requirements of the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the US Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The Shares have not been approved by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, any state securities commission or other U.S. regulatory authority, nor have any of the foregoing authorities passed upon or endorsed the merits of this offering or the accuracy or adequacy of these offering materials. Any representation to the contrary is unlawful.*

*Applicants will be required to certify that they are not US Persons and will be required to declare whether they are Irish Residents.*

## **Marketing Rules**

*Shares are offered only on the basis of the information contained in this Prospectus and, as appropriate, the latest audited annual accounts and any subsequent half-yearly report.*

*Any further information or representation given or made by any dealer, salesman or other person should be disregarded and accordingly should not be relied upon. Neither the delivery of this Prospectus nor the offer, issue or sale of Shares shall, under any circumstances, constitute a representation that the information given in this Prospectus is correct as of any time subsequent to the date of this Prospectus. Statements made in this Prospectus are based on the law and practice currently in force in Ireland and are subject to changes therein.*

*This Prospectus may be translated into other languages. Any such translation shall only contain the same information and have the same meaning as the English language Prospectus. To the extent that*

*there is any inconsistency between the English language Prospectus and the Prospectus in another language, the English language Prospectus will prevail, except to the extent (but only to the extent) required by the laws of any jurisdiction including the regulations or requirements of the financial regulator of such jurisdiction where the Shares are sold. All disputes as to the terms thereof, regardless of the language version, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of Ireland.*

*No Fund in this Prospectus is intended as a complete investment plan, nor are all Funds appropriate for all investors. Before investing in a Fund, each prospective investor should read the Prospectus and should understand the risks, costs and terms of investment in that Fund. In particular, investors should read and consider the section of the Prospectus entitled "Risk Factors" before investing in the Company.*



## **MERIAN GLOBAL INVESTORS SERIES PLC**

### **Directors**

Tom Murray  
Bronwyn Wright  
Adrian Waters  
Nicola Stronach

### **Registered Office**

33 Sir John Rogerson's Quay,  
Dublin 2,  
Ireland.

### **Company Secretary**

Tudor Trust Limited,  
33 Sir John Rogerson's Quay,  
Dublin 2,  
Ireland.

### **Manager and Distributor**

Merian Global Investors (Europe) Limited,  
The Wilde-Suite G01,  
The Wilde,  
53 Merrion Square South,  
Dublin 2,  
Ireland.

### **Investment Manager**

Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited,  
2 Lambeth Hill,  
London EC4P 4WR,  
England.

### **Investment Advisers**

Please see the Supplement for each Fund for details of the Investment Advisers to the Funds appointed by Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited, the Investment Manager.

### **Depository**

Citi Depository Services Ireland Designated Activity Company,  
1 North Wall Quay,  
Dublin 1,  
Ireland.

### **Administrator, Registrar and Transfer Agent**

Citibank Europe plc,  
1 North Wall Quay,  
Dublin 1,  
Ireland.

### **Auditors**

KPMG,  
1 Harbourmaster Place,  
International Financial Services Centre,  
Dublin 1,  
Ireland.

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## DEFINITIONS

In this Prospectus the following words and phrases shall have the meanings indicated below:-

“Administrator”	means Citibank Europe plc;
“Administration Agreement”	means the amended and restated administration agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Administrator pursuant to which the latter acts as administrator, registrar and transfer agent of the Company;
“ADRs”	means American Depositary Receipts;
“AIF”	means an alternative investment fund as defined in European Union (Alternative Investment Fund Managers) Regulations (SI No. 257 of 2013) as may be modified, amended, supplemented, consolidated or re-enacted from time to time
“AIMA”	means the Alternative Investment Management Association which is a worldwide trade association representing the hedge fund industry;
“Articles of Association”	means the articles of association of the Company;
“AUD”	means Australian Dollar, the lawful currency of Australia;
“Barclays Capital US Aggregate Bond Index”	means the Barclays Capital US Aggregate Bond Index which provides a measure of the performance of the US Investment Grade bond market, which includes Investment Grade US Government bonds, Investment Grade corporate bonds, mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed securities that are publicly offered for sale in the US;
“Base Currency”	means the base currency of a Fund as specified in the relevant Supplement relating to that Fund;
“Benchmark Regulation”	means Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds;
“Business Day”	means any day on which retail banks are open for business in such jurisdictions and in respect of such Funds as may be specified in the relevant Supplement relating to that Fund or any other day as the Manager or Directors may determine;
“Central Bank”	means the Central Bank of Ireland;
“Central Bank UCITS Regulations”	means the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 or such other amending or replacement regulations issued from time to time by the Central Bank as the competent authority with responsibility for the authorisation and supervision of UCITS and related guidance issued by the Central Bank to UCITS and their service providers.
“CHF”	means Swiss Francs, the lawful currency of Switzerland;
“Class” or “Classes”	means any one or all of the Class A Shares, Class B Shares, Class C Shares, Class C2 Shares, Class D1 Shares, Class D2 Shares, Class F Shares, Class F2 Shares, Class I Shares, Class N Shares, Class P1

Shares, Class P2 Shares, Class P3 Shares, Class R Shares, Class S Shares, Class X Shares, Class U1 Shares, Class U2 Shares, Class U3 Shares in the Company or such other Classes as the Directors may establish in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank;

“Class A Shares”	means Class A Shares in the Company as set forth in the relevant Supplement relating to each Fund;
“Class B Shares”	means Class B Shares in the Company as set forth in the relevant Supplement relating to each Fund;
“Class C Shares”	means Class C Shares in the Company as set forth in the relevant Supplement relating to each Fund;
“Class C2 Shares”	means Class C2 Shares in the Company as set forth in the relevant Supplement relating to each Fund;
“Class D1 Shares”	means Class D1 Shares in the Company as set forth in the relevant Supplement relating to each Fund;
“Class D2 Shares”	means Class D2 Shares in the Company as set forth in the relevant Supplement relating to each Fund;
“Class F Shares”	means Class F Shares in the Company as set forth in the relevant Supplement relating to each Fund;
“Class F2 Shares”	means Class F2 Shares in the Company as set forth in the relevant Supplement relating to each Fund;
“Class I Shares”	means Class I Shares in the Company as set forth in the relevant Supplement relating to each Fund;
“Class N Shares”	means Class N Shares in the Company as set forth in the relevant Supplement relating to each Fund;
“Class P1 Shares”	means Class P1 Shares in the Company as set forth in the relevant Supplement relating to each Fund;
“Class P2 Shares”	means Class P2 Shares in the Company as set forth in the relevant Supplement relating to each Fund;
“Class P3 Shares”	means Class P3 Shares in the Company as set forth in the relevant Supplement relating to each Fund;
“Class R Shares”	means Class R Shares in the Company as set forth in the relevant Supplement relating to each Fund;
“Class S Shares”	means Class S Shares in the Company as set forth in the relevant Supplement relating to each Fund;
“Class U1 Shares”	means Class U1 Shares in the Company as set forth in the relevant Supplement relating to each Fund;
“Class U2 Shares”	means Class U2 Shares in the Company as set forth in the relevant Supplement relating to each Fund;
“Class U3 Shares”	means Class U3 Shares in the Company as set forth in the relevant Supplement relating to each Fund;

“Class X Shares“	means Class X Shares in the Company as set forth in the relevant Supplement relating to each Fund;
“Company”	means Merian Global Investors Series plc, an investment company with variable capital, incorporated in Ireland pursuant to the Companies Act, 2014;
“Dealing Day”	means in respect of all of the Funds every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight;
“Depositary”	means Citi Depositary Services Ireland Designated Activity Company which acts as depositary of the Company or any successor thereto duly appointed in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank;
“Depositary Agreement”	means the amended and restated depositary agreement between the Company and the Depositary, dated 31 October 2019 as may be amended supplemented or replaced from time to time.
“Director(s)”	means the directors of the Company for the time being and any duly constituted committee thereof;
“EEA”	means the European Economic Area, namely the EU member states, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein;
“Emerging Markets”	means those countries included in an industry recognised emerging market or frontier market index (such as the MSCI Emerging Markets Index and MSCI Frontier Markets Index ) plus those countries listed as low- and middle-income economies in the World Bank’s website at <a href="http://www.worldbank.org">www.worldbank.org</a> and as updated from time to time;
“ETFs”	means exchange-traded funds which are either UCITS or which are AIFs and which meet the requirements of Regulation 68(e) of the Regulations;
“EU”	means the European Union;
“euro” or “EUR” or “Euro”	means the unit of the single European currency;
“FCA”	means the Financial Conduct Authority in the UK;
“Fund(s)”	means any fund from time to time established by the Company with the prior approval of the Central Bank;
“GBP”	means pounds Sterling, the lawful currency of the United Kingdom;
“GDRs”	means Global Depositary Receipts;
“GDPR”	means Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council;
“HKD”	means Hong Kong dollar, the lawful currency of Hong Kong;
“Initial Offer Period”	means the period during which Shares in a Fund are initially offered at the initial offer price specified for the relevant Class of Share in the Fund in the relevant Supplement for each Fund;

“Institutional Investor”	means a corporate member of the Merian Group or any other investor (other than an individual) who invests at least USD 10,000 (or the currency equivalent) or such other amount as the Directors may determine from time to time in a Fund at any one time. With respect to investors that are incorporated in the European Economic Area or the UK, Institutional Investor means Eligible Counterparty/Professional Investors per se;
“Investment Adviser”	means each such entity or entities appointed by the Investment Manager to act as discretionary investment adviser(s) in relation to the assets of a Fund;
“Investment Advisory Agreement”	means the investment advisory agreement entered into between the Investment Manager and each Investment Adviser pursuant to which the latter acts as discretionary investment adviser in relation to the assets of a Fund;
“Investment Manager”	means Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited or any successor thereto appointed by the Manager to act as Investment Manager and Sub-Distributor of the Company’s Funds with the power to appoint Investment Advisers in relation to the assets of a Fund and to appoint other Sub-Distributors (references to the Investment Manager herein shall include an Investment Adviser where the Investment Manager has appointed an Investment Adviser in respect of the assets of the relevant Fund or where the context otherwise so requires);
“Investment Grade”	means ratings awarded to high quality corporate and government securities that are judged likely to meet their payment obligations by Standard & Poor’s (i.e. rated at least BBB-) or Moody’s (i.e. rated at least Baa3); or if unrated determined by the Investment Manager or the relevant Investment Adviser to be of comparable quality;
“IOSCO”	means the International Organization of Securities Commissions which is a worldwide association of national securities regulatory commissions;
“Irish Resident”	means any person resident in Ireland or ordinarily resident in Ireland other than an Exempt Irish Resident (as defined in the Taxation section of the Prospectus);
“JPY”	means Japanese Yen, the lawful currency of Japan;
“Manager” or “Manager/Distributor”	means Merian Global Investors (Europe) Limited;
“Management and Distribution Agreement”	means the management and distribution agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager/Distributor and the Investment Manager pursuant to which the Manager/Distributor acts as manager and lead distributor of the Company and the Investment Manager acts as investment manager and sub-distributor of the Company;
“MSCI Europe Index”	means the Morgan Stanley Capital International Europe Index, which is a free float-adjusted market capitalisation index that is designed to measure developed market equity performance in Europe. The countries currently covered by the MSCI Europe Index are Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy,

	Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom;
“Memorandum of Association”	means the memorandum of association of the Company;
“Merian Group”	means any company which is a direct or indirect subsidiary or holding company of Merian Global Investors Holdings Limited;
“Minimum Holding”	means any minimum holding requirement in respect of a Fund or Class as set out in the Supplement for the relevant Fund;
“Moody’s”	means Moody’s Investors Services Inc.;
“Net Asset Value”	means the net asset value of the Company or of a Fund, calculated as described herein;
“Net Asset Value per Share”	means the Net Asset Value divided by the number of Shares of the Company or a Fund in issue;
“NOK”	means Norwegian Kroner, the lawful currency of Norway;
“NSCC Networking”	means the National Securities Clearing Corporation Networking;
“OECD”	means the Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development whose current member countries are Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States and such other countries as may from time to time become member countries;
“REITs”	means real estate investment trusts, being pooled investment vehicles that invest in income producing real property or real property-related loans or interests listed, traded or dealt in on Regulated Markets. REITs are generally classified as equity REITs, mortgage REITs or a combination of equity and mortgage REITs. Equity REITs invest their assets directly in real property and derive income primarily from the collection of rents. Equity REITs may also realise capital gains by selling properties that have appreciated in value. Mortgage REITs invest their assets in real property mortgages and derive income from the collection of interest payments;
“Regulations”	means the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011, as amended, and any rules made by the Central Bank pursuant to the Regulations including the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019;
“Regulated Market”	means any stock exchange or market which is set out in Schedule I;
“Regulation S Securities”	means those securities offered outside the US without registration under the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended;
“RMB”	means Renminbi, the lawful currency of China;
“Retail Investor”	means any investor who is not an Institutional Investor;



“Rule 144A Securities”	means securities issued pursuant to Rule 144A, promulgated under the US Securities Act of 1933, which are issued with an undertaking to register with the SEC;
“SEC”	means the Securities and Exchange Commission of the US;
“SEK”	means Swedish Kronor, the lawful currency of Sweden;
“SFC”	means the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong;
“SFTR”	means Regulation EU 2015/2365 of the European Parliament and of the Council on transparency of securities financing transactions and of reuse and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 as may be modified, amended, supplemented, consolidated or re-enacted from time to time;
“SGD”	means Singapore Dollars, the lawful currency of Singapore;
“Share” or “Shares”	means the shares of no par value in the Company or in a Fund;
“Shareholder”	means a holder of Shares;
“Specified US Person”	means (i) a US citizen or resident individual, (ii) a partnership or corporation organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States or any State thereof (iii) a trust if (a) a court within the United States would have authority under applicable law to render orders or judgments concerning substantially all issues regarding administration of the trust, and (b) one or more US persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust, or an estate of a decedent that is a citizen or resident of the United States <b>excluding</b> (1) a corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets; (2) any corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group, as defined in section 1471(e)(2) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, as a corporation described in clause (i); (3) the United States or any wholly owned agency or instrumentality thereof; (4) any State of the United States, any U.S. Territory, any political subdivision of any of the foregoing, or any wholly owned agency or instrumentality of any one or more of the foregoing; (5) any organization exempt from taxation under section 501(a) or an individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code; (6) any bank as defined in section 581 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code; (7) any real estate investment trust as defined in section 856 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code; (8) any regulated investment company as defined in section 851 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code or any entity registered with the Securities Exchange Commission under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-64); (9) any common trust fund as defined in section 584(a) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code; (10) any trust that is exempt from tax under section 664(c) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code or that is described in section 4947(a)(1) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code; (11) a dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any State; or (12) a broker as defined in section 6045(c) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. This definition shall be interpreted in accordance with the US Internal Revenue Code.
“Standard & Poor’s”	means Standard & Poor’s, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies Inc;

“Sub-Distributor”	means any sub-distributors appointed by the Manager directly or by the Investment Manager from time to time;
“Subscriber Shares”	means the initial share capital of 30,000 Shares of no par value subscribed for EUR 38,082;
“Supplement”	means a supplement to this Prospectus specifying certain information in respect of a Fund and/or one or more Classes.
“Taxes Act”	means the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997, as amended from time to time;
“UCITS”	means an undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities established pursuant to the Regulations;
“UCITS Directive”	means the Directive 2009/65/EC of the Council and the European Parliament of 13 July 2009 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS);
“UK”	means the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;
“Umbrella Cash Account”	means (a) a cash account designated in a particular currency opened in the name of the Company on behalf of all Funds into which (i) subscription monies received from investors who have subscribed for Shares are deposited and held until Shares are issued as of the relevant Dealing Day; or (ii) redemption monies due to investors who have redeemed Shares are deposited and held until paid to the relevant investors; or (iii) dividend payments owing to Shareholders are deposited and held until paid to such Shareholders.
“US”	means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia), its territories, possessions and all other areas subject to its jurisdiction;
“USD”	means US Dollars, the lawful currency of the US;
“US Person”	means, unless otherwise determined by the Directors, any citizen or resident of the US, any corporation, trust, partnership or other entity created or organised in or under the laws of the US or any state thereof or any estate or trust the income of which is subject to US federal income tax, regardless of source; and
“ZAR”	means South African Rand, the lawful currency of South Africa.

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Company is an investment company with variable capital organised under the laws of Ireland as a public limited company pursuant to the Companies Act, 2014 and the Regulations. It was incorporated on 2 September, 1997 under registration number 271517. Its object, as set out in Clause 2 of the Company's Memorandum of Association, is the collective investment in transferable securities and/or other liquid financial assets referred to in Regulation 68 of the Regulations of capital raised from the public and which operates on the basis of risk spreading.

The Company is organised in the form of an umbrella fund with segregated liability between funds. The Articles of Association provide that the Company may offer separate classes of Shares, each representing interests in a fund comprising a distinct portfolio of investments. The Funds have different risk profiles by virtue of their investments.

With the prior approval of the Central Bank, the Company from time to time may create an additional fund or funds, the investment objective and policy of which shall be outlined in a Supplement to the Prospectus or in a new prospectus, together with details of the initial offer period, the initial subscription price for each Share and such other relevant information in relation to the additional fund or funds as the Directors may deem appropriate, or the Central Bank require, to be included. Each Supplement shall form part of, and should be read in conjunction with, this Prospectus. The Directors shall notify to the Central Bank and clear in advance with it the issue of additional classes of Shares in a fund. A separate pool of assets will be maintained for each Fund but not for each class.

The Company was authorised by the Central Bank as a UCITS within the meaning of the Regulations on 10 October, 1997.

### **Change in Investment Objective and/or Policy**

Any change in the investment objective or a material change to the investment policy of a Fund may not be effected without the prior written approval of all Shareholders or without approval on the basis of a majority of votes cast at a general meeting and notified in advance to the Central Bank.

In the event of a change of the investment objective and/or a material change in the investment policy of a Fund by way of a majority of votes cast at a meeting of the relevant Shareholders, a reasonable notification period will be provided by the Fund to enable Shareholders to redeem their Shares prior to implementation of these changes. In accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, other changes to the content of the Prospectus and non-material amendments to the investment policy of a Fund shall be notified to Shareholders in the next set of periodic accounts.

### **Investment Restrictions**

Each Fund's investments will be limited to investments permitted by the Regulations. Each Fund is also subject to the relevant investment policies and in the case of a conflict between such policies and the Regulations the more restrictive limitation shall apply.

If the limits referred to in Schedule III are exceeded for reasons beyond the control of the Company or as a result of the exercise of subscription rights, the Company shall adopt as a priority objective for its sales transactions the remedying of that situation taking due account of the interests of the Fund and its Shareholders.

Investment restrictions applicable to a Fund, other than those imposed by the Regulations, are applicable at the time of purchase. Any subsequent change in a rating assigned by any rating service to a security (or, if unrated, deemed by the Investment Manager or the relevant Investment Adviser to be of comparable quality), or change in the percentage of a Fund's assets invested in certain securities or other instruments, or change in the average duration of a Fund's investment portfolio, resulting from market fluctuations or other changes in a Fund's total assets, will not require a Fund to dispose of an investment unless the Investment Manager or Investment Adviser determines that it is practicable to sell or close out the investment without undue market or tax consequences to the Fund. A Fund may retain such securities if the Investment Manager or an Investment Adviser deems it is in the best interests of Shareholders.

## Distribution Policy

The Directors intend to declare a dividend in respect of the Classes of Shares of the Funds as set out in the relevant Supplement for each Fund (the "Distributing Share Classes"). For all Classes of Shares that are not Distributing Share Classes the Fund's income and capital gains will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Fund.

The Directors intend to declare dividends in accordance with the distribution frequency as set out in the relevant Supplement for each Fund. Dividends that are declared yearly will be declared on 31 December; dividends that are declared half-yearly will be declared on 30 June and 31 December; dividends that are declared quarterly will be declared on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December; and dividends that are declared monthly will be declared on the last Business Day of each month.

Save as may be otherwise set out in the Supplement for the relevant Fund, dividends for the Distributing Share Classes may, at the sole discretion of the Directors, be paid from a Fund's net income and/or realised and unrealised capital gains net of realised and unrealised losses. Dividends will be paid in cash by telegraphic transfer to the account of the Shareholder specified in the application form or, in the case of joint holders, to the name of the first Shareholder appearing on the register within one month of their declaration and in any event within four months of the year end.

Shareholders should note that certain Funds, as set out in the relevant Supplement, may charge all/part of their fees and expenses to the capital of the Fund. Where a Fund that intends to pay dividends from its net income charges its fees and expenses to capital, the net income available for distribution will in practice be a gross rather than net income figure. Gross income shall generally consist of interest, dividends and other investment income less withholding and other taxes or adjustments as applicable. Further detail on the implications of charging fees and expenses to capital will be set out in the Supplement for the relevant Fund and in the section of the Prospectus headed "Risk Factors", under the sub-heading "Charging of Fees and Expenses to Capital - Capital Erosion Risk".

**Shareholders should note that, where set out in the relevant Supplement, distributions may be payable out of the capital of each Fund. The payment of distributions out of capital may result in the erosion of capital notwithstanding the performance of each Fund. As a result, distributions may be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth and this cycle may continue until all capital is depleted. Distributions out of capital may have different tax implications to distributions of income or gains and investors should seek advice from their professional advisers in this regard. The rationale for providing for the payment of distributions out of capital is to allow each Fund the ability to maximise the amount distributable to investors who are seeking a higher distribution paying Share Class.**

### *Fixed Distribution Share Classes*

The Directors at their absolute discretion, have the power to issue Classes of Shares that offer a fixed distribution ("Fixed Distribution Share Classes"). Where the Directors have determined that a Share Class in any Fund is to constitute a Fixed Distribution Share Class it will have the "(F)" designation after its name.

Where such Share Classes are offered in the Supplement for the relevant Fund, the Directors intend to pay a fixed distribution of income or gains.

The Directors will periodically review the Fixed Distribution Share Classes and reserve the right to make changes, for example if the investment income after expenses is higher than the target fixed distribution the Directors may declare the higher amount to be distributed. Equally the Directors may deem it is appropriate to declare a dividend lower than the target fixed distribution.

Where in the interest of the Shareholders, especially where the generation of income has a higher priority than capital growth or the generation of income and capital growth have equal priority, a portion or all of the fees and expenses attributable to the Fixed Distribution Share Classes may be charged against the capital of such Shares instead of against income where necessary in order to ensure there is sufficient income to meet the fixed distribution payments.

Investors should note that the charging of fees and expenses to capital in this manner will result in capital erosion and, therefore, constrain future capital growth for such Fixed Distribution Share Classes, together with the likelihood that the value of future returns would be diminished. In these circumstances, distributions made in respect of Fixed Distribution Share Classes during the life of the Fund should be understood by investors as a form of capital reimbursement.

The Company is not obliged to communicate an expected dividend rate per Share to Shareholders and prospective investors, and although it may choose to do so from time to time, investors should note that any such rate may vary with market conditions. There can be no guarantee that any rate will be achieved, and in the event that there is insufficient distributable income, gains or capital in the relevant Fund to meet a specific level, investors in such Fund may receive no distribution or a lower level distribution.

Any dividend which is unclaimed six years from the date it became payable shall be forfeited and become the property of the relevant Fund.

Pending payment to the relevant Shareholder, distribution payments will be held in an account in the name of the Company (herein defined as an Umbrella Cash Account) and will be treated as an asset of the Fund until paid to that Shareholder and will not benefit from the application of any investor money protection rules (i.e. the distribution monies in such circumstance will not be held on trust for the relevant Shareholder). In such circumstance, the Shareholder will be an unsecured creditor of the relevant Fund with respect to the distribution amount held by the Company until paid to the Shareholder and the Shareholder entitled to such distribution amount will be an unsecured creditor of the Fund.

In the event of an insolvency of the Fund or the Company, there is no guarantee that the Fund or the Company will have sufficient funds to pay unsecured creditors in full. Shareholders due dividend monies which are held in an Umbrella Cash Account will rank equally with all other unsecured creditors of the relevant Fund and will be entitled to a pro-rata share of monies which are made available to all unsecured creditors by the insolvency practitioner. Therefore in such circumstances, the Shareholder may not recover all monies originally paid into an Umbrella Cash Account for onward transmission to that Shareholder.

Your attention is drawn to the section of the Prospectus entitled “*Risk Factors*” – “*Operation of Umbrella Cash Accounts*” above.

### **Counterparty Procedures**

The Investment Manager (including the relevant Investment Adviser) selects counterparties on the basis of their ability to supply liquidity and competitive pricing to the funds. This is subject to the minimum credit rating requirements and legal status requirements specified in the Regulations.

The Investment Manager’s counterparty approval process reviews the financial strength, internal controls and general reputation of the counterparty in question, as well as the legal, regulatory and political environment in the relevant markets. Counterparty exposure is monitored and reported to the Investment Manager on a regular basis. Any broker counterparty selected must be appropriately registered and meet operational efficiency requirements.

### **Borrowings, Loans and Guarantees**

A Fund may not borrow money, grant loans or act as guarantor on behalf of third parties, except as follows:-

- (i) foreign currency may be acquired by means of a back-to-back loan;
- (ii) borrowings not exceeding 10 per cent. of the Net Asset Value may be made on a temporary basis, for example, to meet redemption requests.

A Fund may not sell any of its investments when such investments are not in the Fund’s ownership.

The Directors shall ensure that, if borrowings of a Fund exceed the value of a back to back deposit, such excess shall be treated as borrowings for the purpose of Regulation 103 of the Regulations by a Fund.

### **Financial Derivative Instruments**

The Company may employ investment techniques and instruments for efficient portfolio management purposes and for hedging purposes, subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank. These techniques and instruments may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives and shall include futures (such as currency future contracts), options, options on futures, forward settled transactions, convertible securities, hybrid securities, structured notes, credit default swaps and swap agreements. Futures contracts will be used to hedge against market risk or gain exposure to an underlying market. Forward contracts will be used to hedge or gain exposure to an increase in the value of an asset, currency, or deposit. Options will be used to hedge or achieve exposure to a particular market instead of using a physical security. Swaps (including swaptions) will be used to achieve profit as well as to hedge existing long positions. Forward foreign exchange transactions will be used to reduce the risk of adverse market changes in exchange rates or to increase exposure to foreign currencies or to shift exposure to foreign currency fluctuations from one country to another. Credit default swaps will be used to isolate and transfer the exposure to or transfer the credit risk associated with a reference asset or index of reference assets.

A futures contract is an agreement between two parties to buy and sell a security, index or currency at a specific price or rate at a future date. A Fund may enter into swap agreements with respect to currencies, interest rates and security indices, using these techniques for efficient portfolio management purposes to hedge against changes in interest rates, currency rates or securities' prices. The purpose behind the use of purchased futures is to serve as a long hedge of the investments of a Fund. The purpose behind the use of sold futures is to serve as a limited short hedge of the investments of a Fund. Futures may also be used to equitise cash balances, both pending investment of a cash flow and with respect to fixed cash targets.

A forward currency contract involves an obligation to purchase or sell a specific currency at a future date, at a price set at the time the contract is made. The purposes behind the use of forward contracts by a Fund include hedging and currency risk management.

The purpose behind the purchase of call options by a Fund is to provide exposure to increases in the market (e.g. with respect to temporary cash positions) or to hedge against an increase in the price of securities or other investments that a Fund intends to purchase. The purpose behind the purchase of put options by a Fund is to hedge against a decrease in the market generally or to hedge against the price of securities or other investments held by a Fund.

The purpose behind a Fund writing covered call options is typically to seek enhanced returns when the Investment Manager perceives that the option premium offered is in excess of the premium that the Investment Manager would expect to be offered under existing market conditions or if the exercise price of the option is in excess of the price that the Investment Manager expects the security or other underlying investment to reach during the life of the option. A Fund may purchase options on futures contracts in lieu of writing or buying options directly on underlying securities or purchasing and selling underlying futures contracts. In order to hedge against a possible decrease in the value of its portfolio securities, a Fund may purchase put options or write call options on futures contracts rather than sell futures contracts. In order to hedge against a possible increase in the price of securities which a Fund expects to purchase, a Fund may purchase call options or write put options on futures contracts as a substitute for the purchase of futures contracts.

Swaps can be used to enable the Investment Manager to exchange a benefit (e.g. a floating rate of interest) in one financial market for a corresponding benefit (e.g. a fixed rate of exchange) with a party in another market. A Fund may enter into credit default swap contracts. A credit default swap contract is a risk-transfer instrument (in the form of a derivative security) through which one party transfers to another party the financial risk of a credit event, as it relates to a particular reference security or basket of securities (such as an index). A Fund might use credit default swap contracts to limit or to reduce the risk exposure of the Fund to defaults of the issuer or issuers of its holdings (i.e., to reduce risk when the Fund owns or has exposure to such securities). A Fund also might use credit default swap contracts

to create or vary exposure to securities or markets or as a tax management tool. A Fund may also enter into total return swap contracts. Total return swap contracts involve the payment or receipt of the excess return of a reference index against another reference index or a cash return based index. An unfunded total return swap is one whereby an investor does not pay the full value or notional value of the agreed underlying reference asset on the date of entry into the unfunded total return swap, but instead pays (or pledges by way of security in favour of the counterparty) a set percentage of its full value or notional value (known as margin). On certain pre-agreed dates during the term of the unfunded total return swap the investor (i) receives the gain or pays the loss of the performance of the underlying reference asset(s); (ii) may pay an interest rate payment which is equal to the funding cost of holding the underlying reference asset(s) and (iii) pays a fee. On maturity the margin amount is paid back to the investor or released from the security arrangement. These instruments may be used to ensure that the return from an active strategy is hedged to the return of the Fund's benchmark, hence seeking to ensure that there is no unwanted divergence between the objective of the Fund and the underlying investment strategies.

A Fund may also make use of convertible securities, warrants and structured notes provided the notes are freely transferable. These allow the Investment Manager to gain access to interest rate, currency or equity exposure in a cost-effective manner.

The convertible securities in which a Fund may invest consist of bonds, notes, debentures and preferred stocks which may be converted or exchanged at a stated or determinable exchange ratio into underlying shares. Convertible securities may offer higher income than the shares into which they are convertible. A Fund may be required to permit the issuer of a convertible security to redeem the security, convert it into the underlying shares or sell it to a third party.

A Fund may invest in hybrid securities. A hybrid security is a security which combines two or more financial instruments. Hybrid securities generally combine a traditional stock or bond with an option or forward contract. Generally, the principal amount payable upon maturity or redemption, or the interest rate of a hybrid security, is tied (positively or negatively) to the price of some currency, securities index, another interest rate or some other economic factor (each a "benchmark"). The interest rate or (unlike most fixed income securities) the principal amount payable at maturity of a hybrid security may be increased or decreased, depending on the changes in the value of the benchmark.

In the case of a hybrid security such as a convertible bond, for example, a Fund benefits from a steady income stream, the repayment of principal at maturity, and the potential to share in the upside of the common stock. The yield advantage and finite maturity give the convertible downside price support, or investment value. At the same time, the embedded option component provides participation in higher equity values.

A Fund may invest in structured notes for which the coupon payment, principal repayment or repayment schedule varies according to pre-agreed conditions relating to fluctuations in unrelated assets such as currencies or stock indices.

As outlined above, where considered appropriate, the Funds may utilise techniques and instruments, such as futures, options, repurchase / reverse repurchase agreements and forward currency contracts, for efficient portfolio management and/or to protect against exchanges risks subject to the conditions and within the limits laid down by the Central Bank. Where the Investment Manager intends to use techniques and instruments for efficient portfolio management for a Fund, this will be disclosed in the relevant Fund's investment policy in this Prospectus.

Efficient portfolio management transactions relating to the assets of a Fund may be entered into by the Investment Manager with one of the following aims a) a reduction of risk b) a reduction of cost with no increase or a minimal increase in risk c) generation of additional capital or income with no, or an acceptably low level of risk (relative to the expected return) and the diversification requirements in accordance with the Central Bank's Regulations. In relation to efficient portfolio management operations the Investment Manager will look to ensure that the techniques and instruments used are economically appropriate in that they will be realised in a cost-effective way. The use of efficient portfolio management techniques will only be used in line with the best interests of a Fund. The use of efficient portfolio management techniques will not result in a change to the investment objective of a Fund as outlined herein.

Transaction costs may be incurred in respect of efficient portfolio management techniques in respect of a Fund. All revenues from total return swaps and other efficient portfolio management techniques, net of direct and indirect operational costs, will be returned to the relevant Fund. Any direct and indirect operational costs/fees arising do not include hidden revenue and will be paid to such entities as outlined in the annual and semi-annual report of the Company.

A Fund may invest in repurchase/reverse repurchase agreements in accordance with the requirements set out in Schedule II.

Details of any financial indices used by the Funds will be provided to Shareholders by the Investment Manager on request and will be set out in the Company's semi-annual and annual accounts. Furthermore, the financial indices to which the Funds may gain exposure will typically be rebalanced on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis. The costs associated with gaining exposure to a financial index will be impacted by the frequency with which the relevant financial index is rebalanced. Where the weighting of a particular constituent in the financial index exceeds the UCITS investment restrictions, the Investment Manager will as a priority objective look to remedy the situation taking into account the interests of Shareholders and the Fund. Any such indices will be cleared by the Central Bank or will meet its requirements.

The Central Bank requires that all UCITS funds that use financial derivative instruments document the system of risk limitation adopted by the fund to ensure that the risks involved in the use of such instruments are properly managed, measured and monitored on an ongoing basis. This is documented in the risk management process which is a document filed with the Central Bank. Any update of this document must be reviewed by the Central Bank. In the case of the Company, the Manager is responsible for the implementation of the systems and controls set out in the risk management process. It is also responsible for monitoring and controlling the compliance and quantitative limits detailed in the risk management process as well as ensuring that the procedures that apply in the event of regulatory breaches (including escalation of issues to the board of directors, where necessary) are followed.

The Company shall supply to a Shareholder on request supplementary information in relation to the quantitative risk management limits applied by it, the risk management methods used by it and any recent developments in the risks and yields characteristics for the main categories of investment.

A list of the Regulated Markets on which the financial derivative instruments may be quoted or traded is set out in Schedule I.

A description of the current conditions and limits laid down by the Central Bank in relation to financial derivative instruments is set out in Schedule III.

### **Benchmark Regulation**

In respect of those Funds that are managed by reference to a benchmark index, or use a benchmark index to compute a performance fee (as specified in the relevant Supplement), the administrator of the relevant benchmark index is either (i) listed on the register of administrators and benchmarks maintained by the European Securities and Markets Authority ("**ESMA**") or (ii) will be listed on the ESMA register by the time required pursuant to applicable transitional provisions under the Benchmark Regulation. As required under the Benchmark Regulation, the Manager has put in place appropriate contingency arrangements setting out the actions which will be taken in the event that a benchmark which is used by a Fund which is subject to the Benchmark Regulation materially changes or ceases to be provided. A copy of the Manager's policy on cessation or material change to a benchmark is available upon request from the Manager.

### **Securities Financing Transactions**

Where specified in the relevant Supplement, a Fund may enter into securities financing transactions which include repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreement and/or securities lending agreements for efficient portfolio management purposes in accordance with the limits and conditions set down in the UCITS Regulations and the SFTR.

A repurchase agreement is an agreement pursuant to which one party sells securities to another party subject to a commitment to repurchase the securities at a specified price on a specified future date. A



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

Where a Fund enters into a repurchase agreement under which it sells securities to the counterparty, it will incur a financing cost from engaging in this transaction which will be paid to the relevant counterparty. Cash collateral received by a Fund under a repurchase agreement is typically reinvested in order to generate a return greater than the financing costs incurred by the Fund. In such circumstances, the Fund will be exposed to market risk and to the risk of failure or default of the issuer of the relevant security in which the cash collateral has been invested. Furthermore, the Fund retains the economic risks and rewards of the securities which it has sold to the counterparty and therefore it is exposed to market risk in the event that it repurchases such securities from the counterparty at the pre-determined price which is higher than the value of the securities.

There is no global exposure generated by a Fund as a result of entering into reverse repurchase arrangements, nor do any such arrangements result in any incremental market risk unless the additional income which is generated through finance charges imposed by the Fund on the counterparty is reinvested, in which case the Fund will assume market risk in respect of such investments.

Finance charges received by a Fund under a stock-lending agreement may be reinvested in order to generate additional income. Similarly cash collateral received by a Fund may also be reinvested in order to generate additional income. In both circumstances, the Fund will be exposed to market risk in respect of any such investments.

The use of the techniques described above may expose a Fund to the risks disclosed under the heading **“Risk Factors”-“Risks associated with Securities Financing Transactions”**.

#### *Total Return Swaps*

Where specified in the relevant Supplement, a Fund may enter into total return swaps for investment purposes in order to generate income or profits in accordance with the investment objective and policies of the relevant Fund, in order to reduce expenses or hedge against risks faced by the Fund.

A total return swap is a derivative contract under which one counterparty transfers the total economic performance, including income from interests and fees, gains and losses from price movements, and credit losses, of a reference obligation to another counterparty. The reference obligation of a total return swap may be any security or other investment in which the relevant Fund is permitted to invest in accordance with its investment objective and policies. The use of total return swaps may expose a Fund to the risks disclosed under the heading **“Risk Factors”-“Risks associated with Securities Financing Transactions”**.

#### *Revenues generated from Securities Financing Transactions and Total Return Swaps*

All revenues arising from securities financing transactions and total return swaps, net of direct and indirect operational costs and fees, shall be returned to the relevant Fund. This shall include fees and expenses paid to the counterparties to the relevant transactions/securities lending agents which will be at normal commercial rates plus VAT, if applicable.

Information on the revenues generated under such transactions shall be disclosed in the annual and semi-annual reports of the Company, along with entities to whom direct and indirect operational costs and fees relating to such transactions are paid. Such entities may include the Depositary or entities related to the Depositary.

#### *Eligible Counterparties*

Any counterparty to a total return swap or other OTC derivative contract shall satisfy fall within one of the following categories:

- (i) a credit institution which falls within any of the categories set down in Regulation 7 of the UCITS Regulations (an “Approved Credit Institution”);
- (ii) an investment firm authorised in accordance with MiFID; or
- (iii) a group company of an entity issued with a bank holding company license from the Federal Reserve of the United States of America where that group company is subject to bank holding company consolidated supervision by that Federal Reserve

Any counterparty to a OTC derivative contract or a securities financing transaction shall be subject to an appropriate internal assessment carried out by the Company which shall include amongst other considerations, external credit ratings of the counterparty, the regulatory supervision applied to the relevant counterparty, country of origin of the counterparty and legal status of the counterparty.

Save where the relevant counterparty to the relevant securities financing transaction or OTC derivative contract is an Approved Credit Institution, where such counterparty (a) is subject to a credit rating by an agency registered and supervised by ESMA that rating shall be taken into account by the Company in the credit assessment process; and (b) where a counterparty is downgraded to A-2 or below (or comparable rating) by the credit rating agency referred to in subparagraph (a) this shall result in a new credit assessment being conducted of the counterparty by the Company without delay.

## **Collateral Management**

### *Types of collateral which may be received by a Fund*

Where necessary, a Fund may receive both cash and non-cash collateral from a counterparty to a securities financing transaction or an OTC derivative transaction in order to reduce its counterparty risk exposure.

The non-cash collateral received by a Fund may comprise of fixed income securities or equities which meet the specific criteria outlined below. The level of collateral required to be posted by a counterparty may vary by counterparty and where the exchange of collateral relates to initial or variation margin in respect of non-centrally cleared OTC derivatives which fall within the scope of EMIR, the level of collateral will be determined taking into account the requirements of EMIR. In all other cases, collateral will be required from a counterparty where regulatory exposure limits to that counterparty would otherwise be breached.

A documented haircut policy is in place for the Company detailing the policy in respect of each class of assets received and which takes into account the characteristics of the assets and the results of any stress tests conducted as required. The haircut policy applied to posted collateral will be negotiated on a counterparty basis and will vary depending on the class of asset received by the Fund, taking into account the characteristics of the assets received as collateral such as the credit standing or the price volatility and the outcome of any liquidity stress testing policy and where applicable taking into account the requirements of EMIR.

There are no restrictions on the maturity of the collateral received by a Fund.

Collateral received from a counterparty shall satisfy the criteria outlined in Schedule II as well as the following:

- (i) Collateral received by a Fund shall be of high quality. The Manager shall ensure that:
  - (a) where the issuer was subject to a credit rating by an agency registered and supervised by ESMA that rating shall be taken into account by the Manager in the credit assessment process; and
  - (b) where an issuer is downgraded below the two highest short-term credit ratings by the credit rating agency referred to in (b) this shall result in a new credit assessment being conducted of the issuer by the Manager without delay.

Collateral received by a Fund shall be sufficiently diversified in terms of country, markets and issuers with a maximum exposure to a given issuer of 20% of a Fund’s Net Asset Value. When a Fund is

exposed to different counterparties, the different baskets of collateral should be aggregated to calculate the 20% limit of exposure to a single issuer.

Notwithstanding the above diversification requirement, a Fund may accept collateral which provides exposure of more than 20% of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund to any of the following:

-OECD Governments (provided the relevant issues are investment grade), Government of the People's Republic of China, Government of Brazil (provided the issues are of investment grade), Government of India (provided the issues are of investment grade), Government of Singapore, European Investment Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Finance Corporation, International Monetary Fund, Euratom, The Asian Development Bank, European Central Bank, Council of Europe, Eurofima, African Development Bank, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (The World Bank), The Inter American Development Bank, European Union, Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae), Student Loan Marketing Association (Sallie Mae), Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Tennessee Valley Authority, Straight-A Funding LLC, Export-Import Bank.

A Fund may also be fully collateralised in different transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed an EU member state, one or more of its local authorities, a third country, or a public international body to which one or more EU member states belong (and which issuers are set out in section 2.12 of Schedule III – "Investment Restrictions"). In such circumstances, the Fund will receive securities from at least six different issues with securities from any single issue not accounting for more than 30% of the Fund's Net Asset Value.

#### *Safe-keeping of collateral received by a Fund*

Collateral received by a Fund on a title transfer basis shall be held by the Depositary or a duly appointed sub-depositary of the Depositary. For other types of collateral arrangements, the collateral can be held by the Depositary, a duly appointed sub-depositary of the Depositary or by a third party custodian which is subject to prudential supervision and which is unrelated to the provider of the collateral.

#### *Re-use of collateral by a Fund*

The Company on behalf of the relevant Fund shall not sell, pledge or re-invest any non-cash collateral received by the relevant Fund.

Where a Fund receives cash collateral, such cash may not be invested other than in (i) deposits with relevant institutions; (ii) high quality government bonds; (iii) reverse repurchase agreements provided the transactions are with credit institutions subject to the prudential supervision and the Fund is able to recall at any time the full amount of cash on an accrued basis; (iv) short term money market funds as defined in the ESMA Guidelines on a Common Definition of European Money Market Funds.

In accordance with the UCITS Regulations, invested cash collateral should be diversified in accordance with the diversification requirement applicable to non-cash collateral. Invested cash collateral may not be placed on deposit with the counterparty or a related entity. Re-invested cash collateral exposes the Company to certain risks such as the risk of a failure or default of the issuer of the relevant security in which the cash collateral has been invested.

#### *Posting of collateral by a Fund*

Collateral provided by a Fund to a counterparty shall be agreed with the relevant counterparty and may comprise of cash or any types of assets held by the relevant Fund in accordance with its investment objective and policies and shall, where applicable, comply with the requirements of EMIR. Collateral may be transferred by a Fund to a counterparty on a title transfer basis where the assets are passed outside of the custody network and are no longer held by the Depositary or its sub-depositary. In such circumstances, subject to the requirements of SFTR, the counterparty to the transaction may use those assets in its absolute discretion. Where collateral is posted by a Fund to a counterparty under a security collateral arrangement where title to the relevant securities remains with the Fund, such collateral must be safe-kept by the Depositary or its sub-depositary, however, subject to the requirements of SFTR,

such assets may be subject to a right of re-use by the counterparty. Risks associated with re-use of collateral are set down in “***Risk Factors: Risks Associated with Collateral Management***”.

## **Risk Factors**

Investors should understand that all investments involve risks. The following are some of the risks of investing in the Funds, but the list does not purport to be exhaustive.

### ***Equity Risk***

A Fund may invest directly or indirectly in equity securities. Investing in equity securities may offer a higher rate of return than those investing in short term and longer term debt securities. However, the risks associated with investments in equity securities may also be higher, because the investment performance of equity securities depends upon factors which are difficult to predict. As a result, the market value of the equity securities that it invests in may go down and the relevant Fund may suffer losses. Factors affecting the equity securities are numerous, including but not limited to changes in investment sentiment, political environment, economic environment, and the business and social conditions in local and global marketplace. Securities exchanges typically have the right to suspend or limit trading in any security traded on the relevant exchange; a suspension will render it impossible to liquidate positions and can thereby expose the relevant Fund to losses.

### ***Risk of Investing in Smaller Companies***

Typically, small company stocks trade less frequently and in smaller volumes and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements than stocks of larger companies. The securities of small companies may also be more sensitive to market changes than securities in large companies. As such, this may adversely impact the Fund and/or the interests of investors.

### ***Investment Risks***

There can be no assurance that a Fund will achieve its investment objective. An investment in a Fund involves investment risks, including possible loss of the amount invested. The price of the Shares may fall as well as rise. The capital return and income of a Fund are based on the capital appreciation and income on the investments it holds, less expenses incurred. Therefore, a Fund's returns may be expected to fluctuate in response to changes in such capital appreciation or income. As an initial charge, a redemption charge and a contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on subscriptions for and redemptions of Shares the difference at any one time between the subscription and repurchase price of Shares means that the investment is suitable only for investors who are in a position to take such risks and to adopt a long-term approach to their investment strategy.

### ***Volatility Risk***

Prices of securities may be volatile. Price movements of securities are difficult to predict and are influenced by, among other things, speculation, changing supply and demand relationships, governmental trade, fiscal, monetary and exchange control programs and policies, national and international political and economic events, climate, changes in interest rates, and the inherent volatility of the market place. Volatility may also be due to the fluctuations in the exchange rate of currencies. Therefore, it is a probability measure of the threat that an exchange rate movement poses to an investor's portfolio in a foreign currency. During periods of uncertain market conditions the combination of price volatility and the less liquid nature of securities markets may, in certain cases, affect a Fund's ability to acquire or dispose of securities at the price and time it wishes to do so, and consequently may have an adverse impact on the investment performance of the Fund.

### ***Liquidity Risks***

Some of the markets in which a Fund invests may be less liquid and more volatile than the world's leading stock markets and this may result in the fluctuation in the price of the securities. A Fund which invests in securities in a less liquid market or illiquid securities may not be able to sell such securities at the time that it would like or at a favourable price. As a result, the Fund may suffer losses and the Net Asset Value of the Fund may be adversely affected.

Due to market conditions the Funds may from time to time trade in transferable securities dealt in on a Regulated Market that may become illiquid after they have been acquired or it may be difficult for a Fund to liquidate at an amount close to their fair value to meet its liquidity requirements or to respond to specific events such as a temporary disruption of a particular market. Certain securities may therefore be difficult or impossible to sell at the time that the seller would like or at the price that the seller believes the security is currently worth.

### ***Charging of Fees and Expenses to Capital - Capital Erosion Risk***

Certain Funds and Share Classes including certain fixed income focussed Funds, as may be set out in the Supplement for the relevant Fund, shall have the ability to charge fees and expenses to capital. In addition, certain Funds may have as a priority objective the generation of income.

In relation to such Funds, investors should note that a focus on income and/or the charging of fees and expenses including Management Fees, to capital may lead to a greater risk of capital erosion given the lack of potential for capital growth. Should such capital erosion occur, the value of future returns would also be diminished. In this regard, distributions made during the life of a Fund or an applicable Share Class that charges fees and expenses to capital should be understood as a type of capital reimbursement.

### ***Eurozone Crisis***

As a result of the crisis of confidence in the markets which has caused bond yield spreads (the cost of borrowing in the debt capital markets) and credit default spreads (the cost of purchasing credit protection) to increase, most notably in relation to certain Eurozone countries, certain countries in the EU have had to accept “bailouts” from banks and lines of credit from supra-governmental agencies such as the International Monetary Fund (the “IMF”) and the recently created European Financial Service Facility (the “EFSF”). The European Central Bank (the “ECB”) has also been intervening to purchase Eurozone debt in an attempt to stabilise markets and reduce borrowing costs. In December 2011, leaders of the countries in the Eurozone, as well as the leaders of certain other countries in the EU, met in Brussels and agreed a “fiscal compact” which includes a commitment to a new fiscal rule, to be introduced into the legal systems of the relevant countries, as well as acceleration of the entry into force of the European Stability Mechanism treaty.

Notwithstanding the measures described above, and future measures which may be introduced, it is possible that a country may leave the Eurozone and return to a national currency, and as a result may leave the EU and/or that the Euro, the European single currency, will cease to exist in its current form and/or lose its legal status in one or more countries in which it currently has such status. The effect of such potential events on the Funds which are denominated in Euro or which invest in instruments predominantly tied to Europe is impossible to predict.

### ***Potential implications of Brexit***

In a referendum held on 23 June 2016, the electorate of the United Kingdom resolved to leave the European Union. The result has led to political and economic instability, volatility in the financial markets of the United Kingdom and more broadly across Europe. It may also lead to weakening in consumer, corporate and financial confidence in such markets as the UK negotiates its exit from the EU. The longer term process to implement the political, economic and legal framework between the UK and the EU is likely to lead to continuing uncertainty and periods of exacerbated volatility in both the UK and in wider European markets. In particular, the decision made in the British referendum may lead to a call for similar referendums in other European jurisdictions which may also cause increased economic volatility in wider European and global markets. Currency volatility resulting from this uncertainty may mean that the returns of the Company, its Funds and their investments are adversely affected by market movements, potential decline in the value of the British Pound and/or Euro, and any downgrading of UK sovereign credit rating. This may also make it more difficult, or more expensive, for the Company or its Funds to execute prudent currency hedging policies. This mid to long term uncertainty may have an adverse effect on the economy generally and on the ability of the Company, its Funds and their investments to execute their respective strategies and to receive attractive returns, and may also result in increased costs to the Company and its Funds.

## **Impact of Natural or Man-Made Disasters and Disease Epidemics**

Certain regions are at risk of being affected by natural disasters or catastrophic natural events. Considering that the development of infrastructure, disaster management planning agencies, disaster response and relief sources, organized public funding for natural emergencies, and natural disaster early warning technology may be immature and unbalanced in certain countries, the natural disaster toll on an individual portfolio company or the broader local economic market may be significant. Prolonged periods may pass before essential communications, electricity and other power sources are restored and operations of the portfolio company can be resumed. A Fund's investments could also be at risk in the event of such a disaster. The magnitude of future economic repercussions of natural disasters may also be unknown, may delay a Fund's ability to invest in certain companies, and may ultimately prevent any such investment entirely.

Investments may also be negatively affected by man-made disasters. Publicity of man-made disasters may have a significant negative impact on overall consumer confidence, which in turn may materially and adversely affect the performance of a Fund's investments, whether or not such investments are involved in such man-made disaster.

Outbreaks of infectious diseases may also have a negative impact on the performance of the Funds. For example, an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus was first detected in December 2019 and then spread globally. This coronavirus has resulted in borders closing, restrictions on movement of people, quarantines, cancellations of transportation and other services, disruptions to supply chains, businesses and customer activity, as well as general concern and uncertainty. It is possible that there may be similar outbreaks of other infectious diseases in the future. The impact of this coronavirus, and other epidemics and pandemics that may arise in the future, could affect the economies of many nations, individual companies and the market in general in ways that cannot necessarily be foreseen at the present time. In addition, the impact of infectious diseases in emerging developing or emerging market countries may be greater due to less established health care systems. Health crises caused by the recent coronavirus outbreak may exacerbate other pre-existing political, social and economic risks in certain countries. The impact of the outbreak may be short term or may last for an extended period of time. Such events could increase volatility and the risk of loss to the value of investments of the investors.

### ***Emerging Market Risks***

Due to the developing nature of the countries in which certain Funds may invest their markets are similarly of a developing nature. Accordingly, these markets may be insufficiently liquid and levels of volatility in price movements may be greater than those experienced in more developed economies and markets. In addition, reporting standards and market practices may not provide the same degree of information as would generally apply internationally and therefore may increase risk. In addition, an issuer may default on payments and such circumstances could mean that investors may not receive back on repurchase or otherwise the amount originally invested.

It should be remembered that the legal infrastructure and accounting, auditing and reporting standards in emerging markets may not provide the same degree of shareholder protection or information to investors as would generally apply internationally. In particular, valuation of assets, depreciation, exchange differences, deferred taxation, contingent liabilities and consolidation may be treated differently from international accounting standards.

The value of the assets of a Fund investing in developing markets may be adversely affected by uncertainties, such as political developments, changes in government policies, taxation and currency repatriation and restrictions on foreign investment in some of the countries in which such Fund may invest. As a result, the Fund may suffer losses. Further, this may lead to a delay in payment of redemptions to Shareholders when the relevant Fund encounters repatriation restrictions. Any fluctuation in currency and interest rate, inflation and changes in relation to currency convertibility in the Emerging Markets that the relevant Fund invests in may cause an adverse impact on the Net Asset Value of the Fund.

The Funds may invest in markets where custodial and/or settlement systems are not fully developed in regions such as Africa, the Middle East, Central and Eastern Europe, Asia and Latin America.

Settlement, clearing, safe custody and registration procedures in these regions may be underdeveloped increasing the risks of error, fraud or default.

### ***Risks of Direct Investment in the Investment Markets of the Russian Federation***

Direct investment in Russian securities presents many of the same risks as investing in securities of issuers in other emerging market economies, as described above. However, the political, legal and operational risks of investing in Russian issuers may be particularly pronounced. Certain Russian issuers may also not meet internationally-accepted standards of corporate governance.

To the extent that a Fund invests directly in the Russian markets, increased risks are incurred particularly with regard to settlement of transactions and custody of the assets. In Russia the legal claim to securities is asserted by means of entry in a register. Maintenance of this register may, however, diverge significantly from internationally accepted standards. A Fund may lose its entry in the register, in whole or in part, particularly through negligence, lack of care or even fraud. It is also not possible to guarantee at present that the register is maintained independently, with the necessary competence, aptitude and integrity, and in particular without the underlying corporations exerting an influence; registrars are not subject to any effective state supervision. The destruction or other impairment of the register may also result in loss of rights. Moreover, the possibility cannot be excluded that, when investing directly in Russian markets, claims to title of the relevant assets by third parties may already exist, or that acquisition of such assets may be subject to restrictions about which the purchaser has not been informed. These circumstances may reduce the value of the assets that are acquired or may prevent full or partial access by a Fund to these assets, to its detriment.

### ***Concentration Risk***

The investments of certain Funds may be concentrated in a single market or country. A Fund which pursues a concentrated investment strategy may be subject to a greater degree of volatility and risk than a Fund following a more diversified strategy. To the extent that a Fund concentrates its investments in a particular market or country, its investments may become more susceptible to fluctuations in value resulting from adverse economic or business conditions in that market or country. As a consequence, the aggregate return of the Fund may be adversely affected by the unfavourable developments in that particular market or country in which the Fund invests.

### ***Credit Risk***

Bonds or other debt securities involve credit risk to the issuer which may be evidenced by the issuer's credit rating. Securities which are subordinated and/or have a lower credit rating are generally considered to have a higher credit risk and a greater possibility of default than more highly rated securities. However, there is no guarantee of the accuracy of credit ratings. A Fund investing in bonds or other debt securities will be subject to the credit risk of the issuers of the bonds or debt securities in which it invests. In the event that any issuer of bonds or other debt securities in which the assets of a Fund are invested defaults, becomes insolvent or experiences financial or economic difficulties, this may adversely affect the value of the relevant securities (which may be zero) and any amounts paid on such securities (which may be zero), which may in turn adversely affect the Net Asset Value of the Fund. In times of financial instability, there may be increased uncertainty surrounding the creditworthiness of issuers of debt or other securities, including financial derivatives instruments, and market conditions may lead to increased instances of default amongst issuers. This may in turn affect the Net Asset Value per Share.

The value of a Fund may be affected if any of the financial institutions with which the cash of the Fund is invested or deposited suffers insolvency or other financial difficulties.

There is no certainty in the credit worthiness of issuers of debt securities. Unstable market conditions may mean there are increased instances of default amongst issuers.

### ***Debt Securities Risk***

A Fund may have exposure to debt securities that are unrated, and whether or not rated, the debt investments may have speculative characteristics. The issuers of such instruments (including sovereign issuers) may face significant ongoing uncertainties and exposure to adverse conditions that may

undermine the issuer's ability to make timely payment of interest and principal. Such investments are regarded as predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with the terms of the obligations and involve major risk exposure to adverse conditions. In addition, an economic recession could severely disrupt the market for most of these securities and may have an adverse impact on the value of such investments. It is also likely that any such economic downturn could adversely affect the ability of the issuers of such securities to repay principal and pay interest thereon and increase the incidence of default for such securities.

Certain Funds may invest in securities which are unrated or below Investment Grade and will therefore, be subject to higher risks associated with unrated or below Investment Grade securities. As a result, the Net Asset Value of the Fund may be adversely affected.

Investments in securities which are below Investment Grade are considered to have a higher risk exposure than securities which are Investment Grade with respect to payment of interest and the return of principal. Investors should therefore assess the risks associated with an investment in such a Fund. Low rated debt securities generally offer a higher current yield than higher grade issues. However, low rated debt securities involve higher risks and are more sensitive to adverse changes in general economic conditions and in the industries in which the issuers are engaged, as well as to changes in the financial condition of the issuers and changes in interest rates. Additionally, the market for lower rated debt securities generally is less active than that for higher quality securities and a Fund's ability to liquidate its holdings in response to changes in the economy or the financial markets may be further limited by such factors as adverse publicity and investor perceptions. The value of lower-rated or unrated corporate bonds and notes is also affected by investors' perceptions. When economic conditions appear to be deteriorating, lower rated or unrated corporate bonds and notes may decline in market value due to investors' heightened concerns and perceptions over credit quality.

### ***Credit Ratings Risk***

The ratings of fixed-income securities by Moody's and Standard & Poor's are a generally accepted barometer of credit risk. They are, however, subject to certain limitations from an investor's standpoint. The rating on an issuer or a security is heavily weighted by past performance and does not necessarily reflect probable future conditions. There is frequently a lag between the time the rating is assigned and the time it is updated. In addition, there may be varying degrees of difference in credit risk of securities within each rating category. In the event of a down-grading of the credit rating of a security or an issuer relating to a security, the value of a Fund investing in such security may be adversely affected.

### ***Interest Rates Risk***

Changes in market interest rates will affect the value of debt securities held by a Fund. Generally, the market value of debt securities moves in the opposite direction from interest rates; the market value decreases when interest rates rise and increases when interest rates fall. A Fund's net asset value per Share generally moves in the same direction as the market value of the debt securities in the Fund's portfolio. Therefore, if interest rates rise, investors should expect the Fund's Net Asset Value per Share to fall, and if interest rates fall, investors should expect the Fund's Net Asset Value to rise. Long-term debt securities are generally more sensitive to changes in interest rates and, therefore, are subject to a greater degree of market price volatility. To the extent a Fund holds long-term debt securities, its Net Asset Value will be subject to a greater degree of fluctuation than if it held debt securities of a shorter duration.

### ***Sovereign Debt Risk***

Investment in debt obligations issued or guaranteed by governments of certain developed and developing countries or their agencies and instrumentalities ("Governmental Entities") involves a degree of risk. The Governmental Entities that controls the repayment of sovereign debt may not be able or willing to repay the principal and/or interest when due in accordance with the terms of such debt. Governmental Entities may default on their sovereign debt. Holders of sovereign debt, including the relevant Fund, may be requested to participate in the rescheduling of such debt and to extend further loans to Governmental Entities. The above circumstances may adversely affect Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund.

### ***Mortgage-backed and Asset-backed Securities Risk***



A Fund may be exposed to risks associated with securitised instruments (e.g. mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities), such as a credit risk which relates essentially to the quality of the underlying assets, and which may vary in type and may involve liquidity risks. These instruments are based on complex operations that may also involve legal risks and other risks related to the characteristics of the underlying assets.

The value of such mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities depends on the value of the underlying collateral which is subject to market fluctuation and there is a risk that they may be downgraded due to adverse market conditions.

*Extension Risk* — When interest rates rise, certain underlying obligations of the mortgage-backed securities / asset-backed securities will be paid off by the obligor more slowly than anticipated, causing the value of these obligations to fall. Rising interest rates tend to extend the duration of securities, making them more sensitive to changes in interest rates. The value of longer-term securities generally changes more in response to changes in interest rates than shorter-term securities. As a result, in a period of rising interest rates, such securities may exhibit additional volatility and may lose value.

*Prepayment Risk* — When interest rates fall, certain underlying obligations of the mortgage-backed securities / asset-backed securities will be paid off by the obligor more quickly than originally anticipated, and the relevant Fund may have to invest the proceeds in securities with lower yields. In periods of falling interest rates, the rate of prepayments tends to increase (as does price fluctuation) as borrowers are motivated to pay off debt and refinance at new lower rates. During such periods, reinvestment of the prepayment proceeds by the relevant Fund will generally be at lower rates of return than the return on the assets that were prepaid. Prepayment reduces the yield to maturity and the average life of the security.

### **Derivative Risks**

#### **a. Counterparty risk**

A Fund may enter into transactions in over-the-counter markets that expose it to the credit risk of its counterparties and their ability to satisfy the terms of such contracts. Where a Fund enters into over-the-counter arrangements, it will be exposed to the risk that the counterparty may default on its obligations to perform under the relevant contract. In the event of the bankruptcy or insolvency of a counterparty, a Fund could experience delays in liquidating the position and may incur significant losses. There is also a possibility that ongoing derivative transactions may be terminated unexpectedly as a result of events outside the control of the Company, for instance, bankruptcy, supervening illegality or a change in the tax or accounting laws relative to those transactions at the time the agreement was originated and the Fund may incur significant losses as a result. In accordance with standard industry practice, it is the policy of the Company to net exposures against its counterparties therefore limiting potential loss.

#### **b. Leverage component risk**

Since many derivative instruments have a leverage component, adverse changes in the value or level of the underlying asset, rate or index can result in a loss substantially greater than the amount invested in the derivative itself. Certain derivative instruments have the potential for unlimited loss regardless of the size of the initial investment. If there is default by the other party to any such transaction, there will be contractual remedies; however, exercising such contractual rights may involve delays or costs which could result in the value of the total assets of the related portfolio being less than if the transaction had not been entered.

#### **c. Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk exists when a particular derivative instrument is difficult to purchase or sell. If a derivative transaction is particularly large or if the relevant market is illiquid (as is the case with many privately negotiated derivatives), it may not be possible to initiate a transaction or liquidate a position at an advantageous time or price.

#### **d. Risks associated with futures, options and warrants**

A Fund may from time to time use both exchange-traded and over-the-counter futures and options as part of its investment strategy or for hedging purposes. These instruments are highly volatile, involve certain special risks and expose investors to a high risk of loss. The low initial margin deposits normally required to establish a futures position permit a high degree of leverage. As a result, a relatively small movement in the price of a futures contract may result in a profit or a loss which is high in proportion to the amount of funds actually placed as initial margin and may result in unquantifiable further loss exceeding any margin deposited. Further, when used for hedging purposes there may be an imperfect correlation between these instruments and the investments or market sectors being hedged. Transactions in over-the-counter derivatives may involve additional risk as there is no exchange or market on which to close out an open position. It may be impossible to liquidate an existing position, to assess or value a position or to assess the exposure to risk. Warrants give a Fund the right to subscribe to or purchase securities in which a Fund may invest. The underlying security may be subject to market volatility thus rendering an investment in a warrant a higher risk than an investment in an equity security.

*e. Forward contracts risk*

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

*f. Forward exchange contract risk*

A Fund may enter into currency exchange transactions by buying currency exchange forward contracts for the purposes of hedging against currency exposure or for investment purposes.

A Fund may enter into forward contracts to hedge against a change in currency exchange rates that would cause a decline in the value of the existing investments denominated or principally traded in a currency other than the Base Currency of that Fund. To do this, the Fund would enter into a forward contract to sell the currency in which the investment is denominated or principally traded in exchange for the Base Currency of the Fund. Although these transactions are intended to minimise the risk of loss due to a decline in the value of the hedged currency, at the same time they limit any potential gain that might be realised should the value of the hedged currency increase. The precise matching of the forward contract amounts and the value of the securities involved will not generally be possible because the future value of such securities will change as a consequence of market movements in the value of such securities between the date when the forward contract is entered into and the date when it matures. The successful execution of a hedging strategy which matches exactly the profile of the investments of a Fund cannot be assured.

*g. Risk relating to structured notes*

A Fund may invest in structured notes, which may be issued by banks, brokerage firms, insurance companies and other corporations. Structured notes may not be listed and are subject to the terms and conditions imposed by their issuer. These terms may lead to delays in implementing the Investment Manager's investment strategy due to restrictions on the issuer acquiring or disposing of the securities underlying the structured notes. Investment in structured notes can be illiquid as there is no active market in structured notes. In order to meet realisation requests, the Fund relies upon the counterparty issuing the structured notes to quote a price to unwind any part of the structured notes. This price will reflect the market liquidity conditions and the size of the transaction.

By seeking exposure to investments in securities through structured notes, a Fund is exposed to the credit risk of the issuer of the structured notes. There is a risk that the issuer will not settle a transaction due to a credit or liquidity problem, thus causing the Fund to suffer a loss. In addition, in the case of a default, the Fund could become subject to adverse market movements while replacement transactions are executed.

An investment in a structured note entitles the holder to certain cash payments calculated by reference to the securities to which the structured note is linked. It is not an investment directly in the securities themselves. An investment in structured notes does not entitle the holder of structured notes to the beneficial interest in the securities nor to make any claim against the Company issuing the securities.

*h. Risks associated with investment in convertible securities and hybrid securities*

The convertible securities in which a Fund may invest consist of bonds, notes (including participation notes), debentures and preferred stocks which may be converted or exchanged at a stated or determinable exchange ratio into underlying shares of common stock. Convertible securities may offer higher income than the common stocks into which they are convertible. A Fund may be required to permit the issuer of a convertible security to redeem the security, convert it into the underlying common stock, or sell it to a third party.

A Fund with convertible securities may not be able to control whether the issuer of a convertible security chooses to convert that security. If the issuer chooses to do so, this action could have an adverse effect on a Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective because the issuer may force conversion before the Fund would otherwise choose to do so. This may impact on the value of the Fund's investment and as a result, the Net Asset Value of the Fund may be adversely affected.

A hybrid security is a security which combines two or more financial instruments. Hybrid securities generally combine a traditional stock or bond with an option or forward contract. Generally, the principal amount payable upon maturity or redemption, or interest rate of a hybrid security, is tied (positively or negatively) to the price of a currency or securities index or another interest rate or some other economic factor (each a "benchmark"). The interest rate or (unlike most fixed income securities) the principal amount payable at maturity of a hybrid security may be increased or decreased, depending on the changes in the value of the benchmark.

Hybrid securities are generally traded on the stock market and therefore susceptible to changes in their price. As these securities have fixed interest characteristics their price may be impacted by movements in interest rates, as well as perceptions of the issuer's ability to meet coupon payments.

*i. Risks associated with swaps (including total return swaps)*

A Fund may enter into swap agreements with respect to currencies, interest rates, credit defaults and financial indices. A Fund may use these techniques for investment purposes or for efficient portfolio management purposes to hedge against changes in interest rates, currency rates, securities prices, or as part of their overall investment strategies. Whether a Fund's use of swap agreements will be successful will depend on the Investment Manager's ability to correctly predict whether certain types of investments are likely to produce greater returns than other investments.

Payments under a swap contract may be made at the conclusion of the contract or periodically during its term. If there is a default by the counterparty to a swap contract a Fund will be limited to contractual remedies pursuant to the agreements related to the transaction. There is no assurance that swap contract counterparties will be able to meet their obligations pursuant to swap contracts or that, in the event of default, the Fund will succeed in pursuing contractual remedies. A Fund thus assumes the risk that it may be delayed in or prevented from obtaining payments owed to it pursuant to swap contracts and therefore may experience a decline in the value of its position, lose income and incur costs associated with asserting its rights. Furthermore, in addition to being subject to the credit risk of the counterparty to the total return

swap, the Fund is also subject to the credit risk of the issuer of the reference obligation. Costs incurred in relation to entering into a total return swap, differences in currency values and costs associated with hedged/unhedged share classes may result in the value of the index/reference value of the underlying of the total return swap differing from the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Fund.

Shareholders should be aware that a Fund may seek to enter into total return swap contracts on a rolling maturity basis. However, there can be no assurance that upon maturity, further total return swap contracts will be available to the Fund or, if available, that such total return swap contracts will have terms similar to those previously entered into.

*j. Credit default swap risk*

If a Fund is the buyer of a credit default swap, it would be entitled to receive the agreed-upon value (or par) of a referenced debt obligation from the counterparty to the swap on the occurrence of certain credit events in relation to the relevant reference entity. As consideration, the Fund would pay to the counterparty a periodic stream of fixed payments during the life of the swap if no credit event has occurred, in which case the Fund would receive no benefits under the swap. In circumstances in which a Fund does not own the debt securities that are deliverable under a credit default swap, the Fund is exposed to the risk that deliverable securities will not be available in the market, or will be available only at unfavourable prices. In certain instances of issuer defaults or restructurings, it has been unclear under the standard industry documentation for credit default swaps whether or not a "credit event" triggering the seller's payment obligation had occurred. In either of these cases, a Fund would not be able to realise the full value of the credit default swap upon a default by the reference entity. As a seller of credit default swaps, a Fund incurs exposure to the credit of the reference entity and is subject to many of the same risks it would incur if it were holding debt securities issued by the reference entity. However, a Fund will not have any legal recourse against the reference entity and will not benefit from any collateral securing the reference entity's debt obligations.

*k. Index risk*

If a derivative is linked to the performance of an index, it will be subject to the risks associated with changes to that index. If the index changes, a Fund could receive lower interest payments or experience a reduction in the value of the derivative to below what the Fund paid. Certain indexed securities – including inverse securities (which move in the opposite direction to the index) – may create leverage, to the extent that the increase or decrease in value is at a rate that is a multiple of the changes in the applicable index.

*l. Leverage risk*

With certain types of investments or trading strategies, relatively small market movements may result in large changes in the value of an investment. Certain investments or trading strategies that involve leverage can result in losses that greatly exceed the amount originally invested.

*m. Position (market) risk*

There is a possibility that derivative instruments will be terminated unexpectedly as a result of events outside the control of the Company, for instance, bankruptcy, supervening illegality or a change in the tax or accounting laws relative to those transactions at the time the agreement was originated. In accordance with standard industry practice, it is the policy of the Company to net exposures against its counterparties.

*n. Correlation risk*

Derivatives do not always perfectly or even highly correlate or track the value of the securities, rates or indices they are designed to track. Consequently, a Fund's use of derivative techniques may not always be an effective means of, and sometimes could be counterproductive to, a Fund's investment objective. An adverse price movement in a derivative position may require cash payments of variation margin by the Fund that might in turn require, if there is insufficient

cash available in the portfolio, the sale of the Fund's investments under disadvantageous conditions.

*o. High leverage risk*

A Fund may have a net leveraged exposure of over 100% of the Fund's Net Asset Value, and in adverse situations, this may result in significant or total loss of the Fund.

*p. Valuation Risk*

Derivatives may involve risk of mispricing or improper valuation and the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate perfectly with the underlying assets.

*q. Other risks*

There are legal risks involved in using derivative instruments which may result in loss due to the unexpected application of a law or regulation or because contracts or clauses therein are not legally enforceable or documented correctly. In an adverse situation, the use of financial derivative instruments for hedging and efficient portfolio management may become ineffective and as a result, a Fund may suffer significant losses.

***Risks Relating to REITs and other Property-Related Companies***

The prices of equity REITs and other property-related companies are affected by changes in the value of the underlying property owned by the REITs/property-related companies and changes in capital markets and interest rates. The prices of mortgage REITs and other property-related companies are affected by the quality of any credit they extend, the creditworthiness of the mortgages they hold, as well as by the value of the property that secures the mortgages.

Under certain tax legislation, REITs and other property-related companies may avoid tax on the income they distribute if certain conditions are made. For example, under the US Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), a US REITs is not taxed in the US on income it distributes to its shareholders if it complies with several requirements relating to its organisation, ownership, assets and income and a requirement that it generally distribute to its shareholders at least 90 per cent. of its taxable income (other than net capital gains) for each taxable year. However the REITs/property-related company could fail to qualify for tax-free pass-through of income under, for example, the Code. Such a failure would result in the taxation of income of a disqualified REITs/property-related company's distributed income at the REITs/property-related company level.

While the Funds will not invest in real property directly, the Funds may be subject to risks similar to those associated with the direct ownership of real property (in addition to securities market risks) because of its policy of concentrating its investments in the real estate industry.

In addition to these risks, equity REITs and other property-related companies may be affected by changes in the value of the underlying property owned by the trusts, while mortgage REITs and other property-related companies may be affected by the quality of any credit they extend. Further, REITs and other property-related companies are dependent upon management skills and generally may not be diversified. REITs and other property-related companies are also subject to heavy cash flow dependency, defaults by borrowers and self-liquidation. There is also the risk that borrowers under mortgages held by a REITs/property-related company or lessees of a property that a REITs/property-related company owns may be unable to meet their obligations to the REITs/property-related company. In the event of a default by a borrower or lessee, the REITs/property-related company may experience delays in enforcing its rights as a mortgagee or lessor and may incur substantial costs associated with protecting its investments. In addition to the foregoing risks, certain "special purpose" REITs/property-related companies in which a Fund may invest may have their assets in specific real property sectors, such as hotel REITs/property-related companies, nursing home REITs/property-related companies or warehouse REITs/property-related companies, and are therefore subject to the risks associated with adverse developments in these sectors.

***Risks Associated with Investment in other Collective Investment Schemes***

A Fund may, where set out in its investment policy, invest in one or more collective investment schemes, including other Funds of the Company, other schemes managed by the Manager or its affiliates including the Investment Manager or their affiliates. As a shareholder of another collective investment scheme, a Fund would bear, along with other shareholders, its pro rata portion of the expenses of the other collective scheme, including investment management and/or other fees. These fees may be in addition to the Management Fees and other expenses which a Fund bears directly in connection with its own operations.

A collective investment scheme in which a Fund may invest may have less frequent dealing days than a Fund and this could impair a Fund's ability to distribute repurchase proceeds to a Shareholder who wishes the Company to repurchase its Shares because of the Fund's inability to realise its investments. In circumstances where the underlying scheme has less frequent dealing days than a Fund and where requests for the repurchase of Shares exceed 10 per cent. of the Fund's Net Asset Value on a Dealing Day, it may be necessary for the Company to impose a restriction on the repurchase of its Shares in excess of that specified amount because the Fund is unable to realise its investments in the underlying scheme or other investments in order to meet the repurchase requests on that Dealing Day. This may mean that a Shareholder's repurchase request is not met on that Dealing Day but will then be dealt with on the next and/or subsequent Dealing Days. If repurchase requests on any Dealing Day exceed 10 per cent. of the Shares in issue in respect of any Fund, the Company may defer the excess repurchase requests to subsequent Dealing Days and shall repurchase such Shares rateably in accordance with the provisions of the Articles. In addition, the underlying scheme may itself impose a restriction on the redemption of its shares in circumstances where the redemption requests it receives exceed a certain threshold or percentage of its shares in issue on a particular dealing day. The imposition of such a restriction by the underlying scheme will also affect the Fund's ability to realise its investment in that scheme in a timely manner.

### ***Custody Risks***

Market practices in relation to the settlement of securities transactions and the custody of assets could provide increased risk. In particular, some of the markets in which a Fund may invest do not provide for settlement on a delivery versus payment basis and the risk in relation to such settlements has to be borne by the Fund.

### ***Settlement Risks***

A Fund will be exposed to a credit risk on parties with whom it trades and may also bear the risk of settlement default. Market practices in relation to the settlement of securities transactions and the custody of assets could provide increased risks. The Manager or the Investment Manager may instruct the Depositary to settle transactions on a delivery free of payment basis where it believes that this form of settlement is appropriate. Shareholders should be aware, however, that this may result in a loss to a Fund if a transaction fails to settle and the Depositary will not be liable to the Fund or to the Shareholders for such a loss, provided the Depositary has acted in good faith in making any such delivery or payment.

### ***Political Risks***

The performance of a Fund may be affected by changes in economic and market conditions, uncertainties such as political developments, military conflict and civil unrest, changes in government policies, the imposition of restrictions on the transfer of capital and in legal, regulatory and tax requirements.

### ***Currency Risk***

A Fund may issue classes denominated in a currency other than the Base Currency of that Fund. In addition, a Fund may invest in assets that are denominated in a currency other than the Base Currency of that Fund. Accordingly, the value of a Shareholder's investment may be affected favourably or unfavourably by fluctuations in the rates of exchange of the different currencies. The Company may create hedged currency classes to hedge the resulting currency exposure back into the Base Currency of the relevant Share Class. In addition, the Company may hedge the currency exposure due to investing in assets denominated in a currency other than the Fund's Base Currency. Whilst these hedging strategies are designed to reduce the losses to a Shareholder's investment if the currency of that Class or the currencies of assets which are denominated in currencies other than the Fund's Base

Currency fall against that of the Base Currency of the relevant Fund and/or the currencies of the relevant or appropriate benchmark, the use of class hedging strategies may substantially limit holders of Shares in the relevant Class from benefiting if the currency of that Class rises against that of the Base Currency of the relevant Fund and/or the currency in which the assets of the relevant Fund are denominated and/or the currencies of the relevant or appropriate benchmark.

It may not always be possible to execute hedging transactions, or to do so at prices, rates or levels advantageous to the Funds. The success of any hedging transactions will be subject to the movements in the direction of securities prices and currency and interest rates and the stability of pricing relationships. Therefore, while a Fund might enter into such transactions to reduce currency exchange rate and interest rate risks, unanticipated changes in exchange rates or interest rates may result in poorer overall performance for Fund than if it had not engaged in such hedging. In addition, the degree of correlation between price movements of the instruments used in a hedging strategy and price movements in the position being hedged may vary. An imperfect correlation may prevent a Fund from achieving the intended hedge or expose a Fund to a risk of loss.

The Net Asset Value per Share of certain Classes of Class A Shares will be calculated in the Base Currency of the relevant Fund (as specified in the section headed "Investment Objective and Policy of Each Fund") and will then be translated into the currency of denomination of the relevant Classes of the Class A Shares at the prevailing exchange rate. Unless otherwise stated, it is expected that, because the Investment Manager will not hedge this currency exposure, the Net Asset Value and performance of these Classes of Shares will be impacted by changes in the rates of exchange between the Base Currency of the relevant Fund and the currency of denomination of the relevant Class of Class A Shares. Investors in these Classes of Shares will bear this currency risk.

#### ***Subscription, Repurchase and Conversion Currency Risks***

Shares in any Fund may be subscribed for or repurchased in any freely convertible currency not being the Base Currency of the Fund. Similarly, Shareholders may convert Shares in one Fund to Shares in another Fund and the Shares in the two Funds may be denominated in different currencies. The costs of foreign currency exchange transactions and any related gains or losses in connection with any subscription, repurchase or conversion will be borne by the investor.

#### ***Rating of Investment Risk***

There is no assurance that the ratings of each rating agency will continue to be calculated and published on the basis described in this Prospectus or that they will not be amended significantly. The past performance of a rating agency in rating an investment is not necessarily a guide to future performance.

#### ***Umbrella Structure of the Company and Cross-Liability Risk***

Each Fund will be responsible for paying its fees and expenses regardless of the level of its profitability. The Company is an umbrella fund with segregated liability between funds and under Irish law the Company generally will not be liable as a whole to third parties and there generally will not be the potential for cross-liability between the funds. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there can be no assurance that, should an action be brought against the Company in the courts of another jurisdiction, the segregated nature of the Funds would necessarily be upheld.

#### ***Early Termination Risk***

The Company and/or a Fund could be terminated on the occurrence of certain events as described in the section headed "Termination" below. On termination Shareholders shall receive an amount equal to the Net Asset Value per Share held, minus any applicable charges, which may be less than the amount originally invested. The early termination of the Company or of a Fund may have adverse tax consequences for Shareholders.

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

The Manager may consult the Investment Manager or an Investment Adviser with respect to the valuation of unlisted investments. There is an inherent conflict of interest between the involvement of

the Investment Manager or an Investment Adviser in determining the valuation of the Fund's investments and the Investment Manager or the Investment Adviser's other responsibilities.

### ***High Yield Risk***

A Fund may, where set out in its investment policy, invest in high yield below investment grade securities and unrated securities of similar credit quality (commonly known as "junk bonds"), it may be subject to greater levels of interest rate, credit and liquidity risk than Funds that do not invest in such securities. These securities are considered predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's continuing ability to make principal and interest payments. While offering a greater potential opportunity for capital appreciation and higher yields, high yield securities typically entail greater potential price volatility and may be less liquid than higher-rated securities. An economic downturn or period of rising interest rates could adversely affect the market for high yield securities and reduce such a Fund's ability to sell its high yield securities. If the issuer of a security is in default with respect to interest or principal payments, the Fund may lose its entire investment.

### ***Breaches in Information Technology Security***

The Manager, Administrator and Depositary (and their respective groups) each maintain appropriate information technology systems. However, like any other system, these systems could be subject to cyber security attacks or similar threats resulting in data security breaches, theft, a disruption in the Manager's, Investment Manager's, Administrator's and/or Depositary's service or ability to close out positions and the disclosure or corruption of sensitive and confidential information. Notwithstanding the existence of policies and procedures designed to detect and prevent such breaches and ensure the security, integrity and confidentiality of such information as well as the existence of business continuity and disaster recovery measures designed to mitigate any such breach or disruption at the level of the Company and its delegates, such security breaches may potentially also result in loss of assets and could create significant financial and or legal exposure for the Company.

### ***Cyber Security Risk***

As the use of technology has become more prevalent in the course of business, the Funds have become potentially more susceptible to operational risks through breaches in cyber security. A breach in cyber security refers to both intentional and unintentional events that may cause a Fund to lose proprietary information, suffer data corruption, or lose operational capacity. This in turn could cause a Fund to incur regulatory penalties, reputational damage, additional compliance costs associated with corrective measures, and/or financial loss. Cyber security breaches may involve unauthorised access to a Fund's digital information systems (e.g. through "hacking" or malicious software coding), but may also result from outside attacks such as denial-of-service attacks (i.e. efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users). In addition, cyber security breaches of a Fund's third party service providers (e.g., administrators, transfer agents, depositaries and sub-advisers) or issuers that a Fund invests in can also subject a Fund to many of the same risks associated with direct cyber security breaches. Like with operational risk in general, the Funds have established risk management systems designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security. However, there is no guarantee that such efforts will succeed, especially since the Funds do not directly control the cyber security systems of issuers or third party service providers.

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

#### ***General***

Entering into repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements and stocklending agreements create several risks for the Company and its investors. The relevant Fund is exposed to the risk that a counterparty to a securities financing transaction may default on its obligation to return assets equivalent to the ones provided to it by the relevant Fund. It is also subject to liquidity risk if it is unable to liquidate collateral provided to it to cover a counterparty default. Such transactions may also carry legal risk in that the use of standard contracts to effect securities financing transactions may expose a Fund to legal risks such as the contract may not accurately reflect the intention of the parties or the contract may not be enforceable against the counterparty in its jurisdiction of incorporation. Such transactions may also involve operational risks in that the use of securities financing transactions and



management of collateral are subject to the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events. Risks may also arise with respect to any counterparty's right of re-use of any collateral as outlined below under "*Risks Associated with Collateral Management*".

### *Securities Lending*

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

### *Repurchase Agreements*

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

### *Reverse Repurchase Agreements*

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

### *Risks Associated with Collateral Management*

Where a Fund enters into an OTC derivative contract or a securities financing transaction, it may be required to pass collateral to the relevant counterparty or broker. Collateral that a Fund posts to a counterparty or a broker that is not segregated with a third-party custodian may not have the benefit of customer-protected "segregation" of such assets. In the event of the insolvency of a counterparty or a broker, the Fund may become subject to the risk that it may not receive the return of its collateral or that the collateral may take some time to return if the collateral becomes available to the creditors of the relevant counterparty or broker. In addition, notwithstanding that a Fund may only accept non-cash collateral which is highly liquid, the Fund is subject to the risk that it will be unable to liquidate collateral provided to it to cover a counterparty default. The Fund is also subject to the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events.

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

Where collateral is posted to a counterparty or broker by way of a title transfer collateral arrangement or where the Company on behalf of a Fund grants a right of re-use under a security collateral

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

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

### ***Taxation Risks***

Potential investors' attention is drawn to the taxation risks associated with investing in any Fund of the Company. Please see the section headed "Taxation".

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

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

Under the Irish IGA (and the relevant Irish regulations and legislation implementing same), foreign financial institutions (such as the Company) should generally not be required to apply 30% withholding tax. To the extent the Company however suffers US withholding tax on its investments as a result of FATCA, or is not in a position to comply with any requirement of FATCA, the Administrator acting on behalf of the Company may take any action in relation to a Shareholder's investment in the Company to redress such non-compliance and/or to ensure that such withholding is economically borne by the relevant Shareholder whose failure to provide the necessary information or to become a participating foreign financial institution or other action or inaction gave rise to the withholding or non-compliance, including compulsory redemption of some or all of such Shareholder's holding of shares in the Company.

### ***Operation of Umbrella Cash Accounts***

The Company has established subscription cash accounts designated in different currencies at umbrella level in the name of the Company. The Company has also established separate redemption cash accounts designated in different currencies at umbrella level in the name of the Company. Pending payment to the relevant Shareholders, dividend payments shall also be paid into separate dividend cash accounts designated in different currencies at umbrella level in the name of the Company. Each of these cash accounts are defined herein as Umbrella Cash Accounts. All subscriptions, redemptions or dividends payable to or from the relevant Fund will be channelled and managed through such Umbrella Cash Accounts.

Certain risks associated with the operation of the Umbrella Cash Accounts are set out below in the sections entitled (i) "*Operation of Subscription Cash Accounts in the name of the Company*"; (ii) - "*Operation of Redemption Cash Accounts in the name of the Company*"; and (iii) "*Distribution Policy*" respectively.

In addition, investors should note that in the event of the insolvency of another Fund of the Company, recovery of any amounts to which a relevant Fund is entitled, but which may have transferred to such other insolvent Fund as a result of the operation of the Umbrella Cash Account(s) will be subject to the

principles of Irish trust law and the terms of the operational procedures for the Umbrella Cash Accounts. There may be delays in effecting and/or disputes as to the recovery of such amounts, and the insolvent Fund may have insufficient funds to repay the amounts due to the relevant Fund.

In circumstances where subscription monies are received from an investor in advance of a Dealing Day in respect of which an application for Shares has been, or expected to be, received and are held in an Umbrella Cash Account, any such investor shall rank as an unsecured creditor of the Fund until such time as Shares are issued as of the relevant Dealing Day. Therefore in the event that such monies are lost prior to the issue of Shares as of the relevant Dealing Day to the relevant investor, the Company on behalf of the Fund may be obliged to make good any losses which the Fund incurs in connection with the loss of such monies to the investor (in its capacity as a creditor of the Fund), in which case such loss will need to be discharged out of the assets of the relevant Fund and therefore will represent a diminution in the Net Asset Value per Share for existing Shareholders of the relevant Fund.

Similarly in circumstances where redemption monies are payable to an investor subsequent to a Dealing Day of a Fund as of which Shares of that investor were redeemed or dividend monies are payable to an investor and such redemption / dividend monies are held in an Umbrella Cash Account, any such investor /Shareholder shall rank as an unsecured creditor of the relevant Fund until such time as such redemption/ dividend monies are paid to the investor/ Shareholder. Therefore in the event that such monies are lost prior to payment to the relevant investor/ Shareholder, the Company on behalf of the Fund may be obliged to make good any losses which the Fund incurs in connection with the loss of such monies to the investor/ Shareholder (in its capacity as an unsecured creditor of the Fund), in which case such loss will need to be discharged out of the assets of the relevant Fund and therefore will represent a diminution in the Net Asset Value per Share for existing Shareholders of the relevant Fund.

### **GDPR**

Under the GDPR, data controllers are subject to additional obligations including, amongst others, accountability and transparency requirements whereby the data controller is responsible for, and must be able to demonstrate compliance with the rules set down in the GDPR relating to data processing and must provide data subjects with more detailed information regarding the processing of their personal data. Other obligations imposed on data controllers include enhanced data consent requirements and the obligation to report any personal data breach to the relevant supervisory authority without undue delay. Under the GDPR, data subjects are afforded additional rights, including the right to rectify inaccurate personal information, the right to have personal data held by a data controller erased in certain circumstances and the right to restrict or object to processing in a number of circumstances.

The implementation of GDPR may result in increased operational and compliance costs being borne directly or indirectly by the Company. Further, there is a risk that due to changes in interpretation or guidance which emerge with respect to the GDPR over time, the Company or its services providers will be required to implement measures in a different manner to how they are currently being implemented. If there are breaches of these measures by the Company or any of its service providers, the Company or its service providers could face significant administrative fines and/or be required to compensate any data subject who has suffered material or non-material damage as a result as well as the Company suffering reputational damage which may have a material adverse effect on its operations and financial conditions.

### **Other Risks**

The Manager will be responsible for paying its fees and expenses regardless of the level of its profitability. In view of the fact that an initial charge and/or a redemption charge may be payable on a subscription and/or redemption by an investor and a contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on a redemption by an investor if Shares are redeemed within four years of their subscription any investment in a Fund should be regarded as a medium to long term investment.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS, REPURCHASES AND DEALINGS IN SHARES**

### **Classes of Shares**

Some of the Funds currently comprise more than one Class of Shares. Details of the Classes of Shares in the Funds are set out in the relevant Supplement for each Fund.

The Classes of Shares in a Fund are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A, B, C, C2, N and S Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A, B, C, C2, N or S Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Commencing from the Effective Date (as defined below), Class B Shares and Class C2 Shares, whether purchased before or after the Effective Date, will automatically convert into Shares in the corresponding Class A Shares upon the expiry of 4 years (Class B Shares), or 2 years (Class C2 Shares) from the date of the initial subscription into the relevant Class B Shares or Class C2 Shares. The Effective Date for these purposes shall be 31 March, 2017 or such later date as is required in order to implement the relevant enhancements necessary to process the automatic conversion

Class D1 and D2 Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms in certain countries who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below.

Class F and F2 Shares will be limited to Institutional Investors who subscribe for Shares during the Initial Offer Period subject to the minimum initial investment. After the Initial Offer Period for Class F and F2 Shares has ended, Class F and F2 Shares will be closed to further subscriptions and no Class F or F2 Shares will be issued or made available.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class P1, P2 and P3 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries and/or investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager.

Class X Shares are only available to investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager under which Management Fees will be collected directly from the investor.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out in the relevant Supplement for each Fund and who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U2 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U3 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager and/or investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out in the relevant Supplement for each Fund. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U3 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

### **Hedged Classes**

Where a Class of a Fund is designated as "hedged" in the relevant Supplement, the Fund shall enter into certain currency related transactions in order to mitigate the exchange rate risk between the Base Currency of a Fund and the currency in which Shares in the Class of the relevant Fund are designated where that designated currency is different to the Base Currency of the Fund. Where specified in the relevant Supplement, the Fund may also enter into derivative transactions in respect of such hedged Classes in order to hedge against exchange rate fluctuation risks between the designated currency of the Class and the currencies in which the Fund's assets may be denominated.

Any financial instruments used to implement such strategies with respect to one or more Classes shall be assets/liabilities of a Fund as a whole but will be attributable to the relevant Class(es) and the gains/losses on and the costs of the relevant financial instruments will accrue solely to the relevant Class.

Any currency exposure of a Class may not be combined with, or offset against, that of any other Class of a Fund. The currency exposure of the assets attributable to a Class may not be allocated to other Classes.

Where there is more than one hedged Class in a Fund denominated in the same currency (which is a currency other than the Base Currency of the relevant Fund) and it is intended to hedge the foreign currency exposure of such Classes against the Base Currency of the relevant Fund or against the currencies in which the Fund's assets are denominated, the Fund may, in accordance with the Central Bank requirements, aggregate the foreign exchange transactions entered into on behalf of such hedged Classes and apportion the gains/losses on and the costs of the relevant financial instruments pro rata to each such hedged Class in the relevant Fund.

Where the Fund seeks to hedge against currency fluctuations at Class level, while not intended, this could result in over-hedged or under-hedged positions due to external factors outside the control of the Company. However, over-hedged positions will not exceed 105% of the Net Asset Value of the Class and under-hedged positions shall not fall short of 95% of the portion of the Net Asset Value of the Class which is to be hedged against currency risk. Hedged positions will be reviewed daily to ensure that over-hedged positions materially in excess of 100% are not carried forward from month to month.

To the extent that hedging is successful for a particular Class, the performance of the Class is likely to move in line with the performance of the underlying assets with the result that investors in that Class will not gain if the Class currency falls against the Base Currency and/or the currency in which the assets of the particular Fund are denominated.

The currency hedging strategy will be monitored and adjusted in line with the valuation cycle at which investors are able to subscribe to and redeem from the relevant Fund. Investors' attention is drawn to the risk factor entitled "Currency Risk".

## Subscription Price

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period is set out in the relevant Supplement for each Fund.

Following the Initial Offer Period of each Class of Shares the subscription price per Share shall be the relevant Net Asset Value per Share on each Dealing Day.

An initial charge may be payable to the Manager on subscriptions for Shares:

<b>Class of Shares:</b>	<b>Initial Charge:</b>
Class A Shares	Up to 5.00% of the Net Asset Value per Share for certain Funds
Class B Shares	Nil
Class C Shares	Up to 1.00% of the Net Asset Value per Share
Class C2 Shares	Up to 0.50% of the Net Asset Value per Share
Class D1 Shares	Nil
Class D2 Shares	Nil
Class F Shares	Nil
Class F2 Shares	Nil
Class I Shares	Nil
Class N Shares	Up to 3.00% of the Net Asset Value per Share
Class P1 Shares	Nil
Class P2 Shares	Nil
Class P3 Shares	Nil
Class R Shares	Nil
Class S Shares	Nil
Class U1 Shares	Nil
Class U2 Shares	Nil
Class U3 Shares	Nil
Class X Shares	Nil

A dilution adjustment may be payable on subscriptions for Shares. In calculating the subscription price the Directors may on any Dealing Day when there are net subscriptions adjust the subscription price by adding a dilution adjustment to cover dealing costs and to preserve the underlying assets of the Fund. Please see the section headed "Dilution Adjustment".

## Operation of Cash Accounts in the name of the Company

The Company has established subscription cash accounts designated in different currencies at umbrella level in the name of the Company into which subscription monies received from investors of all of the Funds shall be lodged. The Company has also established separate redemption cash accounts designated in different currencies at umbrella level in the name of the Company. Pending payment to the relevant Shareholders, dividend payments shall also be paid into separate dividend cash accounts designated in different currencies at umbrella level in the name of the Company. Each of these cash accounts are defined herein as Umbrella Cash Accounts. All subscriptions, redemptions or dividends payable to or from the relevant Fund will be channelled and managed through such umbrella cash accounts and no such accounts shall be operated at the level of each individual Fund. However the Company will ensure that the amounts within an Umbrella Cash Account whether positive or negative can be attributed to the relevant Fund in order to comply with the requirement as set out in the Articles of Association that the assets and liabilities of each Fund are kept separate from all other Funds and that separate books and records are maintained for each Fund in which all transactions relevant to a Fund are recorded.

Further information relating to such accounts is set out in the sections below entitled (i) "Operation of Subscription Cash Accounts in the name of the Company"; (ii) "Operation of Redemption Cash Accounts in the name of the Company"; and (iii) "Distribution Policy" respectively. In addition, your attention is drawn to the section of the Prospectus entitled "Risk Factors" – "Operation of Umbrella Cash Accounts" above.

## Subscription Procedures

The minimum initial investment, the minimum subsequent investment and the minimum holding per Shareholder in a Fund is set out in the Supplement for the relevant Fund. Amounts subscribed may be in currencies set out in the Supplement for the relevant Fund or in the currency equivalent in another freely available convertible currency. The Company reserves the right to vary the minimum initial investment, the minimum subsequent investment and the minimum holding in the future and may choose to waive these minima. The Company may reject any application in whole or in part without giving any reason for such rejection in which event, subject to applicable law, the subscription monies or any balance thereof will be returned without interest, expenses or compensation to the applicant by transfer to the applicant's designated account or by post at the applicant's risk.

Save as may be otherwise described in the Supplement for the relevant Fund, all initial applications for Shares made by a Retail Investor and/or an Institutional Investor must be made by way of a properly completed application form being received by the Administrator prior to 12.00 noon (Irish time) on a Dealing Day. Any such application will, if accepted, be dealt with at the subscription price calculated on that Dealing Day. Applications received by the Administrator after 12.00 noon (Irish time) on a Dealing Day will be carried over to the next Dealing Day, unless, in exceptional circumstances, the Directors in their discretion otherwise determine provided that the application in question was received prior to the time at which the Net Asset Value of the Fund is calculated. All applications for subscriptions and / or redemptions shall be carried out on a forward pricing basis (i.e. the dealing deadline shall be before the valuation point).

All subsequent applications for Shares must be made by the Shareholder by the relevant deadline referred to above and can be made in writing or via such other method of communication as is previously agreed with the Administrator. Any amendments to an investor's registration details and payment instructions will only be effected in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, the Company, the Manager and the Administrator.

Subsequent applications for Shares may be made by UK resident Institutional Investors and UK resident Retail Investors by telephone and will only be processed provided that: 1) the Shareholder name and account number, and the name, address, fax number and/or email address (where a Shareholder has so consented to the receipt of information from the Company electronically) to which the contract note is to be sent corresponds to the information that is held for the Shareholder of record with the Administrator; 2) the Shareholder has completed and returned all documentation in relation to telephone dealing as may be required by the Administrator from time to time; and 3) the Shareholder has provided evidence satisfactory to the Administrator that it is resident in the UK.

Notwithstanding the above, at the discretion of the Administrator subscriptions for Shares may be made by both Retail Investors and Institutional Investors by facsimile placed by a person designated as an authorised person in the application form, subject to the dealing deadline referred to above.

Where an application for Shares is made by facsimile, by electronic communication or by telephone, investors should note that the Company, the Manager or the Administrator may also require additional documentation or information.

A subscription should normally be in the currency of the Class of Share the investor is subscribing for in the relevant Fund. However, a request for subscription in a currency other than the currency of the Class of Shares of a Fund will be considered if the subscription is made in a major freely-convertible currency. Such application will only be accepted by the Administrator on the basis of receipt of cleared funds for Retail Investors and completed applications for Institutional Investors. The rate of exchange used to convert the currency into the currency of the Class of Shares in the particular Fund shall be that prevailing at the time of receipt of the cleared funds available to the Administrator. The expenses of such conversion shall be borne by the applicant.

The Company may issue fractional Shares rounded up to four decimal places. Fractional Shares shall not carry any voting rights.

The Articles of Association provide that a Fund may issue Shares at their Net Asset Value in exchange for securities which a Fund may acquire in accordance with its investment objectives and may hold or sell, dispose of or otherwise convert such securities into cash. No Shares shall be issued until

ownership of the securities has been transferred to the Fund. The value of the securities shall be determined by the Administrator as at the relevant valuation point on the relevant Dealing Day.

Investment in the Funds is intended for long-term purposes only. The Company will take all reasonable steps to seek to prevent short-term trading. Excessive, short-term trading (or market timing) into and out of a Fund or other abusive trading practices may disrupt portfolio investment strategies, may increase expenses, and may adversely affect investment returns for all Shareholders, including long-term Shareholders who do not generate these costs. To minimise harm to a Fund and its Shareholders the Company reserves the right to reject any application for Shares (including any conversion request between Funds) by any investor or group of investors for any reason without prior notice, including, in particular, if it believes that the trading activity has been or may be disruptive to a Fund. For example, the Company may refuse a subscription application (or refuse to execute a conversion request between Funds) if the Investment Manager believes it would be unable to invest the money effectively in accordance with the Fund's investment policies or the Fund would otherwise be adversely affected due to the size of the transaction, frequency of trading or other factors.

The trading history of accounts under common ownership or control may be considered in enforcing these policies. Transactions placed through the same financial intermediary on an omnibus basis may be deemed a part of a group for purposes of this policy and may be rejected in whole or in part by the Company.

Transactions accepted by a financial intermediary in violation of the Company's excessive trading policy are not deemed accepted by the Company and may nevertheless be cancelled or revoked by the Company.

Shareholders should be aware that there are practical restraints both in determining the policy which is appropriate in the interests of long term investors, and in applying and enforcing such policy. For example, the ability to identify and prevent covert trading practices or short-term trading where investors act through omnibus accounts is limited. Also, investors such as fund of funds and asset allocation funds will change the proportion of their assets invested in the Company or in Funds in accordance with their own investment mandate or investment strategies. The Company will seek to balance the interests of such investors in a way that is consistent with the interests of long-term investors but no assurance can be given that the Company will succeed in doing so in all circumstances. For example, it is not always possible to identify or reasonably detect excess trading that may be facilitated by financial intermediaries or made difficult to identify by the use of omnibus accounts by those intermediaries.

The Company, where possible from the reports provided by the Administrator to assist in the analysis, will endeavour to monitor "round trips". A "round trip" is a repurchase or conversion out of a Fund (by any means) followed by a purchase or conversion back into the same Fund (by any means). The Company may limit the number of round trips carried out by a Shareholder. For the avoidance of doubt a conversion of Shares between Share Classes within one Fund will not be considered to constitute a "round trip".

In the event that a Shareholder redeems its Shares within 21 days of their purchase and for this purpose Shares last purchased shall be deemed to be the subject of any redemption, the Company may refuse to accept further applications for Shares from that Shareholder.

Shareholders who choose or are obliged under local regulations to pay or receive subscription or redemption monies or dividends via an intermediate entity rather than directly to the Administrator (e.g. a Paying Agent in a local jurisdiction) bear a credit risk against that intermediate entity with respect to (a) subscription monies prior to the transmission of such monies to the Administrator for the account of the Company or the relevant Fund and (b) redemption monies payable by such intermediate entity to the relevant Shareholder.

### **Identity and Money Laundering Checks**

The Administrator reserves the right, working in conjunction with the designated anti-money laundering reporting officer of the Funds, to reject any application for Shares or to request further details or evidence of identity from an applicant for, or transferee of, Shares. Where an application for Shares is



rejected, the subscription monies shall be returned to the applicant normally within fourteen days of the date of such application without interest.

Each Shareholder must notify the Administrator or the Manager (who in turn must notify the Administrator) in writing of any change in the information contained in the application form and furnish the Administrator or the Manager with whatever additional documents relating to such change as it may request.

Measures aimed at the prevention of money laundering may require an applicant to provide verification of identity to the Administrator.

The Administrator or the Manager, working in conjunction with the designated anti-money laundering reporting officer of the Funds, will notify applicants if additional proof of identity is required. By way of example, an individual may be required to produce a copy of a passport or identification card together with evidence of the applicant's address, such as a utility bill or bank statement. In the case of corporate applicants, this may require production of a certified copy of the certificate of incorporation (and any change of name), bye-laws, memorandum and articles of association (or equivalent), and the names and addresses of all directors and beneficial owners.

Shares will not be issued until such time as the Administrator has received and is satisfied with all the information and documentation required to verify the identity of the applicant. This may result in Shares being issued on a Dealing Day subsequent to the Dealing Day on which an applicant initially wished to have Shares issued to him. It is further acknowledged that the Administrator shall be held harmless by the applicant against any loss arising as a result of the failure to process the subscription if such information as has been requested by the Administrator has not been provided by the applicant.

Redemption proceeds will only be released after the application form and all documentation required by the Company or its delegate (including any documents in connection with anti-money laundering procedures) has been received by the Administrator and its anti-money laundering procedures have been completed. Redemption orders can be processed on receipt of electronic instructions only where payment is made to the account of record.

Any failure to supply the Company with any documentation requested by it for anti-money laundering and terrorist financing procedures may result in a delay in the settlement of redemption proceeds or dividend monies. In circumstances where a redemption request is received, the Company will process any redemption request received by a Shareholder, however the proceeds of that redemption will be held in an Umbrella Cash Account and therefore shall remain an asset of the relevant Fund. The redeeming Shareholder will rank as an unsecured creditor of the relevant Fund until such time as the Company is satisfied that its anti-money laundering and terrorist financing procedures have been fully complied with, following which redemption proceeds will be released.

In the event of an insolvency of the Fund or the Company, there is no guarantee that the Fund or the Company will have sufficient funds to pay unsecured creditors in full. Investors / Shareholders due redemption / dividend monies which are held in an Umbrella Cash Account will rank equally with all other unsecured creditors of the relevant Fund and will be entitled to a pro-rata share of monies which are made available to all unsecured creditors by the insolvency practitioner. Therefore in such circumstances, the investor/ Shareholder may not recover all monies originally paid into an Umbrella Cash Account for onward transmission to that investor / Shareholder.

Therefore a Shareholder is advised to ensure that all relevant documentation requested by the Company in order to comply with anti-money laundering and terrorist financing procedures is submitted to the Company promptly.

### **Operation of Subscription Cash Accounts in the name of the Company**

Subscription monies received from an investor in advance of a Dealing Day in respect of which an application for Shares has been, or is expected to be, received will be held in a cash account in the name of the Company (herein defined as an Umbrella Cash Account) and will be treated as an asset of the relevant Fund upon receipt and will not benefit from the application of any investor money protection rules (i.e. the subscription monies in such circumstance will not be held on trust as investor monies for the relevant investor). In such circumstance, the investor will be an unsecured creditor of

the relevant Fund with respect to the amount subscribed and held by the Company until such Shares are issued as of the relevant Dealing Day.

In the event of an insolvency of the Fund or the Company, there is no guarantee that the Fund or the Company will have sufficient funds to pay unsecured creditors in full. Investors who have forwarded subscription monies in advance of a Dealing Day as detailed above and which are held in an Umbrella Cash Account will rank equally with all other unsecured creditors of the relevant Fund and will be entitled to a pro-rata share of monies which are made available to all unsecured creditors by the insolvency practitioner. Therefore in such circumstances, the investor may not recover all monies originally paid into an Umbrella Cash Account in relation to the application for Shares”.

The Central Bank’s guidance on umbrella cash accounts is new and untested and, as a result, may be subject to change and further clarification. Therefore, the structure of any Umbrella Cash Account maintained by the Company may differ materially from that outlined in this Prospectus.

Your attention is drawn to the section of the Prospectus entitled “*Risk Factors*” – “*Operation of Umbrella Cash Accounts*” above.

## **Settlement Procedures**

### ***On Subscription***

Settlement for subscriptions made by an Institutional Investor is due in cleared funds ordinarily within three Business Days of the relevant Dealing Day. However, the Directors may on a case by case basis and at their sole discretion decide to accept cleared funds after three Business Days of the relevant Dealing Day for an Institutional Investor.

Subscription applications made by Retail Investors will ordinarily only be accepted if cleared funds have been received by the Administrator by 5.00 p.m. (Irish time) on the Business Day prior to the relevant Dealing Day. However, in circumstances where a Retail Investor makes an initial subscription of USD 100,000 (or the foreign currency equivalent) or more, the Directors may on a case by case basis and at their sole discretion decide to accept cleared funds on or after the relevant Dealing Day. Payment may be made by telegraphic transfer or other form of bank transfer to the bank account specified in the application form.

Institutional Investors and Retail Investors to whom the extended settlement period is provided will be required to agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, the Directors, the Manager, the Investment Manager, the Investment Adviser, the Administrator and the Depositary for any losses, costs or expenses incurred by them as a result of their failure to transmit or default in transmitting subscription monies in immediately available funds to the account of the Company within the timeframe to which the Directors may have agreed.

Investors are requested to instruct their bankers to advise the Administrator of the remittance of funds, such advice to include the subscription reference number, applicant’s name, Shareholder number (if available) and the Fund for identification purposes. Failure to do so will cause delay in the processing of the transaction onto the register and any costs of the delay will be passed on to the investor.

Applicants should be aware that if cleared funds are not settled in the relevant time frame referred to above the application may be cancelled, with any loss or costs of cancellation being passed on to the applicant.

## **Contract Notes and Certificates**

A written confirmation of ownership in the form of a contract note will be sent to the relevant Shareholder confirming the number of Shares issued to that Shareholder. Although authorised to do so under the Articles of Association, the Company does not propose to issue share or bearer certificates.

The Administrator shall be responsible for maintaining the Company register of Shareholders in which all issues, repurchases, conversion and transfers of Shares will be recorded. All Shares issued will be registered and the share register will be conclusive evidence of ownership. Shares may be issued in a

single name or in up to four joint names. The share register shall be open for inspection at the office of the Administrator during normal business hours.

On acceptance of their initial application and receipt of the necessary anti-money laundering documentation, applicants will be allocated a Shareholder number and this, together with the Shareholder's personal details, will be proof of ownership of shares. This Shareholder number should be used for all future dealings by the Shareholder.

Any changes to the Shareholder's personal details or loss of Shareholder number must be notified immediately to the Administrator or the Manager (who in turn must notify the Administrator) in writing.

Should the Shareholder designate that the contract note be sent to a name and/or address which is other than that of the Shareholder of record as registered with the Administrator, written confirmation of this change must be submitted by the Shareholder and received by the Administrator before the change will be processed. Any subsequent application for Shares will be accepted but the contract notes will continue to be addressed to the existing contact details until written confirmation of the change of the contact details from the Shareholder has been received.

### **Key Investor Information and Available Share Classes**

Each Share Class that is available for subscription will have a Key Investor Information Document ("KIID") issued in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. Prospective investors should consider the KIID for the relevant Class prior to subscribing for Shares in that Class in order to assist them in making an informed investment decision. Each KIID is available from [www.merian.com](http://www.merian.com), the relevant local distributor or directly from Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited. While some Classes are described in the Supplement for the relevant Fund as available, these Classes may not currently be offered for subscription and in the event that a KIID is not available from the aforementioned sources prospective investors should contact Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited directly to determine whether the relevant Class is available for subscription. Prospective investors must ensure that they have read the most up to date KIID for the relevant Class in which they intend to invest before doing so. Please note that the Company will not accept applications for Shares from prospective investors unless they have confirmed that they have read the applicable KIID for the relevant Class in which they intend to invest.

Each Fund must calculate and disclose in the relevant KIID a Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator ("SRRI") in accordance with the methodology prescribed in the ESMA Guidelines on the Methodology for the Calculation of the SRRI. The SRRI will correspond to a number designed to rank the relevant Fund over a scale from 1 to 7, according to its increasing level of volatility/risk-reward profile.

### **Repurchase Price**

Shares shall be repurchased at the applicable Net Asset Value per Share obtained on the Dealing Day on which the repurchase is effected.

No redemption charge or contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on the repurchase of Class A Shares, Class D1 Shares, Class D2 Shares, Class F Shares, Class F2 Shares, Class I Shares, Class N Shares, Class P1 Shares, Class P2 Shares, Class P3 Shares, Class R Shares, Class S, Class X, Class U1, Class U2 or Class U3 Shares of any Fund.

No redemption charge shall be payable on the repurchase of Class B Shares, Class C Shares and Class C2 Shares of any Fund.

A contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on the repurchase of the Class B Shares, Class C Shares and Class C2 Shares of each Fund. The amount of the contingent deferred sale charge payable will depend on the length of time between the date the Shares were purchased and their repurchase at the rates set out below.

Years since purchase	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid
	Class B Shares	Class C Shares	Class C2 Shares
0 - 1	4.00%	1.00%	2.00%
1 - 2	3.00%	Nil	1.00%
2 - 3	2.00%	Nil	Nil
3 - 4	1.00%	Nil	Nil
4 and thereafter	Nil	Nil	Nil

Any contingent deferred sales charge will be payable to the Manager. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on Shares issued arising as a result of the reinvestment of dividends. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on any increase on the Net Asset Value per Share above the subscription price paid for the Share and no contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on transfers or conversions of Shares. For the purposes of determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge is payable any Shares redeemed shall be deemed to be those first subscribed.

A dilution adjustment may be payable on the repurchase of Shares. In calculating the repurchase price the Directors may on any Dealing Day when there are net repurchases adjust the repurchase price by deducting a dilution adjustment to cover dealing costs and to preserve the underlying assets of the Fund. Please see the section headed "Dilution Adjustment".

### Repurchase Procedures

Save as may be otherwise described in the Supplement for the relevant Fund, repurchase orders may be made to the Administrator before 12.00 noon (Irish time) on a Dealing Day.

Orders may be placed in writing or via such other method of communication as is previously agreed with the Administrator. Shareholders may repurchase all or part of their shareholding, provided that if the request would reduce a shareholding to below the minimum holding, such request will be treated by the Administrator as a request to repurchase the entire shareholding unless the Manager otherwise determines. Save as may be otherwise described in the Supplement for the relevant Fund, repurchase orders received by the Administrator prior to 12.00 noon (Irish time) on a Dealing Day will, if accepted, be dealt with at the Net Asset Value per Share calculated on that Dealing Day. Save as may be otherwise described in the Supplement for the relevant Fund, repurchase orders received by the Administrator after 12.00 noon (Irish time) on a Dealing Day will be carried over to the next Dealing Day, unless, in exceptional circumstances, the Directors in their discretion otherwise determine provided that the application in question was received prior to the time at which the Net Asset Value of the Fund is calculated.

Notwithstanding the above, at the discretion of the Manager or the Administrator repurchases of Shares may be made by both Retail Investors and Institutional Investors by facsimile, subject to the time deadline referred to above. The repurchase proceeds will normally be paid in the currency of the Class of Share in the relevant Fund. However, a request for repurchase in a currency other than the currency of the relevant Class of Share of a Fund will be considered when such payment is requested in a major freely-convertible currency. In the case of Classes of Shares denominated in Renminbi, repurchase proceeds may be paid in a freely-convertible currency if Renminbi is not available. The rate of exchange used to convert the currency from the Base Currency of the Fund shall be that prevailing at the time of conversion and available to the Company and the expenses of such conversion shall be borne by the Shareholder.

A contract note will be sent to Shareholders giving full details of the repurchase transaction.

The Company, with the sanction of an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders, may transfer assets of the Company to Shareholders in satisfaction of the repurchase monies payable on the repurchase of Shares (i.e. redemption in specie), provided that, in the case of any repurchase request in respect of Shares representing 5 per cent. or less of the share capital of the Company or a Fund or with the consent of the Shareholder making such repurchase request, assets may be transferred without the

sanction of an ordinary resolution provided that such distribution is not prejudicial to the interests of the remaining Shareholders. At the request of the Shareholder making such repurchase request such assets may be sold by the Company and the proceeds of sale shall be transmitted to the Shareholder. In instances of redemption in specie, asset allocation shall be subject to the approval of the Depositary and prior consent from the redeeming Shareholder will be obtained before redemption in specie can be effected.

If repurchase requests on any Dealing Day exceed 10 per cent. of the Shares in issue in respect of any Fund, the Company may defer the excess repurchase requests to subsequent Dealing Days and shall repurchase such Shares rateably in accordance with the provisions of the Articles.

### **Settlement Procedures on Repurchase**

Unless the relevant Supplement states otherwise, settlement for repurchases will normally be made by telegraphic transfer or other form of bank transfer to the bank account of the Shareholder specified in the application form (at the Shareholder's risk) three Business Days from receipt by the Administrator of correct repurchase documentation and in any event within fourteen days of the Dealing Day on which the repurchase request is effective. Payments will only be effected where the application form and any changes to the Shareholder's bank or other details have been received by the Administrator in advance of a repurchase request. Payment will normally be made in the currency of the relevant Share Class or as set out above. The cost of such settlement by telegraphic transfer or other form of bank transfer may be passed on to the Shareholder. No interest shall be paid to the Shareholder on the repurchase proceeds.

### **Operation of Redemption Cash Accounts in the name of the Company**

Redemption monies payable to an investor subsequent to a Dealing Day of a Fund as of which Shares of that investor were redeemed (and consequently the investor is no longer a Shareholder of the Fund as of the relevant Dealing Day) will be held in a cash account in the name of the Company and will be treated as an asset of the Fund until paid to that investor and will not benefit from the application of any investor money protection rules (i.e. the redemption monies in such circumstance will not be held on trust for the relevant investor). In such circumstance, the investor will be an unsecured creditor of the relevant Fund with respect to the redemption amount held by the Company until paid to the investor. In the event of an insolvency of the Fund or the Company, there is no guarantee that the Fund or the Company will have sufficient funds to pay unsecured creditors in full.

Your attention is drawn to the section of the Prospectus entitled "**Risk Factors**" "**Operation of Umbrella Cash Accounts**" above.

### **Transfer of Shares**

All transfers of Shares shall be effected by transfer in writing in any usual or common form and every form of transfer shall state the full name and address of the transferor and the transferee. The instrument of transfer of a Share shall be signed by or on behalf of the transferor. The transferor shall be deemed to remain the holder of the Share until the name of the transferee is entered in the Share register in respect thereof. The Directors may decline to register any transfer of Shares if in consequence of such transfer the transferor or transferee would hold less than the Minimum Holding or would otherwise infringe the restrictions on holding Shares outlined above. The registration of transfers may be suspended at such times and for such periods as the Directors may from time to time determine, provided always that such registration shall not be suspended for more than thirty days in any year. The Directors may decline to register any transfer of Shares unless the instrument of transfer is deposited at the registered office of the Company or at such other place as the Directors may reasonably require together with such other evidence as the Directors may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer. The transferee will be required to complete an application form which includes a declaration that the proposed transferee is neither a US Person nor an Irish Resident. The transferee will also be required, where necessary, to provide anti-money laundering documentation in advance of the transfer being effected.

### **Conversion of Shares**

With the consent of the Directors, a Shareholder may convert Shares of one Fund into Shares of another Fund on giving notice to the Administrator in such form as the Administrator may require provided that the shareholding satisfies the minimum investment criteria and provided that the application is received within the time limits specified above in the case of subscriptions. The conversion is effected by arranging for the repurchase of Shares of one Fund and subscribing for the Shares of the other Fund with the proceeds. Conversion is not intended to facilitate short-term or excessive trading.

Conversion will take place in accordance with the following formula:-

$$NS = \frac{(A \times B \times C) - D}{E}$$

where:-

- NS = the number of Shares which will be issued in the new Fund;
- A = the number of the Shares to be converted;
- B = the repurchase price of the Shares to be converted;
- C = the currency conversion factor, if any, as determined by the Directors;
- D = a switching fee of up to 2.5 per cent. of the Net Asset Value per Share; and
- E = the issue price of Shares in the new Fund on the relevant Dealing Day.

If NS is not an integral number of Shares the Directors reserve the right to issue fractional Shares in the new Fund or to return the surplus arising to the Shareholder seeking to convert the Shares.

If the Base Currency of the Shares being converted differs from the Base Currency of the Shares of the new Fund the rate of exchange used to convert the Shares in one Fund into the Base Currency of the Shares of the new Fund shall be that prevailing at the time of conversion and available to the Company and the expenses of such conversion shall be borne by the Shareholder.

#### *Automatic Conversion of B and C2 Share Classes*

Shareholders should note as of the Effective Date (as defined below), Class B Shares and Class C2 Shares, whether purchased before or after the Effective Date, will automatically convert into Shares in the corresponding Class A Shares upon the expiry of 4 years (Class B Shares), or 2 years (Class C2 Shares) from the date of the initial subscription into the relevant Class B Shares or Class C2 Shares. The Effective Date for these purposes shall be 31 March, 2017 or such later date as is required in order to implement the relevant enhancements necessary to process the automatic conversion.

## **NET ASSET VALUE**

### **Determination of Net Asset Value**

Save as may be otherwise described in the Supplement for the relevant Fund, the Administrator shall determine the Net Asset Value per Share in the Base Currency of each Class of Share in the Fund at 12.00 noon (Irish time) on each Dealing Day in accordance with the Articles of Association. For any Funds that are made up of a single Class of Share, the Net Asset Value per Share in each Fund shall be calculated by dividing the assets of the Fund, less its liabilities by the number of Shares then in issue in respect of that Fund. The Net Asset Value per Share of a Class is the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to that Class divided by the number of Shares in issue in that Class. Any liabilities of the Company which are not attributable to any Fund shall be allocated pro rata amongst all of the Funds. The value of the assets of a Fund shall be determined in the Base Currency of the Fund as set out below.

Where a Fund is made up of more than one Class of Shares, the Net Asset Value of each Class shall be determined by calculating the amount of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to each Class. The amount of the Net Asset Value of a Fund attributable to a Class shall be determined by establishing

the value of Shares in issue in the Class and by allocating relevant fees and expenses to the Class and making appropriate adjustments to take account of distributions paid out of the Fund, if applicable, and apportioning the Net Asset Value of the Fund accordingly. The Net Asset Value per Share of a Class shall be calculated by dividing the Net Asset Value of the Class by the number of Shares in issue in that Class, adjusted to at least the third decimal place. In respect of an unhedged currency Class of Shares, currency conversion on subscription and redemption will take place at prevailing exchange rates. In the event that a hedged Class of Shares is issued which is priced in a currency other than the Base Currency of that Fund, the costs and gains/losses of any hedging transactions will be borne by that Class.

Each security which is traded on a Regulated Market will be valued on the Regulated Market which is normally the principal market for such security. Save as may be otherwise described in the Supplement for the relevant Fund, the valuation shall be the latest available market price on that Regulated Market as of 12.00 noon (Irish time).

In the case of unlisted securities or any assets traded on a Regulated Market, but in respect of which a price or quotation is not available at the time of valuation which would provide a fair valuation, the value of such asset shall be estimated with care and in good faith by a stockbroker or other competent person selected by the Manager and approved for the purpose by the Depositary and such value shall be determined on the basis of the probable realisation value of the investment.

Cash and other liquid assets will be valued at their face value with interest accrued (if any) to the relevant Dealing Day. Investments in a collective investment scheme (if any) shall be valued at the latest available repurchase price for the shares or units in the collective investment scheme.

Any exchange-traded derivative instruments shall be valued at the relevant settlement price on the applicable exchange. Derivative instruments not traded on an exchange shall be valued daily using either the counterparty valuation or an alternative valuation, such as a valuation calculated by the Company or by an independent pricing vendor appointed by the Directors and approved for that purpose by the Depositary. Where the counterparty valuation is used, the valuation must be approved or verified by an independent party (which may be the Investment Manager) who is approved for the purpose by the Depositary, at least weekly. Where the Company values over-the-counter derivatives using an alternative valuation, the Company must follow international best practice and will adhere to the principles on the valuation of over-the-counter instruments established by bodies such as IOSCO and AIMA. The alternative valuation is that provided by a competent person appointed by the Manager and approved for the purpose by the Depositary or a valuation by any other means provided that the valuation is approved by the Depositary. The alternative valuation will be reconciled to the counterparty valuation on a monthly basis. Where significant differences arise these will be promptly investigated and explained. Save as may be otherwise described in the Supplement for the relevant Fund, forward foreign exchange contracts shall be valued at the price at which a new forward contract of the same size and maturity could be undertaken as of 12.00 noon (Irish time).

In determining the value of the assets there shall be added to the assets any interest or dividends accrued but not received and any amounts available for distribution but in respect of which no distribution has been made and there shall be deducted from the assets all liabilities accrued including any dividends declared.

Where applicable, values shall be converted into the Base Currency of a Fund at the latest available exchange rate.

The Directors, in circumstances where the interests of the Shareholders or the Company so justifies, and with the approval of the Depositary, when the price implied by the normal pricing policy does not reflect the fair market value may adjust the value of any investment if having regard to its currency, marketability, applicable interest rates, anticipated rates of dividend, maturity, liquidity, underlying market exposure or any other relevant considerations, they consider that such adjustment is required to reflect the fair value thereof. If an adjustment of the value of the investment is made, it will be applied consistently to all Classes of Shares of the relevant Fund.

The Directors shall be entitled to adopt an alternative method of valuing any particular asset if they consider that the method of valuation set out above does not provide a fair valuation of that asset and provided that the alternative method of valuation is approved by the Depositary.

The amortised cost method of valuation may be used for money market funds. The amortised cost method may only be applied to investments which satisfy one or more of the following criteria: securities with a maturity at issuance or residual maturity of up to and including 397 days; securities which undergo regular yield adjustments in line with money market conditions at least every 397 days; or securities whose risk profile, including credit and interest rate risks, corresponds to that of financial instruments which have a maturity of up to and including 397 days or are subject to a yield adjustment at least every 397 days. Under the amortised cost method, a Fund's investments shall be valued at their acquisition cost as adjusted for amortisation of premium or accretion of discount rather than at current market value. The Directors shall continually assess this method of valuation and recommend changes, where necessary, to ensure that a Fund's investments will be valued at their fair value as determined in good faith by the Directors. The Administrator shall review each week any discrepancies between the market value of the assets and the value as determined by the amortised cost method of valuation. If the deviation is greater than 0.1 per cent., the Administrator will notify the Investment Manager and review the discrepancies on each Dealing Day until the deviation is less than 0.1 per cent. If the deviation is greater than 0.2 per cent., the Administrator shall notify the Manager and, as appropriate, the Depositary. If at any time, however, the market value of any of the assets of a Fund deviates by more than 0.3 per cent. from its value determined on an amortised cost basis, the Company will review the discrepancies daily, promptly consider what action if any is necessary to reduce such dilution and notify the Central Bank with an indication of the action, if any, which will be taken to reduce such dilution. All such procedures and reviews shall be clearly documented. The Company will monitor the use of the amortised cost method of valuation in order to ensure that this method continues to be in the best interests of the Shareholders and to provide a fair valuation of the investments of a Fund. There may be periods during which the stated value of an instrument determined under the amortised cost method of valuation is higher or lower than the price which a Fund would receive if the instruments were sold and the accuracy of the amortised cost method of valuation can be affected by changes in interest rates and the credit standing of issuers of a Fund's investments.

The amortised cost method of valuation may also be applied to floating rate instruments where they have an annual (or shorter) reset date, they are determined to have a market value that approximates the amortised cost valuation and they have a residual value of two years or less. However a residual maturity of up to five years is permitted for high credit quality instruments that meet with these conditions and where procedures are adopted to ensure that the valuation produced does not vary significantly from its true market value.

Notwithstanding subscription monies, redemption monies and dividend amounts will be held in cash accounts in the name of the Company (herein defined as an Umbrella Cash Accounts) and treated as assets of and attributable to a Fund:-

- a) any subscription monies received from an investor prior to the Dealing Day of a Fund in respect of which an application for Shares has been, or is expected to be, received will not be taken into account as an asset of the Fund for the purpose of determining the Net Asset Value of that Fund until subsequent to the Valuation Point in respect of the Dealing Day as of which Shares of the Fund are agreed to be issued to that investor;
- b) any redemption monies payable to an investor subsequent to the Dealing Day of a Fund as of which Shares of that investor were redeemed will not be taken into account as an asset of the Fund for the purpose of determining the Net Asset Value of that Fund; and
- c) any dividend amount payable to a Shareholder will not be taken into account as an asset of the Fund for the purpose of determining the Net Asset Value of that Fund.

### **Dilution Adjustment**

The actual cost of purchasing or selling the underlying investments in a Fund may be higher or lower than the latest available market price used in calculating the Net Asset Value per Share. These costs may include dealing charges, commissions and the effects of dealing at prices other than the middle market price. The effect of the transaction charges and the dealing spread may have a materially disadvantageous effect on the Shareholders' interests in a Fund. To prevent this effect, known as 'dilution', the Company may charge a dilution adjustment when there are net inflows into a Fund or net outflows from a Fund, so that the price of a Share in the Fund is above or below that which would have



resulted from a latest available market valuation. It is not, however, possible to predict accurately whether dilution will occur on any particular Dealing Day. Consequently it is not possible to predict accurately how frequently the Company will need to make such a dilution adjustment. The charging of a dilution adjustment may either reduce the repurchase price or increase the subscription price of the Shares in a Fund. Where a dilution adjustment is made, it will increase the Net Asset Value per Share where the Fund receives net subscriptions and will reduce the Net Asset Value per Share where the Fund receives net redemptions.

A dilution adjustment will only be imposed in a manner that is, so far as practicable, fair to all Shareholders.

The imposition of a dilution adjustment will depend on the volume of sales or repurchases of Shares on any Dealing Day.

In particular, a dilution adjustment may be applied in the following circumstances:

- (i) on a Fund experiencing significant levels of net subscriptions (i.e. subscriptions less repurchases) relative to its size;
- (ii) on a Fund experiencing significant levels of net repurchases (i.e. repurchases less subscriptions) relative to its size; or
- (iii) in any other case whether the Directors believe that it is in the best interests of Shareholders to impose a dilution adjustment.

The dilution adjustment for each Fund will be calculated by reference to the costs of dealing in the underlying investments of that Fund, including any dealing spreads, commissions and transfer taxes. These costs can vary over time and as a result the amount of dilution adjustment will also vary over time. The price of each Class of Share in a Fund will be calculated separately but any dilution adjustment will affect the price of Shares of each Class in a Fund in an identical manner.

Dilution adjustments will be calculated on a quarterly basis by the Administrator and details of the dilution adjustments applied to subscriptions and/or redemptions can be obtained by a Shareholder on request from the Administrator.

#### **Publication of the Net Asset Value per Share**

Except where the determination of the Net Asset Value per Share has been suspended, in the circumstances described below, the up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share shall be available at the registered office of the Administrator and shall be available in respect of each Dealing Day via the worldwide web at [www.merian.com](http://www.merian.com). Such information will relate to the Net Asset Value per Share for the previous Dealing Day and is available for information only. It is not an invitation to subscribe for or repurchase Shares at that Net Asset Value per Share.

#### **Temporary Suspension of Valuation of the Shares and of Sales and Repurchases**

The Company may temporarily suspend the determination of the Net Asset Value and the sale or repurchase of Shares in any Fund:-

- (i) during any period (other than ordinary holiday or customary weekend closings) when any Regulated Market is closed which is the main Regulated Market for a significant part of the Fund's investments, or during which trading thereon is restricted or suspended;
- (ii) during any period when the disposal or valuation by the Fund of investments which constitute a substantial portion of the Fund's assets is not practically feasible or if feasible, would be possible only on terms materially disadvantageous to the Shareholders;
- (iii) during any period when for any reason the prices of any investments of the Fund cannot be reasonably, promptly or accurately ascertained by the Administrator;

- (iv) during any period when the remittance of funds which are or may be required for the purpose of making payments due on the acquisition or realisation of investments of the Fund cannot, in the opinion of the Directors, be carried out at normal prices or normal rates of exchange;
- (v) during any period when proceeds of the sale or repurchase of the Shares cannot be transmitted to or from the Fund's account;
- (vi) during any period when notice to terminate the Company has been served or when a meeting of Shareholders has been convened to consider a motion to terminate the Company;
- (vii) upon occurrence of an event causing the Company to enter into liquidation; or
- (viii) in exceptional cases, where the circumstances so require, and where the Directors consider it justifiable to do so having regard to the best interests of the Shareholders as a whole.

Any such suspension shall be published by the Company in such manner as it may deem appropriate to the persons likely to be affected thereby if, in the opinion of the Company, such suspension is likely to continue for a period exceeding fourteen days and any such suspension shall be notified immediately to the Central Bank and in any event within the same Business Day. Such suspension shall also be notified immediately to the SFC as soon as practicable.

### **Data Privacy Notice**

Prospective investors should note that by completing the application form they are providing information to the Company which may constitute personal data within the meaning of the GDPR. The Company's privacy policy sets out, amongst other things, the purposes for processing personal data and the legal basis for such processing as well as any other information that may be required to be provided under GDPR. Such personal data may be disclosed and/or transferred to third parties including, but not limited to, regulatory bodies, tax authorities, delegates, advisers and service providers of the Company and their or the Company's duly authorised agents and any of their respective related, associated or affiliated companies wherever located (including to countries outside the EEA which may not have the same data protection laws as in Ireland) for the purposes specified in the Company's privacy notice.

Investors have, among other rights, a right to obtain a copy of their personal data kept by the Company and the right to rectify any inaccuracies in their personal data held by the Company.

The Company and its appointed service providers will retain all documentation provided by a Shareholder in relation to its investment in the Company for as long as is necessary for the purpose for which it was collected, to fulfil the requirements of any record retention policies, email retention practices or business purposes or to comply with applicable law, audit requirements, regulatory requests or orders from competent courts and being at least six years after the period of investment has ended or the date on which a Shareholder has had its last transaction with the Company.

A copy of the Company's privacy notice is available from [www.merian.com](http://www.merian.com) and/or upon request from the Company.

### **FEES AND EXPENSES**

Each Fund shall pay all of its expenses and its due proportion of any expenses allocated to it, unless otherwise agreed. In the event that a hedged Class of Shares is issued which is priced in a currency other than the Base Currency of that Fund, the costs and gains/losses of any hedging transactions will be borne by that Class. To the extent that expenses are attributable to a specific Class of a Fund, that Class shall bear such expenses. These expenses may include, without limitation, the costs of (i) establishing and maintaining the Company, any fund, trust or collective investment scheme approved by the Central Bank and registering the Company, the Funds and the Shares with any governmental or regulatory authority or with any stock exchange or regulated market; (ii) investment management and advice, administration, trustee, custodial and the fees of paying agents and/or local representatives which shall be charged at normal commercial rates; (iii) preparation, printing and posting of prospectuses, sales literature (including KIIDs) and reports to Shareholders, the Central Bank and

governmental agencies; (iv) taxes; (v) commissions and brokerage fees; (vi) auditing, tax and legal fees; (vii) insurance premiums and (viii) other operating expenses.

The Articles of Association provide that the Directors shall be entitled to a fee by way of remuneration for their services at a rate to be determined from time to time. The aggregate remuneration (which shall include any sub-committee and chair fees) of each of the Directors shall not exceed EUR60,000 per annum. Each Director will be entitled to be reimbursed by the Company for all reasonable disbursements and out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them.

The fees in respect of each of the Funds are as follows:-

### **Management Fee**

The Company will pay to the Manager, monthly in arrears, a Management Fee. The amount of the Management Fee for each of the various Classes of Shares of each Fund is set out in the Supplement for the relevant Fund as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Fund.

The Management Fee for each Fund shall accrue on each Dealing Day. The Company will not pay the out-of-pocket expenses of the Manager. Out of the Management Fee, the Manager shall pay the fees and commissions payable to the Investment Manager (including the relevant Investment Adviser and transition manager). The Manager shall also pay those reasonable out-of-pocket expenses which the Manager (including the Investment Manager) has previously agreed with the relevant Investment Adviser to pay out of its Management Fee.

### **Distribution Fee**

No distribution fee shall be payable in respect of the Class A Shares, Class D1 Shares, Class D2 Shares, Class F Shares, Class F2 Shares, Class I Shares, Class R Shares, Class S Shares, Class X Shares, Class U1 Shares, Class U2 Shares or Class U3 Shares of any Fund.

Each Fund shall pay a distribution fee to the Manager of up to 1.00 per cent. per annum of the average Net Asset Value of that Fund attributable to the Class B Shares and Class C2 Shares.

Each Fund shall pay a distribution fee to the Manager of up to 1.5 per cent. per annum of the average Net Asset Value of that Fund attributable to the Class C Shares.

Each Fund shall pay a distribution fee to the Manager of up to 1.00 per cent. per annum of the average Net Asset Value of that Fund attributable to the Class N Shares.

### **Administration Fee**

The Company will pay to the Administrator monthly in arrears an administration fee of up to 3.75 basis points per annum of the combined average Net Asset Value of the Funds and in the case of each Fund subject to a minimum fee per Fund of EUR 15,000 per annum. The administration fee shall accrue on each Dealing Day. Additional annual fees shall be payable for the second and each subsequent Class of Shares in each Fund which shall be charged at normal commercial rates.

The Administrator is also entitled to transaction fees it incurs for the Funds and fees for the registrar and transfer agency functions and maintenance services it performs payable out of the Company's assets. These services are (i) maintaining the register of each Share class of the Company and the annual shareholder account, (ii) servicing, and (iii) reporting, all of which shall be charged at normal commercial rates.

All fees will be invoiced and payable monthly.

The Administrator will also be entitled to be reimbursed by the Company out of the assets of each Fund for all reasonable and vouched out-of-pocket expenses incurred by it and charged to it for the benefit of the Fund in the performance of its duties to the Company.

## Depositary Fee

The Company will pay to the Depositary monthly in arrears a fiduciary fee of 1 basis point per annum of the combined average Net Asset Value of the Funds plus VAT (if any), and in the case of each Fund subject to a minimum fee of EUR 3,500 per annum for each Fund. The fiduciary fee shall accrue on each Dealing Day.

The Depositary is also entitled to sub-depositary fees and transaction charges which shall be charged at normal commercial rates and paid monthly in arrears. The Depositary is also entitled to be reimbursed by the Company for all reasonable disbursements and out-of-pocket expenses

## Initial Charge

Save as may be otherwise provided for in the Supplement for the relevant Fund, an initial charge of up to 5.00% of the Net Asset Value per Share may be payable by a Shareholder on subscriptions for the Class A Shares of any Fund.

No initial charge shall be payable on the Class B Shares, Class D1 Shares, Class D2 Shares, Class F Shares, Class F2 Shares, Class I Shares, Class R Shares, Class S Shares, Class X Shares, Class U1 Shares, Class U2 Shares, or Class U3 Shares of any Fund.

An initial charge of up to 0.50% of the Net Asset Value per Share may be payable on the Class C2 Shares of any Fund.

An initial charge of up to 1 per cent. of the Net Asset Value per Share may be payable on the Class C Shares of any Fund.

An initial charge of up to 3 per cent. of the Net Asset Value per Share may be payable on the Class N Shares of any Fund.

The initial charge shall be paid to the Manager. The Manager may pay some or all of the initial charge to its delegates as reimbursement for the expense of distribution, intermediary and/or other services rendered to the Manager, the Company and the Funds.

## Redemption charge and contingent deferred sales charge

No redemption charge or contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on the repurchase of Class A Shares, Class F Shares, Class F2 Shares, Class I Shares, Class N Shares, Class P1 Shares, Class P2 Shares, Class P3 Shares, Class R Shares, Class S Shares, Class U1, Class U2, or Class U3 Shares of any Fund.

No redemption charge shall be payable on the repurchase of Class B and Class C Shares of any Fund.

A contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on the repurchase of the Class B and Class C Shares of each Fund. The amount of the contingent deferred sales charge payable will depend on the length of time between the date the Shares were purchased and their repurchase at the rates set out below.

<b>Years since purchase</b>	<b>Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid</b>	<b>Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid</b>	<b>Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid</b>
	<b>Class B Shares</b>	<b>Class C Shares</b>	<b>Class C2 Shares</b>
0 - 1	4.00%	1.00%	2.00%
1 - 2	3.00%	Nil	1.00%
2 - 3	2.00%	Nil	Nil

3 - 4	1.00%	Nil	Nil
4 and thereafter	None	Nil	Nil

Any contingent deferred sales charge will be payable to the Manager. The Manager may pay some or all of any contingent deferred sales charge to its delegates as reimbursement for the expense of distribution, intermediary and/or other services rendered to the Manager, the Company and the Funds. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on Shares issued arising as a result of the reinvestment of dividends. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on any increase on the Net Asset Value per Share above the subscription price paid for the Share and no contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on transfers or conversions of Shares. For the purposes of determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge is payable any Shares redeemed shall be deemed to be those first subscribed.

### **Dilution Adjustment**

A dilution adjustment as described above may be levied upon subscriptions for and/or redemptions of Shares. The Directors may on any Dealing Day when there are net subscriptions or redemptions authorise an adjustment to the Net Asset Value per Share via the addition or deduction of a dilution adjustment to cover dealing costs and to preserve the value of the underlying assets of the Fund.

If a Fund invests in the units or shares of a UCITS collective investment scheme managed by the Manager or by an associated or related company of the Manager, the Manager or the associated or related company must waive the preliminary or initial charge or commission payable, if any. The Manager will not receive any commission when a Fund invests in a UCITS collective investment scheme. However, if any commissions are received by the Manager, the commission must be paid into a property of the Fund.

### **Switching Fee**

The Directors have the power to charge a switching fee of up to 2.5% of the Net Asset Value of the Shares being converted.

### **Remuneration Policy of the Manager**

The Manager has designed and implements a remuneration policy which is consistent with and promotes sound and effective risk management by having a business model which by its nature does not promote excessive risk taking that is inconsistent with the risk profile or the constitutional documents of the Company nor impair compliance with the Manager's duty to act in the best interests of the Company. The Manager's remuneration policy is consistent with the business strategy, objectives, values and interests of the Manager, the Company and the Shareholders of the Company and includes measures to avoid conflicts of interest.

The Manager's remuneration policy applies to those categories of staff, including senior management, risk takers, control functions and any employee receiving total remuneration that falls into the remuneration bracket of senior management and risk takers, whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profiles of the Manager or the Company.

In line with the provisions of the UCITS Directive as may be amended from time to time, the Manager applies its remuneration policy and practices in a way and to the extent that is proportionate to its size, its internal organisation and the nature, scope and complexity of its activities.

Where the Manager delegates investment management functions in respect of any Fund, it will, in accordance with the requirements of the ESMA Guidelines on Sound Remuneration Policies under the UCITS Directive (ESMA/2016/575), ensure that

- (i). the entities to which investment management activities have been delegated are subject to regulatory requirements on remuneration that are equally as effective as those applicable under the ESMA Remuneration Guidelines; or

- (ii). appropriate contractual arrangements are put in place to ensure that there is no circumvention of the remuneration rules set out in the ESMA Remuneration Guidelines.

Details of the remuneration policy of the Manager including, but not limited to, a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated, the identity of persons responsible for awarding the remuneration and benefits including the composition of the remuneration committee, where such a committee exists, will be available at [www.merian.com](http://www.merian.com) and a paper copy will be made available free of charge upon request.

### **Fees and Expenses out of Capital**

Where disclosed in the relevant Supplement, a Fund may charge all or part of its fees and expenses to the capital at Fund or Share Class level. This will have the effect of lowering the capital value of your investment.

## **MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **The Board of Directors**

Responsibility for managing the business affairs of the Company is vested in the Board of Directors in accordance with the Articles of Association. The Directors control the affairs of the Company and may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money and to mortgage or charge its undertaking or property or any part thereof. The powers of the Company are subject to the limits and conditions set forth in the Regulations and as may from time to time be laid down by the Central Bank. The Regulations currently provide that the Company may borrow up to 10 per cent. of its Net Asset Value provided that such borrowing is on a temporary basis and is not for the purpose of making investment and the Company may acquire foreign currencies by means of a back-to-back loan. The Directors may delegate certain functions to the Manager, the Investment Manager, the Administrator, the Depositary, an Investment Adviser and other parties, subject to supervision and direction by the Directors.

Pursuant to the Articles, each of the Directors shall be indemnified by the Company against losses and expenses to which any such person may become liable by reason of any contract entered into or any act or thing done by him as such office in the discharge of his duties provided that, as permitted by the Companies Act 2014 such indemnity shall not extend to any of the foregoing sustained or incurred as a result of any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust by him in relation to the Company and the amount for which such indemnity is provided shall immediately attach as a lien on the property of the Company and have priority as between the Shareholders over all other claims.

The Company acting through the Directors is empowered under the Articles to purchase and maintain for the benefit of persons who are or were at any time Directors or officers of the Company insurance against any liability incurred by such persons in respect of any act or omission in the execution of their duties or exercise of their powers.

The Directors and their principal occupations are set forth below. None of the Directors is an executive director. The address of the Directors is the registered office of the Company.

### **Directors and Secretary**

- **Tom Murray** is a non-executive director of several regulated funds and other commercial entities. He graduated from UCD with a Commerce Degree in 1976 and qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Coopers & Lybrand in 1980. He was a member of the National Futures Association between 1992 and 1994 and also holds a Diploma in Directors Duties & Responsibilities. He joined Wang International Finance Ltd in 1981 as CFO and left in 1988 to found, along with colleagues, Gandon Securities Ltd, the first operation to be licenced in the IFSC. He served in a number of positions in Gandon including Finance Director, Structured Finance Director and Treasury Director. After Gandon was acquired by Investec Bank in 2000, he served as Head of Treasury for c. 4 years. In 2004 he joined Merrion Stockbrokers Ltd where he was Director of Corporate Finance until 2008. Since then he has acted as a consultant to and non-executive director of various investment funds and companies.

- **Bronwyn Wright** is a former Managing Director for a global financial institution having worked in Capital Markets and Banking, where she was Head of Securities and Fund Services for Ireland with responsibility for the management, growth and strategic direction of the securities and fund services business which included funds, custody, security finance and global agency and trust. Due to her role in managing, leading and growing the European fiduciary business, Ms. Wright has extensive knowledge of regulatory requirements and best market practice in the UK, Luxembourg, Jersey and Ireland. She has sat and chaired the boards of the applicable legal vehicles for the fiduciary businesses in each jurisdiction. Due to her engagement in due diligence exercises she also understands the Nordics, Germany and Asia. She has also been engaged in pre-acquisition due diligence in Asia and led a post-acquisition integration across EMEA. Ms. Wright holds a degree in Economics and Politics as well as a Masters degree in Economics from University College Dublin. Ms. Wright is past chairperson of the Irish Funds Industry Association committee for Trustee Services. Bronwyn has contributed to the Irish Funds educational development in various capacities, including co-author of a Diploma in Mutual Funds, virtual web based lectures in financial services and part of an executive committee for a PhD finance programme. She has written numerous industry articles and chairs and participates in industry seminars in Europe and the US.
  
- **Adrian Waters**, is a Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland and of The Institute of Directors. He is a Chartered Director (UK Institute of Directors) and he specializes in risk management and governance. He has over 25 years' experience in the funds industry. From 1993 to 2001, he held various executive positions within The BISYS Group, Inc. (now part of the Citi Group), including Chief Executive Officer of BISYS Fund Services (Ireland) Limited and finally as Senior Vice President – Europe for BISYS Investment Services out of London. From 1989 to 1993, he was employed by the Investment Services Group of PricewaterhouseCoopers in New York and prior to that by Oliver Freaney and Company, Chartered Accountants, in Dublin. Mr. Waters holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree and a Post Graduate Diploma in Corporate Governance both received from University College Dublin in 1985 and 2005, respectively. Additionally, in 2013, he has received a Master of Science degree in Risk Management from the Stern Business School at New York University. He is an Irish citizen.
  
- **Nicola Stronach** joined the Investment Manager in 2016 as chief administration officer before her role was extended to Chief Operating Officer in 2018. Nicola has over 20 years of experience within asset management, having spent 15 years at Credit Suisse Asset Management, as Director of the Global Investment Operations and five years at Bank of New York Mellon, where she was managing director within the asset servicing division specialising in Transfer Agency. Her extensive experience of investor and investment life cycle has proven extremely valuable in her current role within the Investment Manager. She holds both the Operations Certificate Programme (“OCP”) and the Investment Opportunities Certificate (“IOC”) from the International Capital Markets Association (“ICMA”) and Securities Institute (“SI”) respectively. She is a member of the Merian Global Investors (“MGI”) executive team.

The Company secretary of the Company is Tudor Trust Limited.

The Articles of Association do not stipulate a retirement age for Directors and do not provide for retirement of Directors by rotation. The Articles of Association provide that a Director may be a party to any transaction or arrangement with the Company or in which the Company is interested provided that he has disclosed to the Directors the nature and extent of any material interest which he may have. A Director may not vote in respect of any contract in which he has a material interest. However, a Director may vote in respect of any proposal concerning any other company in which he is interested, directly or indirectly, whether as an officer or shareholder or otherwise, provided that he is not the holder of 5 per cent. or more of the issued shares of any class of such company or of the voting rights available to members of such company. A Director may also vote in respect of any proposal concerning an offer of shares in which he is interested as a participant in an underwriting or sub-underwriting arrangement and may also vote in respect of the giving of any security, guarantee or indemnity in respect of money lent by the Director to the Company or in respect of the giving of any security, guarantee or indemnity to a third party in respect of a debt obligation of the Company for which the Director has assumed responsibility in whole or in part.

The Directors have delegated the day to day management of each Fund to the Manager. The Manager has appointed the Administrator to act as administrator to the Company with responsibility for the calculation of the Net Asset Value of the Company and of the Shares.

The Manager has appointed the Investment Manager to act as discretionary investment manager of the Company with responsibility for the management of the Company's portfolio of assets and as a Sub-Distributor of the Shares with the power to appoint additional Sub-Distributors. The Company has appointed the Depositary to safe-keep its assets in accordance with the Regulations.

### **The Manager/Distributor**

The Company has appointed Merian Global Investors (Europe) Limited as its manager pursuant to the Management and Distribution Agreement and the Manager is responsible on a day-to-day basis, under the supervision of the Directors, for the management of the Company's affairs and distribution of the Shares. The Manager is a privately owned company incorporated with limited liability in Ireland on 28 November 2013 with registration number 536049. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of Merian Global Investors Holdings Limited ( a UK registered company).

The Manager is authorised by the Central Bank to act as a fund management company pursuant to the Regulations and an Alternative Investment Fund Manager (AIFM) pursuant to the European Communities (Alternative Investment Fund Managers) Regulations, 2013, as amended. Its principal business is acting as manager of investment funds.

As noted above, the Manager has appointed the Investment Manager to act as discretionary investment manager of the Company and as a Sub-Distributor of the Shares. The Manager has appointed the Administrator to perform the day-to-day administration of the Company, including the calculation of the Net Asset Value of the Funds and of the Shares, related fund accounting services and registrar and transfer agency services. Under the Regulations, the Manager's liability shall not be affected by the fact that it has delegated any of its functions to third parties .

The Manager is responsible for the appointment of the Investment Manager to the Funds, for overseeing its performance and implementing any changes to the appointment of the Investment Manager.

#### *The Manager as Distributor*

The Manager, in its capacity as Distributor shall be responsible for promoting the sale of the Shares in accordance with the provisions of this Prospectus. The Manager/Distributor may appoint Sub-Distributors (including the Investment Manager) to assist in the promotion and sale of the Shares in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.

The Manager's corporate secretarial function is provided by Tudor Trust Limited.

The Manager may act as manager of, and/or provide other services to, other funds or clients established in Ireland or elsewhere any of which may be competing with the Company in the same markets.

The Directors of the Manager are as follows:

#### **Adrian Waters**

See Mr. Waters' biography above.

#### **Bronwyn Wright**

See Ms. Wright's biography above.

#### **Tom Murray**

See Mr. Murray's biography above.

#### **Nicola Stronach**



See Ms. Stronach's biography above.

### **Paul Nunan**

Mr Nunan is Country Head of the Manager. Prior to joining the Manager, Mr Nunan was Managing Director of Link Fund Manager Solutions (Ireland) Limited having joined the Link Group in March 2006. Prior to this Mr Nunan worked for BISYS Hedge Fund Services Ireland Limited where his final role was to manage the implementation of the BHFS systems platform. Mr Nunan has over twenty two years' experience in Financial Services / Investment Funds and is a Chartered Certified Accountant ("FCCA"). He started his career in 1997 and has a degree in business studies.

The Management and Distribution Agreement may be terminated by the Manager or the Company on 90 days written notice or by any party forthwith by notice in writing in certain circumstances such as the winding-up of any party or unremedied breach after notice. The Manager and the Investment Manager are not liable to the Company for any indirect, special or consequential loss or damage (the "Losses") suffered by the Company as a result of the Manager's or Investment Manager's (as applicable) performance or non-performance of their duties under the Management and Distribution Agreement unless such Losses result from their negligence, bad faith, fraud, wilful default or failure to comply with its obligations as set out in the Management and Distribution Agreement. Under the Management and Distribution Agreement, the Company agrees to indemnify the Manager and the Investment Manager out of the assets of the relevant Funds for any actions, proceedings, claims, damages, costs, demands and expenses including, without limitation, legal and professional expenses it suffers in the performance of its duties under the Management and Distribution Agreement other than due to the negligence, bad faith, fraud, wilful default of the Manager or Investment Manager or failure to comply with their obligations as set out in the Management and Distribution Agreement. Under the terms of the Management and Distribution Agreement, the Manager may delegate its duties in accordance with the Central Bank Requirements.

### **Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited – The Investment Manager and Sub-Distributor**

The Investment Manager is Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited which was incorporated in England and Wales on 18 July 1994. Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. As at 30 November 2018, it had assets of approximately £30.4 billion under management. As outlined above, Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited will also act as a Sub-Distributor.

The Investment Manager is responsible for the appointment of any Investment Advisers to the Funds, for overseeing their performance and implementing any changes to the appointment of an Investment Adviser. The Investment Manager has formed a sub-committee of its board to oversee the functions assumed by the Investment Advisers, to monitor their investment performance and to implement changes to an Investment Adviser based on its findings and recommendations. Any decisions of the investment committee are reported on a regular basis to the board of Directors of the Manager and the Company for consideration and approval where escalation to the board is deemed necessary.

### **The Investment Advisers**

The Investment Advisers described in the Supplement for the relevant Funds are those appointed to the Funds as at the date of this Prospectus. The Investment Advisory Agreement between the Investment Manager and each Investment Adviser provides that the Investment Adviser shall be responsible for the investment and reinvestment of the relevant Fund's assets. The Investment Advisory Agreement shall continue in force until terminated immediately at any time by the Investment Manager or by the Investment Adviser with varying notice periods ranging from not less than between 60 days' to 180 days' written notice depending on the Investment Adviser. The Investment Advisory Agreement may also be terminated immediately at any time if the appointment of the Investment Manager is terminated by the Manager.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party may at any time terminate the Investment Advisory Agreement in the event of the insolvency of the other party or the Company, the winding up of the other party or the Company, the appointment of an examiner or receiver to the other party or the Company or upon the happening of a like event at the direction of an appropriate regulatory agency or court of

competent jurisdiction or otherwise, in the event that either party or the Company is no longer permitted to perform its obligations and duties under applicable law. Either party may terminate the agreement in the event that either the other party fails to remedy any breach of the Investment Advisory Agreement (if such breach is capable of remedy) within 30 days of being requested to do so or in some cases in the event of any material breach by either party where the defaulting party has 30 days to remedy the material breach and in some cases either party may terminate the agreement in the event of a material breach by the Investment Adviser.

Each Investment Adviser shall be liable for any loss suffered by the Investment Manager, the Manager and the Company in connection with the matters to which the Investment Advisory Agreement relates where such loss results from fraud, bad faith, wilful misfeasance and negligence on the part of the Investment Adviser in the performance of its obligations and duties under the relevant Investment Advisory Agreement or from the reckless disregard of its obligations under the agreement by certain Investment Advisers; or breach in the case of other Investment Advisers. However, certain Investment Advisers shall not be liable for consequential loss.

An Investment Adviser may, with the prior consent of the Investment Manager, delegate its investment management functions to a sub-investment manager provided that such delegation is made in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, information on any sub-investment manager will be provided to Shareholders on request, details of the sub-investment manager will be disclosed in the annual report and accounts and the unaudited half-yearly accounts and the fees of the sub-investment manager will not be paid out of a Fund's assets.

The Investment Manager may appoint a transition manager to act as the investment adviser to any of the Funds on a transitional basis. A transition manager will act in circumstances where an Investment Adviser has to be replaced at short notice and will act on an interim basis for a maximum period of three months until a new Investment Adviser is appointed. The transition manager will be selected from a panel of transition managers and will be approved by the Central Bank to act as an investment adviser to an Irish authorised collective investment scheme and will be approved by the SFC to act as a manager of public funds in Hong Kong. Any appointment to or removal from the pool of transition managers will be subject to the prior approval of the SFC. However, no prior notice will be given to the Shareholders of such changes. No prior notice will be given to Shareholders on the appointment of a transition manager to manage a Fund on a transitional basis. Details of the appointment of any transition manager may be obtained by Shareholders, free of charge, upon request at the registered office of the Company and will be disclosed in the relevant periodic report of the Company.

### **The Administrator**

The Manager has appointed Citibank Europe plc to act as the administrator, registrar and transfer agent of the Company and each Fund with responsibility for performing the day-to-day administration of the Company and each Fund including the calculation of the Net Asset Value and the Net Asset Value per Share.

The Administrator is a licensed bank, authorised and regulated by the Central Bank. The Administrator was incorporated in Ireland on 9 June 1988 under registered number 132781. The Administrator is a member of the Citigroup group of companies, having its ultimate parent Citigroup Inc., a US publicly quoted company.

The Administration Agreement shall continue in force unless terminated by the Company or Manager on not less than 90 days' notice or the Administrator on not less than 180 days' notice and may be terminated by any party immediately in the event of: (i) the winding up of or the appointment of an examiner or receiver or liquidator to a party or on the happening of a like event at the direction of an appropriate regulatory agency or court of competent jurisdiction; (ii) a party failing to remedy a breach of the Administration Agreement within 15 business days of being requested to do so (if such breach is capable of remedy); (iii) a party no longer being permitted or able to perform its obligations under the agreement pursuant to applicable law; or (iv) any authorisation by the Central Bank of the parties being revoked.

The Administration Agreement provides that the Administrator will not be liable to the Company or any Shareholder for any loss incurred by any of them except where such loss arises from the fraud,

negligence, bad faith or wilful default of the Administrator. The Manager and the Company each indemnifies the Administrator from all reasonable costs, liabilities and expenses incurred by the Administrator in the performance of its obligations under the Administration Agreement except where such loss arises by reason of the Administrator's fraud, negligence or wilful misconduct or from the Administrator's breach of the Administration Agreement. The Manager also indemnifies the Administrator from loss arising out of or in connection with a breach of the representations, warranties or covenants made by the Manager in the Administration Agreement or the failure to provide certain documentation to the Administrator.

## **The Depositary**

### ***Introduction and key duties***

Under the terms of the Depositary Agreement, Citi Depositary Services Ireland Designated Activity Company (the "Depositary") has been appointed as depositary of the Company's assets and the assets of the Company and each Fund have been entrusted to the Depositary for safekeeping.

The key duties of the Depositary are to perform the depositary duties referred to in Regulation 34 of the Regulations, essentially consisting of:

- (i) monitoring and verifying the Company and each Fund's cash flows;
- (ii) safekeeping of the Company's assets, including, inter alia, verification of ownership;
- (iii) ensuring that the issue, redemption, cancellation and valuation of Shares are carried out in accordance with the Articles of Association and applicable law, rules and regulations;
- (iv) ensuring that in transactions involving the Company's assets any consideration is remitted to the Company within the usual time limits;
- (v) ensuring that the Company and each Fund's income is applied in accordance with the Articles of Association, applicable law, rules and regulations; and
- (vi) carrying out instructions of the Company unless they conflict with the Articles of Association or applicable law, rules and regulations.

Up-to-date information regarding the duties of the Depositary will be made available to investors on request.

### ***The Depositary***

The Depositary is a designated activity company incorporated in Ireland pursuant to the Companies Act, 2014. The Depositary is authorised and regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. The principal activity of the Depositary is to provide trustee and custodial services to collective investment schemes and other portfolios, such as the Company.

### ***Delegation of Safekeeping Function and Conflicts of Interest***

Under the terms of the Depositary Agreement the Depositary has the power to delegate certain of its depositary functions.

In general, whenever the Depositary delegates any of its custody functions to a delegate, the Depositary will remain liable for any losses suffered as a result of an act or omission of the delegate as if such loss had arisen as a result of an act or omission of the Depositary. The use of securities settlement systems does not constitute a delegation by the Depositary of its functions.

As at the date of this Prospectus, the Depositary has entered into written agreements delegating the performance of its safekeeping function in respect of certain of the Company's assets to Citibank, N.A. London Branch. As at the date of the Prospectus, the following sub-delegates have been appointed: See Schedule IV

The liability of the Depositary will not be affected by the fact that it has delegated to a third party certain of its safekeeping functions in respect of the Company's assets.

In order to discharge its responsibility in regard to the appointment of safekeeping delegates, the Depositary must exercise due skill, care and diligence in the selection, continued appointment and ongoing monitoring of a third party as a safekeeping agent so as to ensure that the third party has and maintains the expertise, competence and standing appropriate to discharge the responsibilities concerned; maintain an appropriate level of supervision over the safekeeping agent; and make appropriate inquiries from time to time to confirm that the obligations of the agent continue to be competently discharged.

From time to time conflicts may arise between the Depositary and the delegates or sub-delegates, for example where an appointed delegate or sub-delegate is an affiliated group company of the Depositary which receives remuneration for another custodial service it provides to the Company. In the event of any potential conflict of interest which may arise during the normal course of business, the Depositary will have regard to the applicable laws.

Up-to-date information on delegations and sub-delegations and related conflicts of interest may be requested from the Company by Shareholders.

### ***Reuse of Funds by the Depositary***

Under the Depositary Agreement the Depositary has agreed that it, and any person to whom it delegates custody functions, may not reuse any of the Company's assets held in custody.

Reuse will be permitted in respect of the Company's assets where:

- The reuse is carried out for the account of the Company;
- The Depositary acts on the instructions of the Company;
- The reuse of assets is for the benefit of the Company and the Shareholders;
- The transaction is covered by high quality and liquid collateral received by the Company under a title transfer arrangement, the market value of which shall, at all times, amount to at least the market value of the re-used assets plus a premium.

### **Terms of the Depositary Agreement**

The appointment of the Depositary has been made under an amended and restated agreement between the Depositary, and the Company dated 31 October, 2019 (the "**Depositary Agreement**").

### ***Termination of the Depositary Agreement***

The Depositary Agreement provides that it will continue in force unless and until terminated by any party giving not less than 90 days' prior written notice to the other(s), although termination may be immediate in certain circumstances, such as the insolvency of the Depositary. Upon an (envisaged) removal or resignation of the Depositary, the Company acting on behalf of the Fund shall with due observance of the applicable requirements of the Central Bank and in accordance with applicable law, rules and regulations, appoint a successor depositary. The Depositary may not be replaced without the approval of the Central Bank. For the avoidance of doubt, the removal or resignation of the Depositary shall only take effect at the same time as the new Depositary takes up office.

The Depositary is liable to the Company or to the Shareholders for the loss by the Depositary or a third party to whom the custody of financial instruments that can be held in custody has been delegated. In the case of such a loss of a financial instrument held in custody, the Depositary shall return a financial instrument of identical type or the corresponding amount to the Company or the Company acting on

behalf of the Fund without undue delay. The Depositary is not liable if it can prove that the loss has arisen as a result of an external event beyond its reasonable control, the consequences of which would have been unavoidable despite all reasonable efforts to the contrary.

The Depositary is also liable to the Company or the Shareholders for all losses suffered by them as a result of the Depositary's negligent or intentional failure to properly fulfill its obligations. In case of direct liability of the Depositary vis-à-vis the Shareholders they shall, in line with the terms of the Depositary Agreement, not exercise any claims on the Depositary directly but shall request the Company to do so on their behalf. Only in a case where the Company does not accept such request (for whatever reason) shall the Shareholders be allowed to exercise any such claim directly vis-à-vis the Depositary. The Depositary Agreement contains indemnities in favour of the Depositary excluding matters arising by reason of its failure to satisfy its obligation of due skill, care and diligence, or by reason of its negligence, intentional failure or fraud.

### ***Other provisions of the Depositary Agreement***

The Depositary Agreement is governed by the laws of Ireland and the courts of Ireland shall have non-exclusive jurisdiction to hear any disputes or claims arising out of or in connection with the Depositary Agreement.

### **The Paying Agents and/or Information Agents**

Various paying agents shall be appointed in connection with the public distribution of the Shares of the Company in certain jurisdictions. First Independent Fund Services Limited has been appointed to act as the Swiss representative and BNP Paribas Securities Services, Paris, succursale de Zurich has been appointed to act as paying agent for the Company in Switzerland. Erste Bank der Oesterreichischen Sparkassen AG has been appointed to act as paying and representation agent for the Company in Austria. Merian Global Investors (Asia Pacific) Limited has been appointed to act as the Hong Kong representative and BNP Paribas Securities Services has been appointed to act as the French centralising and financial agent in France. GerFIS – German Fund Information Service UG (Haftungsbeschränkt) has been appointed to act as the German information agent in Germany. Allfunds Bank, S.A.U., Milan Branch. SGSS S.p.A. and BNP Paribas Securities Services, have been appointed to act as the Italian paying agents in Italy. Capital Gateway Securities Investment Consulting Enterprise, have been appointed to act as the Master Agent in Taiwan. Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited has been appointed as the facilities agent in the UK. BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch has been appointed as the paying agent in Luxembourg. CACEIS Belgium S.A has been appointed to act as Belgian Financial Agent in Belgium. Capital Gateway Securities Investment Consulting Enterprise has been appointed to act as the private placement agent in Taiwan. Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB has been appointed to act as paying agent for the Company in Sweden.

### **Sub-Distributors**

In addition to the Investment Manager, as outlined above, the following entities from the Manager's group have been appointed by the Manager or the Investment Manager to act as Sub-Distributors of the Company's Funds:

Merian Global Investors (Singapore) Pte Limited.

Merian Global Investors (Asia Pacific) Limited.

Merian Global Investors (Schweiz) GmbH.

The Manager or the Investment Manager may appoint other Sub-Distributors from time to time. The fees of any Sub-Distributors appointed in connection with the distribution of the Shares of the Company will, where such fees are payable out of the assets of the Funds, be at normal commercial rates.

## TAXATION

### General

***The information given 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 under the laws of the jurisdictions in which they may be subject to tax.***

***The following is a brief summary of certain aspects of Irish taxation law and practice relevant to the transactions contemplated in this Prospectus. It is based on the law and practice and official interpretation currently in effect, all of which are subject to change.***

Dividends, interest and capital gains (if any) which the Company or any of the funds receive with respect to their investments (other than securities of Irish issuers) may be subject to taxes, including withholding taxes, in the countries in which the issuers of investments are located. It is anticipated that the Company may not be able to benefit from reduced rates of withholding tax in double taxation agreements between Ireland and such countries. If this position changes in the future and the application of a lower rate results in a repayment to the Company the Net Asset Value will not be re-stated and the benefit will be allocated to the existing Shareholders rateably at the time of repayment.

### Irish Taxation

The Directors have been advised that on the basis that the Company is resident in Ireland for taxation purposes the taxation position of the Company and the Shareholders is as set out below.

### Definitions

For the purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply.

#### “Irish Resident”

- in the case of an individual, means an individual who is resident in Ireland for tax purposes.
- in the case of a trust, means a trust that is resident in Ireland for tax purposes.
- in the case of a company, means a company that is resident in Ireland for tax purposes.

An individual will be regarded as being resident in Ireland for a tax year if he/she is present in Ireland: (1) for a period of at least 183 days in that tax year; or (2) for a period of at least 280 days in any two consecutive tax years, provided that the individual is present in Ireland for at least 31 days in each period. In determining days present in Ireland, an individual is deemed to be present if he/she is in Ireland at any time during the day. This new test takes effect from 1 January 2009 (previously in determining days present in Ireland an individual was deemed to be present if he/she was in Ireland at the end of the day (midnight)).

A trust will generally be Irish resident where the trustee is resident in Ireland or a majority of the trustees (if more than one) are resident in Ireland.

A company which has its central management and control in Ireland is resident in Ireland irrespective of where it is incorporated. A company which does not have its central management and control in Ireland but which is incorporated in Ireland is resident in Ireland except where:-

- the company or a related company carries on a trade in Ireland, and either the company is ultimately controlled by persons resident in EU Member States or in countries with which Ireland has a double taxation treaty, or the company or a related company are quoted companies on a recognised Stock Exchange in the EU or in a treaty country under a double taxation treaty between Ireland and that country. This exception does not apply where it would result in an Irish incorporated company that is managed and controlled in a relevant territory (other than Ireland), but would not be resident in that relevant territory as it is not incorporated there, not being resident for tax purposes in any territory.

or

- the company is regarded as not resident in Ireland under a double taxation treaty between Ireland and another country.

It should be noted that the determination of a company's residence for tax purposes can be complex in certain cases and potential investors are referred to the specific legislative provisions that are contained in Section 23A of the Taxes Act.

#### **“Ordinarily Resident in Ireland”**

- in the case of an individual, means an individual who is ordinarily resident in Ireland for tax purposes
- in the case of a trust, means a trust that is ordinarily resident in Ireland for tax purposes.

An individual will be regarded as ordinarily resident for a particular tax year if he/she has been Irish Resident for the three previous consecutive tax years (i.e. he/she becomes ordinarily resident with effect from the commencement of the fourth tax year). An individual will remain ordinarily resident in Ireland until he/she has been non-Irish Resident for three consecutive tax years. Thus, an individual who is resident and ordinarily resident in Ireland in the tax year 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014 and departs from Ireland in that tax year will remain ordinarily resident up to the end of the tax year 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017.

The concept of a trust's ordinary residence is somewhat obscure and linked to its tax residence.

#### **“Exempt Irish Investor”**

- a pension scheme which is an exempt approved scheme within the meaning of Section 774 of the Taxes Act or a retirement annuity contract or a trust scheme to which Section 784 or 785 of the Taxes Act applies;
- a company carrying on life business within the meaning of Section 706 of the Taxes Act;
- an investment undertaking within the meaning of Section 739B(1) of the Taxes Act;
- a special investment scheme within the meaning of Section 737 of the Taxes Act;
- a charity being a person referred to in Section 739D(6)(f)(i) of the Taxes Act;
- a unit trust to which Section 731(5)(a) of the Taxes Act applies;
- a qualifying fund manager within the meaning of Section 784A(1)(a) of the Taxes Act where the Shares held are assets of an approved retirement fund or an approved minimum retirement fund;
- a qualifying management company within the meaning of Section 739B of the Taxes Act;
- an investment limited partnership within the meaning of Section 739J of the Taxes Act;
- a personal retirement savings account (“PRSA”) administrator acting on behalf of a person who is entitled to exemption from income tax and capital gains tax by virtue of Section 787I of the Taxes Act and the Shares are assets of a PRSA;
- a credit union within the meaning of Section 2 of the Credit Union Act, 1997;
- the National Pensions Reserve Fund Commission;
- the National Asset Management Agency;
- a company which is within the charge to corporation tax in accordance with Section 110(2) of the Taxes Act in respect of payments made to it by the Company;
- or
- any other Irish Resident or persons who are Ordinarily Resident in Ireland who may be permitted to own Shares under taxation legislation or by written practice or concession of the Revenue Commissioners without giving rise to a charge to tax in the Company or jeopardising tax exemptions associated with the Company giving rise to a charge to tax in the Company;

provided that they have correctly completed the Relevant Declaration.

#### **“Intermediary”**

means a person who:-

- carries on a business which consists of, or includes, the receipt of payments from an investment undertaking on behalf of other persons; or
- holds shares in an investment undertaking on behalf of other persons.

**“Ireland”** means the Republic of Ireland

**“Recognised Clearing System”**

means Deutsche Bank AG - Depository and Clearing System, Clearstream Banking AG, Clearstream Banking SA, CREST, Depository Trust Company of New York, Euroclear, Japan Securities Depository Center, National Securities Clearing System, Sicovam SA, SIS Segma Intersecttle AG or any other system for clearing shares which is designated for the purposes of Chapter 1A in Part 27 of the Taxes Act, by the Irish Revenue Commissioners as a recognised clearing system.

**“Relevant Declaration”**

means the declaration relevant to the Shareholder as set out in Schedule 2B of the Taxes Act.

**“Relevant Period”**

means a period of 8 years beginning with the acquisition of a Share by a Shareholder and each subsequent period of 8 years beginning immediately after the preceding Relevant Period.

**“Taxes Act”**, The Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997 (of Ireland) as amended.

**The Company**

The Company will be regarded as resident in Ireland for tax purposes if the central management and control of its business is exercised in Ireland and the Company is not regarded as resident elsewhere. It is the intention of the Directors that the business of the Company will be conducted in such a manner as to ensure that it is Irish resident for tax purposes.

The Directors have been advised that the Company qualifies as an investment undertaking as defined in Section 739B (1) of the Taxes Act. Under current Irish law and practice, the Company is not chargeable to Irish tax on its income and gains.

However, tax can arise on the happening of a “chargeable event” in the Company. A chargeable event includes any distribution payments to Shareholders or any encashment, redemption, cancellation, transfer or deemed disposal (a deemed disposal will occur at the expiration of a Relevant Period) of Shares or the appropriation or cancellation of Shares of a Shareholder by the Company for the purposes of meeting the amount of tax payable on a gain arising on a transfer. No tax will arise on the Company in respect of chargeable events in respect of a Shareholder who is neither Irish Resident nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland at the time of the chargeable event provided that a Relevant Declaration is in place and the Company is not in possession of any information which would reasonably suggest that the information contained therein is no longer materially correct. In the absence of either a Relevant Declaration or the Company satisfying and availing of equivalent measures (see paragraph headed *“Equivalent Measures”* below) there is a presumption that the investor is Irish Resident or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland. A chargeable event does not include:

- An exchange by a Shareholder, effected by way of an arms-length bargain where no payment is made to the Shareholder, of Shares in the Company for other Shares in the Company;
- Any transactions (which might otherwise be a chargeable event) in relation to shares held in a recognised clearing system as designated by order of the Irish Revenue Commissioners;
- A transfer by a Shareholder of the entitlement to Shares where the transfer is between spouses and former spouses, subject to certain conditions; or
- An exchange of Shares arising on a qualifying amalgamation or reconstruction (within the meaning of Section 739H of the Taxes Act) of the Company with another investment undertaking.



If the Company becomes liable to account for tax if a chargeable event occurs, the Company shall be entitled to deduct from the payment arising on a chargeable event an amount equal to the appropriate tax and/or where applicable, to appropriate or cancel such number of Shares held by the Shareholder or the beneficial owner of the Shares as are required to meet the amount of tax. The relevant Shareholder shall indemnify and keep the Company and the Manager indemnified against loss arising to the Company or the Manager by reason of the Company becoming liable to account for tax on the happening of a chargeable event if no such deduction, appropriation or cancellation has been made.

Dividends received by the Company from investment in Irish equities may be subject to Irish dividend withholding tax at the standard rate of income tax (currently 20%). However, the Company can make a declaration to the payer that it is a collective investment undertaking beneficially entitled to the dividends which will entitle the Company to receive such dividends without deduction of Irish dividend withholding tax.

### **Stamp Duty**

No stamp duty is payable in Ireland on the issue, transfer, repurchase or redemption of Shares in the Company. Where any subscription for or redemption of Shares is satisfied by the in specie transfer of securities, property or other types of assets, Irish stamp duty may arise on the transfer of such assets.

No Irish stamp duty will be payable by the Company on the conveyance or transfer of stock or marketable securities provided that the stock or marketable securities in question have not been issued by a company registered in Ireland and provided that the conveyance or transfer does not relate to any immovable property situated in Ireland or any right over or interest in such property or to any stocks or marketable securities of a company (other than a company which is an investment undertaking within the meaning of Section 739B (1) of the Taxes Act or a “qualifying company” within the meaning of Section 110 of the Taxes Act) which is registered in Ireland.

### **Shareholders Tax**

#### *Shares which are held in a Recognised Clearing System*

Any payments to a Shareholder or any encashment, redemption, cancellation or transfer of Shares held in a Recognised Clearing System will not give rise to a chargeable event in the Company (there is however ambiguity in the legislation as to whether the rules outlined in this paragraph with regard to Shares held in a Recognised Clearing System, apply in the case of chargeable events arising on a deemed disposal, therefore, as previously advised, Shareholders should seek their own tax advice in this regard). Thus the Company will not have to deduct any Irish taxes on such payments regardless of whether they are held by Shareholders who are Irish Residents or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland, or whether a non-resident Shareholder has made a Relevant Declaration. However, Shareholders who are Irish Resident or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland or who are not Irish Resident or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland but whose Shares are attributable to a branch or agency in Ireland may still have a liability to account for Irish tax on a distribution or encashment, redemption or transfer of their Shares.

To the extent any Shares are not held in a Recognised Clearing System at the time of a chargeable event (and subject to the point made in the previous paragraph in relation to a chargeable event arising on a deemed disposal), the following tax consequences will typically arise on a chargeable event.

#### *Shareholders who are neither Irish Residents nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland*

The Company will not have to deduct tax on the occasion of a chargeable event in respect of a Shareholder if (a) the Shareholder is neither Irish Resident nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland, (b) the Shareholder has made a Relevant Declaration on or about the time when the Shares are applied for or acquired by the Shareholder and (c) the Company is not in possession of any information which would reasonably suggest that the information contained therein is no longer materially correct. In the absence of either a Relevant Declaration (provided in a timely manner) or the Company satisfying and availing of equivalent measures (see paragraph headed “*Equivalent Measures*” below) tax will arise on the happening of a chargeable event in the Company regardless of the fact that a Shareholder is neither Irish Resident nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland. The appropriate tax that will be deducted is as described below.

To the extent that a Shareholder is acting as an Intermediary on behalf of persons who are neither Irish Resident nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland no tax will have to be deducted by the Company on the occasion of a chargeable event provided that either (i) the Company satisfied and availed of the equivalent measures or (ii) the Intermediary has made a Relevant Declaration that he/she is acting on behalf of such persons and the Company is not in possession of any information which would reasonably suggest that the information contained therein is no longer materially correct.

Shareholders who are neither Irish Residents nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland and either (i) the Company has satisfied and availed of the equivalent measures or (ii) such Shareholders have made Relevant Declarations in respect of which the Company is not in possession of any information which would reasonably suggest that the information contained therein is no longer materially correct, will not be liable to Irish tax in respect of income from their Shares and gains made on the disposal of their Shares. However, any corporate Shareholder which is not Irish Resident and which holds Shares directly or indirectly by or for a trading branch or agency in Ireland will be liable to Irish tax on income from their Shares or gains made on disposals of the Shares.

Where tax is withheld by the Company on the basis that no Relevant Declaration has been filed with the Company by the Shareholder, Irish legislation provides for a refund of tax only to companies within the charge to Irish corporation tax, to certain incapacitated persons and in certain other limited circumstances.

#### *Shareholders who are Irish Residents or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland*

Unless a Shareholder is an Exempt Irish Investor and makes a Relevant Declaration to that effect and the Company is not in possession of any information which would reasonably suggest that the information contained therein is no longer materially correct or unless the Shares are purchased by the Courts Service, tax at the rate of 41% (25% where the Shareholder is a company and an appropriate declaration is in place) will be required to be deducted by the Company from a distribution (where payments are made annually or at more frequent intervals) to a Shareholder who is Irish Resident or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland. Similarly, tax at the rate of 41% (25% where the Shareholder is a company and an appropriate declaration is in place) will have to be deducted by the Company on any other distribution or gain arising to the Shareholder (other than an Exempt Irish Investor who has made a Relevant Declaration) on an encashment, redemption, cancellation, transfer or deemed disposal (see below) of Shares by a Shareholder who is Irish Resident or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland.

The Finance Act 2006 introduced rules (which were subsequently amended by the Finance Act 2008) in relation to an automatic exit tax for Shareholders who are Irish Resident or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland in respect of Shares held by them in the Company at the ending of a Relevant Period. Such Shareholders (both companies and individuals) will be deemed to have disposed of their Shares ("deemed disposal") at the expiration of that Relevant Period and will be charged to tax at the rate of 41% (25% where the Shareholder is a company and an appropriate declaration is in place) on any deemed gain (calculated without the benefit of indexation relief) accruing to them based on the increased value (if any) of the Shares since purchase or since the previous exit tax applied, whichever is later.

For the purposes of calculating if any further tax arises on a subsequent chargeable event (other than chargeable events arising from the ending of a subsequent Relevant Period or where payments are made annually or at more frequent intervals), the preceding deemed disposal is initially ignored and the appropriate tax calculated as normal. Upon calculation of this tax, credit is immediately given against this tax for any tax paid as a result of the preceding deemed disposal. Where the tax arising on the subsequent chargeable event is greater than that which arose on the preceding deemed disposal, the Company will have to deduct the difference. Where the tax arising on the subsequent chargeable event is less than that which arose on the preceding deemed disposal, the Company will refund the Shareholder for the excess (subject to the paragraph headed "*15% threshold*" below).

#### 10% Threshold

The Company will not have to deduct tax ("exit tax") in respect of this deemed disposal where the value of the chargeable shares (i.e. those Shares held by Shareholders to whom the declaration procedures do not apply) in the Company (or in the fund within an umbrella scheme) is less than 10% of the value

of the total Shares in the Company (or in the fund) and the Company has made an election to report certain details in respect of each affected Shareholder to Revenue (the "Affected Shareholder") in each year that the de minimus limit applies. In such a situation the obligation to account for the tax on any gain arising on a deemed disposal will be the responsibility of the Shareholder on a self-assessment basis ("self-assessors") as opposed to the Company or fund (or their service providers). The Company is deemed to have made the election to report once it has advised the Affected Shareholders in writing that it will make the required report.

#### 15 % Threshold

As previously stated where the tax arising on the subsequent chargeable event is less than that which arose on the preceding deemed disposal (e.g. due to a subsequent loss on an actual disposal), the Company will refund the Shareholder the excess. Where however immediately before the subsequent chargeable event, the value of chargeable shares in the Company (or in the fund within an umbrella scheme) does not exceed 15% of the value of the total Shares, the Company (or fund) may elect to have any excess tax arising repaid directly by Revenue to the Shareholder. The Company is deemed to have made this election once it notifies the Shareholder in writing that any repayment due will be made directly by Revenue on receipt of a claim by the Shareholder.

#### *Other*

To avoid multiple deemed disposal events for multiple units an irrevocable election under Section 739D(5B) can be made by the Company to value the Shares held at the 30<sup>th</sup> June or 31<sup>st</sup> December of each year prior to the deemed disposal occurring. While the legislation is ambiguous, it is generally understood that the intention is to permit a fund to group shares in six month batches and thereby make it easier to calculate the exit tax by avoiding having to carry out valuations at various dates during the year resulting in a large administrative burden.

The Irish Revenue Commissioners have provided updated investment undertaking guidance notes which deal with the practical aspects of how the above calculations/objectives will be accomplished.

Shareholders (depending on their own personal tax position) who are Irish Resident or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland may still be required to pay tax or further tax on a distribution or gain arising on an encashment, redemption, cancellation, transfer or deemed disposal of their Shares. Alternatively they may be entitled to a refund of all or part of any tax deducted by the Company on a chargeable event.

#### *Equivalent Measures*

The Finance Act 2010 ("Act") introduced measures commonly referred to as equivalent measures to amend the rules with regard to Relevant Declarations. The position prior to the Act was that no tax would arise on an investment undertaking with regard to chargeable events in respect of a shareholder who was neither Irish Resident nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland at the time of the chargeable event, provided that a Relevant Declaration was in place and the investment undertaking was not in possession of any information which would reasonably suggest that the information contained therein was no longer materially correct. In the absence of a Relevant Declaration there was a presumption that the investor was Irish Resident or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland. The Act however contained provisions that permit the above exemption in respect of shareholders who are not Irish Resident nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland to apply where the investment undertaking is not actively marketed to such investors and appropriate equivalent measures are put in place by the investment undertaking to ensure that such shareholders are not Irish Resident nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland and the investment undertaking has received approval from the Revenue Commissioners in this regard.

#### *Personal Portfolio Investment Undertaking ("PPIU")*

The Finance Act 2007 introduced provisions regarding the taxation of Irish Resident individuals or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland individuals who hold shares in investment undertakings. These provisions introduced the concept of a personal portfolio investment undertaking ("PPIU"). Essentially, an investment undertaking will be considered a PPIU in relation to a specific investor where that investor can influence the selection of some or all of the property held by the investment undertaking either directly or through persons acting on behalf of or connected to the investor. Depending on individuals' circumstances, an investment undertaking may be considered a PPIU in relation to some, none or all

individual investors i.e. it will only be a PPIU in respect of those individuals' who can "influence" selection. Any gain arising on a chargeable event in relation to an investment undertaking which is a PPIU in respect of an individual on or after 20<sup>th</sup> February 2007, will be taxed at the rate of 60%. Specific exemptions apply where the property invested in has been widely marketed and made available to the public or for non-property investments entered into by the investment undertaking. Further restrictions may be required in the case of investments in land or unquoted shares deriving their value from land.

### **Capital Acquisitions Tax**

The disposal of Shares may be subject to Irish gift or inheritance tax (Capital Acquisitions Tax). However, provided that the Company falls within the definition of investment undertaking (within the meaning of Section 739B (1) of the Taxes Act), the disposal of Shares by a Shareholder is not liable to Capital Acquisitions Tax provided that (a) at the date of the gift or inheritance, the donee or successor is neither domiciled nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland; (b) at the date of the disposition, the Shareholder disposing ("disponer") of the Shares is neither domiciled nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland; and (c) the Shares are comprised in the gift or inheritance at the date of such gift or inheritance and at the valuation date.

With regard to Irish tax residency for Capital Acquisitions Tax purposes, special rules apply for non-Irish domiciled persons. A non-Irish domiciled donee or disponer will not be deemed to be resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland at the relevant date unless;

- i) that person has been resident in Ireland for the 5 consecutive years of assessment immediately preceding the year of assessment in which that date falls; and
- ii) that person is either resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland on that date.

### **European Union – Taxation of Savings Income Directive**

On 10 November 2015 the Council of the European Union adopted a Council Directive repealing the Savings Directive from 1 January 2017 in the case of Austria and from 1 January 2016 in the case of all other Member States (subject to on-going requirements to fulfil administrative obligations such as reporting and exchange of information relating to and account for withholding taxes on payments made before those dates). This is to prevent overlap between the Savings Directive and the new automatic exchange of information regime to be implemented under Council Directive 2011/16/EU on Administrative Cooperation in the field of Taxation (as amended by Council Directive 2014/107/EU) (see section entitled "Common Reporting Standards ("CRS") – Customer Information Notice" below).

### **Compliance with US reporting and withholding requirements**

The foreign account tax compliance provisions ("FATCA") of the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act 2010 represent an expansive information reporting regime enacted by the United States ("US") aimed at ensuring that Specified US Persons with financial assets outside the US are paying the correct amount of US tax. FATCA will generally impose a withholding tax of up to 30% with respect to certain US source income (including dividends and interest) and gross proceeds from the sale or other disposal of property that can produce US source interest or dividends paid to a foreign financial institution ("FFI") unless the FFI enters directly into a contract ("FFI agreement") with the US Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") or alternatively the FFI is located in a Irish IGA country (please see below). An FFI agreement will impose obligations on the FFI including disclosure of certain information about US investors directly to the IRS and the imposition of withholding tax in the case of non-compliant investors. For these purposes the Company would fall within the definition of a FFI for the purpose of FATCA.

In recognition of both the fact that the stated policy objective of FATCA is to achieve reporting (as opposed to being solely the collecting of withholding tax) and the difficulties which may arise in certain jurisdictions with respect to compliance with FATCA by FFIs, the US developed an intergovernmental approach to the implementation of FATCA. In this regard the Irish and US Governments signed an intergovernmental agreement ("Irish IGA") on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2012 and provisions were included in Finance Act 2013 for the implementation of the Irish IGA and also to permit regulations to be made by the Irish Revenue Commissioners with regard to registration and reporting requirements arising from the Irish IGA. In this regard, the Revenue Commissioners (in conjunction with the Department of

Finance) have issued Regulations – S.I. No. 292 of 2014 which is effective from 1 July 2014. Supporting Guidance Notes (which will be updated on an ad-hoc basis) were issued by the Irish Revenue Commissioners on 1 October 2014.

The Irish IGA is intended to reduce the burden for Irish FFIs of complying with FATCA by simplifying the compliance process and minimising the risk of withholding tax. Under the Irish IGA, information about relevant US investors will be provided on an annual basis by each Irish FFI (unless the FFI is exempted from the FATCA requirements) directly to the Irish Revenue Commissioners. The Irish Revenue Commissioners will then provide such information to the IRS (by the 30<sup>th</sup> September of the following year) without the need for the FFI to enter into a FFI agreement with the IRS. Nevertheless, the FFI will generally be required to register with the IRS to obtain a Global Intermediary Identification Number commonly referred to as a GIIN.

Under the Irish IGA, FFIs should generally not be required to apply 30% withholding tax. To the extent the Company does suffer US withholding tax on its investments as a result of FATCA, the Directors may take any action in relation to an investor's investment in the Company ensure that such withholding is economically borne by the relevant investor whose failure to provide the necessary information or to become a participating FFI gave rise to the withholding.

Prospective investors and Shareholders should consult their own tax advisor regarding the requirements under FATCA with respect to their own situation.

### **Common Reporting Standards**

On 14 July 2014, the OECD issued the Standard for Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information (“the Standard”) which therein contains the Common Reporting Standard (“CRS”). The subsequent introduction of the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement on Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information and the EU Council Directive 2014/107/EU (amending Council Directive 2011/16/EU) provides the international framework for the implementation of the CRS by Participating Jurisdictions. In this regard, the CRS was implemented into Irish law by the inclusion of relevant provisions in Finance Act 2014 and 2015 and the issuance of Regulation S.I. No. 583 of 2015.

The main objective of the CRS is to provide for the annual automatic exchange of certain financial account information between relevant tax authorities of Participating Jurisdictions

The CRS draws extensively on the intergovernmental approach used for the purposes of implementing FATCA and, as such, there are significant similarities between both reporting mechanisms. However, whereas FATCA essentially only requires reporting of specific information in relation to Specified US Persons to the IRS, the CRS has a significantly wider ambit due to the multiple jurisdictions participating in the regime.

Broadly speaking, the CRS will require Irish Financial Institutions to identify Account Holders resident in other Participating Jurisdictions and to report specific information in relation to these Account Holders to the Irish Revenue Commissioners on an annual basis (which, in turn, will provide this information to the relevant tax authorities where the Account Holder is resident). In this regard, please note that the Company will be considered an Irish Financial Institution for the purposes of the CRS.

For further information on the CRS requirements of the Company, please refer to the below “Customer Information Notice”.

Prospective investors and Shareholders should consult their own tax advisor regarding the requirements under CRS with respect to their own situation.

### *Customer Information Notice*

The Company intends to take such steps as may be required to satisfy any obligations imposed by (i) the Standard and, specifically, the CRS therein or (ii) any provisions imposed under Irish law arising from the Standard or any international law implementing the Standard (to include the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement on Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information or the EU Council Directive 2014/107/EU (amending Council Directive 2011/16/EU)) so as to ensure compliance

or deemed compliance (as the case may be) with the Standard and the CRS therein from 1 January 2016.

The Company is obliged under Section 891F and Section 891G of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 (as amended) and regulations made pursuant to that section to collect certain information about each Shareholder's tax arrangements.

In certain circumstances the Company may be legally obliged to share this information and other financial information with respect to a Shareholder's interests in the Company with the Irish Revenue Commissioners. In turn, and to the extent the account has been identified as a Reportable Account, the Irish Revenue Commissioners will exchange this information with the country of residence of the Reportable Person(s) in respect of that Reportable Account.

In particular, the following information will be reported by the Company to the Irish Revenue Commissioners in respect of each Reportable Account maintained by the Company;

- The name, address, jurisdiction of residence, tax identification number and date and place of birth (in the case of an individual) of each Reportable Person that is an Account Holder of the account and, in the case of any Entity that is an Account Holder and that, after application of the due diligence procedures consistent with CRS is identified as having one or more Controlling Persons that is a Reportable Person, the name, address, jurisdiction of residence and tax identification number of the Entity and the name, address, jurisdiction of residence, TIN and date and place of birth of each such Reportable Person.
- The account number (or functional equivalent in the absence of an account number);
- The account balance or value as of the end of the relevant calendar year or other appropriate reporting period or, if the account was closed during such year or period, the closure of the account;
- The total gross amount paid or credited to the Account Holder with respect to the account during the calendar year or other appropriate reporting period with respect to which the Reporting Financial Institution is the obligor or debtor, including the aggregate amount of any redemption payments made to the Account Holder during the calendar year or other appropriate reporting period;
- The currency in which each amount is denominated.

Please note that in certain limited circumstances it may not be necessary to report the tax identification number and date of birth of a Reportable Person.

In addition to the above, the Irish Revenue Commissioners and Irish Data Protection Commissioner have confirmed that Irish Financial Institutions (such as the Company) may adopt the "wider approach" for CRS. This allows the Company to collect data relating to the country of residence and the tax identification number from all non-Irish resident Shareholders. The Company can send this data to the Irish Revenue Commissioners who will determine whether the country of origin is a Participating Jurisdiction for CRS purposes and, if so, exchange data with them. Revenue will delete any data for non-Participating Jurisdictions.

The Irish Revenue Commissioners and the Irish Data Protection Commissioner have confirmed that this wider approach can be undertaken for a set 2-3 year period pending the resolution of the final CRS list of Participating Jurisdictions.

Shareholders can obtain more information on the Company's tax reporting obligations on the website of the Irish Revenue Commissioners (which is available at <http://www.revenue.ie/en/business/aeoi/index.html>) or the following link in the case of CRS only: <http://www.oecd.org/tax/automatic-exchange/>.

All capitalised terms above, unless otherwise defined in this paragraph, shall have the same meaning as they have in the Standard and EU Council Directive 2014/107/EU (as applicable).

## **UK Reporting Fund Status**

Certification as a “reporting fund” under the Offshore Funds (Tax) Regulations 2009 for the purposes of taxation in the UK will be sought in relation to all GBP denominated Share Classes in all Funds of the Company and also for certain Share Classes in other denominations. The affairs of the Funds will be conducted so as to maintain this status.

In order to obtain certification as a reporting fund, the “reportable income” of the relevant Share Class for each period of account must be reported to its investors and to HM Revenue & Customs (“HMRC”). Investors will be liable to tax on their proportionate share of the “reportable income” of the Fund, whether or not that income is in fact distributed to them. The reporting fund regime took effect from 1 December 2009 subject to transitional arrangements for offshore funds existing at that time.

The effect of certification as a reporting fund would be that any gains arising to Shareholders resident or ordinarily resident in the UK on a sale, redemption or other disposal of the relevant Shares should be taxed as capital gains and not as income.

There can be no guarantee or assurance that the law and regulations governing reporting fund status, or the interpretation of them, will remain the same. Investors are advised to seek their own specialist advice in relation to how (if at all) these rules will affect them. There can be no guarantee or assurance that the law and regulations governing reporting fund status, or the interpretation of them, will remain the same. Investors are advised to seek their own specialist advice in relation to how (if at all) these rules will affect them.

## **GENERAL**

### **Conflicts of Interest and Best Execution**

The Manager has adopted a policy designed to ensure that in the appointment of the Administrator, Depositary, Investment Manager or other parties and in all transactions, a reasonable effort is made to avoid conflicts of interest, and when they cannot be avoided, such conflicts are managed so that the Funds and their Shareholders are fairly treated. The Directors, the Manager, the Investment Manager, the Depositary, the Administrator, any Investment Adviser (and any affiliate through whom it executes transactions on behalf of the Company) and the Administrator may from time to time act as investment manager, depositary, registrar, administrator, investment adviser, distributor or dealer in relation to, or be otherwise involved in, other funds established by parties other than the Company which have similar investment objectives to those of the Company. Subject to applicable law under the terms of this Prospectus any service provider may acquire, hold, dispose or otherwise deal in Shares. It is, therefore, possible that any of them may, in the course of business, have potential conflicts of interests with the Company. Each will, at all times, have regard in such event to its obligations to the Company and will ensure that such conflicts are resolved fairly. In addition, any of the foregoing may deal, as principal or agent, with the Company in respect of the assets of the Company, provided that such dealings are carried out as if effected on normal commercial terms negotiated on an arm's length basis. Transactions must be consistent with the best interests of Shareholders.

The Manager has adopted a policy designed to ensure that its service providers act in the Funds' best interests when executing decisions to deal and placing orders to deal on behalf of those Funds in the context of managing the Funds' portfolios. For these purposes, all reasonable steps must be taken to obtain the best possible result for the Funds, taking into account price, costs, speed, likelihood of execution and settlement, order size and nature, research services provided by the broker to the Investment Manager or the Investment Adviser, or any other consideration relevant to the execution of the order. Information about the Company's execution policy and any material change to the policy is available to Shareholders at no charge upon request.

Dealings will be deemed to have been effected on normal commercial terms negotiated at arm's length if (a) the value of the transaction is certified by a person who has been approved by the Depositary as being independent and competent (or a person who has been approved by the Manager as being independent and competent in the case of transactions involving the Depositary); or (b) the relevant transaction is executed on best terms on an organised investment exchange in accordance with the rules of such exchange; or (c) where the conditions set out in (a) and (b) above are not practical, the Depositary is satisfied that the transaction is conducted at arm's length and is in the best interests of

Shareholders (or in the case of a transaction involving the Depositary, the Manager is satisfied that the transaction is conducted at arm's length and is in the best interests of Shareholders).

The Depositary (or the Manager in the case of transactions involving the Depositary) must document how it has complied with the provisions of paragraph (a), (b) or (c) above. Where transactions are conducted in accordance with (c) above, the Depositary (or the Manager in the case of transactions involving the Depositary) must document their rationale for being satisfied that the transaction conformed to the principles outlined above.

It is proposed that soft commissions may be paid to brokers in respect of a Fund. The brokers or counterparties to the soft commission arrangements have agreed to provide best execution to the Company. The benefits provided under the arrangements will assist in the provision of investment services to the Fund. Details of the soft commission arrangements will be disclosed in the annual and half-yearly reports of the Company.

## **Share Capital**

The share capital of the Company shall at all times equal the Net Asset Value. The initial capital of the Company was EUR 38,082 represented by 30,000 Subscriber Shares of no par value. For the period of five years from the date of incorporation, the Directors are empowered to issue up to five hundred billion Shares of no par value in the Company at the Net Asset Value per Share on such terms as they may think fit.

The proceeds from the issue of Shares shall be applied in the books of the Company to the relevant Fund and shall be used in the acquisition, on behalf of the relevant Fund, of assets in which the Fund may invest. The records and accounts of each Fund shall be maintained separately. The Directors reserve the right to redesignate any Class of Shares from time to time, provided that Shareholders in that Class shall first have been notified by the Company that the Shares will be redesignated and shall have been given the opportunity to have their Shares repurchased by the Company, except that this requirement shall not apply where the Directors redesignate Shares in issue in order to facilitate the creation of an additional Class of Shares.

Each of the Shares entitles the Shareholder to participate equally on a pro rata basis in the dividends and net assets of the Company, save in the case of dividends declared prior to becoming a Shareholder. The Subscriber Shares' entitlement shall be limited to the amount subscribed and any accrued income thereon.

Each of the Shares entitles the holder to attend and vote at meetings of the Company. No Class of Shares confers on the holder thereof any preferential or pre-emptive rights or any rights to participate in the profits and dividends of any other Class of Shares or any voting rights in relation to matters relating solely to any other Class of Shares.

Any resolution to alter the class rights of the Shares requires the approval of three quarters of the holders of the Shares represented or present and voting at a general meeting duly convened in accordance with the Articles of Association.

The Articles of Association of the Company empower the Directors to issue fractional Shares in the Company. Fractional Shares may be issued to the nearest one thousandth of a Share and shall not carry any voting rights at general meetings of the Company and the Net Asset Value of any fractional Share shall be the Net Asset Value per Share adjusted in proportion to the fraction.

All but seven of the Subscriber Shares have been repurchased by the Company. The Subscriber Shares entitle the Shareholders holding them to attend and vote at all meetings of the Company.

The Company is an umbrella fund with segregated liability between Funds and each Fund may comprise one or more Classes of Shares in the Company. The Directors may, from time to time, upon the prior approval of the Central Bank, establish further funds by the issue of one or more separate Classes of Shares on such terms as the Directors may resolve. The Directors may, from time to time, in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, establish one or more separate Classes of Shares within each Fund on such terms as the Directors may resolve.



The assets and liabilities of each Fund will be allocated in the following manner:

- (a) the proceeds from the issue of Shares representing a Fund shall be applied in the books of the Company to the Fund and the assets and liabilities and income and expenditure attributable thereto shall be applied to such Fund subject to the provisions of the Memorandum and Articles of Association;
- (b) where any asset is derived from another asset, such derivative asset shall be applied in the books of the Company to the same Fund as the assets from which it was derived and in each valuation of an asset, the increase or diminution in value shall be applied to the relevant Fund;
- (c) where the Company incurs a liability which relates to any asset of a particular Fund or to any action taken in connection with an asset of a particular Fund, such a liability shall be allocated to the relevant Fund, as the case may be; and
- (d) where an asset or a liability of the Company cannot be considered as being attributable to a particular Fund, such asset or liability, subject to the approval of the Depositary, shall be allocated to all the Funds pro rata to the Net Asset Value of each Fund.

Any liability incurred on behalf of or attributable to any Fund shall be discharged solely out of the assets of that Fund, and neither the Company nor any Director, receiver, examiner, liquidator, provisional liquidator or other person shall apply, nor be obliged to apply, the assets of any such Fund in satisfaction of any liability incurred on behalf of, or attributable to, any other Fund.

There shall be implied in every contract, agreement, arrangement or transaction entered into by the Company the following terms, that:

- (i) the party or parties contracting with the Company shall not seek, whether in any proceedings or by any other means whatsoever or wheresoever, to have recourse to any assets of any Fund in the discharge of all or any part of a liability which was not incurred on behalf of that Fund;
- (ii) if any party contracting with the Company shall succeed by any means whatsoever or wheresoever in having recourse to any assets of any Fund in the discharge of all or any part of a liability which was not incurred on behalf of that Fund, that party shall be liable to the Company to pay a sum equal to the value of the benefit thereby obtained by it; and
- (iii) if any party contracting with the Company shall succeed in seizing or attaching by any means, or otherwise levying execution against, the assets of a Fund in respect of a liability which was not incurred on behalf of that Fund, that party shall hold those assets or the direct or indirect proceeds of the sale of such assets on trust for the Company and shall keep those assets or proceeds separate and identifiable as such trust property.

All sums recoverable by the Company shall be credited against any concurrent liability pursuant to the implied terms set out in (i) to (iii) above.

Any asset or sum recovered by the Company shall, after the deduction or payment of any costs of recovery, be applied so as to compensate the Fund.

In the event that assets attributable to a Fund are taken in execution of a liability not attributable to that Fund, and in so far as such assets or compensation in respect thereof cannot otherwise be restored to the Fund affected, the Directors, with the consent of the Depositary, shall certify or cause to be certified, the value of the assets lost to the Fund affected and transfer or pay from the assets of the Fund or Funds to which the liability was attributable, in priority to all other claims against such Fund or Funds, assets or sums sufficient to restore to the Fund affected, the value of the assets or sums lost to it.

A Fund is not a legal person separate from the Company but the Company may sue and be sued in respect of a particular Fund and may exercise the same rights of set-off, if any, as between its Funds as apply at law in respect of companies and the property of a Fund is subject to orders of the court as it would have been if the Fund were a separate legal person.

Separate records shall be maintained in respect of each Fund.

### **Meetings**

All general meetings of the Company shall be held in Ireland. In each year the Company shall hold a general meeting as its annual general meeting. The quorum for any general meeting convened to consider any alteration to the class rights of the Shares shall be such number of Shareholders being two or more persons whose holdings comprise one third of the Shares. The quorum for meetings other than a meeting to consider changes in class rights shall be two persons present in person or by proxy. Twenty-one days' notice (excluding the day of posting and the day of the meeting) shall be given in respect of each general meeting of the Company. The notice shall specify the venue and time of the meeting and the business to be transacted at the meeting. A proxy may attend on behalf of any Shareholder. An ordinary resolution is a resolution passed by a simple majority of votes cast and a special resolution is a resolution passed by a majority of 75 per cent. or more of the votes cast. The Articles of Association provide that matters may be determined by a meeting of Shareholders on a show of hands unless a poll is requested by five Shareholders or by Shareholders holding 10 per cent. or more of the Shares or unless the Chairman of the meeting requests a poll. On a show of hands a Shareholder is entitled to one vote. Each Share (including the Subscriber Shares) gives the holder one vote in relation to any matters relating to the Company which are submitted to Shareholders for a vote by poll.

### **Reports**

In each year the Directors shall cause to be prepared an annual report and audited annual accounts for the Company within four months of the end of the year. In addition, the Company shall cause to be prepared within two months of the end of the relevant period a half-yearly report which shall include unaudited half-yearly accounts for the Company.

Annual accounts shall be made up to 31 December in each year. The unaudited half-yearly accounts of the Company shall be made up to 30 June in each year.

Audited annual reports incorporating financial statements shall be published within four months of the end of the year. Both the audited annual report and the unaudited half-yearly reports shall be made available for inspection electronically on [www.merian.com](http://www.merian.com), a public website, and in hard copy at the registered office of the Administrator and the Company and shall be supplied to Shareholders free of charge on request.

### **Portfolio Holdings Disclosure Policy**

The Company has adopted a policy generally permitting the disclosure of portfolio holdings information to Shareholders 60 Business Days after the end of each calendar quarter. A list of each Fund's portfolio holdings as at the quarter end shall be made available to Shareholders upon request from the Administrator after 60 Business Days. The portfolio holdings information will be made available to Shareholders free of charge from the Administrator and will remain available until the information for the following quarter becomes available.

The Company may also provide portfolio holdings information to other entities that have a legitimate business interest in receiving such information on a confidential basis within 60 Business Days of a calendar quarter-end.

### **Mandatory Repurchase of Shares and Forfeiture of Dividend**

If a repurchase causes a Shareholder's holding in the Company to fall below the Minimum Holding the Company may repurchase the whole of that Shareholder's holding. Before doing so, the Company shall notify the Shareholder in writing and allow the Shareholder 30 days to purchase additional Shares to

meet the minimum requirement. The Company reserves the right in the future to vary this mandatory repurchase amount.

Shareholders are required to notify the Company or its delegate immediately in the event that they become Irish Residents or US Persons. Shareholders who become US Persons will be required to dispose of their Shares on the next Dealing Day thereafter to non-US Persons. The Company reserves the right to repurchase any Shares which are or become owned, directly or indirectly, by a US Person or if the holding of the Shares by any person is unlawful or detrimental to the interests of the Company.

The Company may repurchase Shares where during a period of six years no cheque in respect of any dividend on the Shares has been cashed and require the Company to hold the repurchase monies in a separate interest-bearing account which shall be a permanent debt of the Company.

### **Termination**

All of the Shares of a Share Class, Fund or of the Company may be repurchased by the Company in the following circumstances:

- (i) if 75 per cent. of the holders of the Shares by value voting at a general meeting of the Company of which not more than six and not less than four weeks' notice has been given, approve the repurchase of the Shares;
- (ii) if so determined by the Directors, provided that no less than one month's written notice has been given to all the Shareholders of the Company, fund or class, as appropriate, the Company may repurchase all of the shares of the Company, or the fund or class, as applicable; or
- (iii) on 31 December, 2005, or on any fifth anniversary thereof, provided that notice of not less than four and not more than six weeks has been given to the holders of the Shares and all of the Shares shall be repurchased by the Company; or
- (iv) if no replacement depositary shall have been appointed during the period of three months commencing on the date the Depositary or any replacement thereof shall have notified the Company of its desire to retire as depositary or shall have ceased to be approved by the Central Bank; or
- (v) if the Shareholders do not authorise the Directors to issue further Shares in the Company at any general meeting at which a resolution approving such authorisation is proposed.

Where a repurchase of Shares would result in the number of Shareholders falling below seven or such other minimum number stipulated by statute or where a repurchase of Shares would result in the issued share capital of the Company falling below such minimum amount as the Company may be obliged to maintain pursuant to applicable law, the Company may defer the repurchase of the minimum number of Shares sufficient to ensure compliance with applicable law. The repurchase of such Shares will be deferred until the Company is wound up or until the Company procures the issue of sufficient Shares to ensure that the repurchase can be effected. The Company shall be entitled to select the Shares for deferred repurchase in such manner as it may deem to be fair and reasonable and as may be approved by the Depositary.

On a winding up of the Company, the assets available for distribution (after satisfaction of creditors' claims) shall be applied in the following priority:-

- (i) firstly, in the payment to the Shareholders of each Class of each Fund of a sum in the Base Currency in which that Class is denominated or in any other currency selected by the liquidator as nearly as possible equal (at a rate of exchange reasonably determined by the liquidator) to the Net Asset Value of the Shares of such Class held by such holders respectively as at the date of commencement of the winding up provided that there are sufficient assets available in the relevant Fund to enable such payment to be made. In the event that, as regards any Class of Shares, there are insufficient assets available in the relevant Fund to enable such payment to be made, recourse shall be had to the assets of the Company not comprised within any of the Funds;

- (ii) secondly, in the payment to the holders of the Subscriber Shares of sums up to the amount paid thereon (plus any interest accrued) out of the assets of the Company not comprised within any Funds remaining after any recourse thereto under paragraph (i) above. In the event that there are insufficient assets as aforesaid to enable such payment in full to be made, no recourse shall be had to the assets comprised within any of the Funds;
- (iii) thirdly, in the payment to the Shareholders of any balance then remaining in the relevant Fund, such payment being made in proportion to the number of Shares held; and
- (iv) fourthly, in the payment to the Shareholders of any balance then remaining and not comprised within any of the Funds, such payment being made in proportion to the value of each Fund and within each Fund to the value of each Class and in proportion to the Net Asset Value per Share.

### **Voting Policy**

The Manager is required to develop an adequate and effective strategy for determining when and how voting rights attached to instruments held in the Funds are to be exercised, to the exclusive benefit of the Company. The exercise of voting rights must be in accordance with the relevant investment objective and policy of the relevant Fund. Procedures should be in place to prevent and/or manage any conflicts of interest arising from the exercise of voting rights.

The policy sets out measures and procedures for:

- (i) monitoring relevant corporate events;
- (ii) ensuring that the exercise of voting rights is in accordance with the investment objectives and policy of the Fund; and
- (iii) preventing or managing any conflicts of interest from the exercise of voting rights.

The Manager will be responsible for the implementation of this policy. The Directors will receive confirmation on an annual basis that the policy is operating as described.

The Manager's policy aims to ensure that the interests of the shareholders of the Company are protected and promoted. Other major decisions will be considered on their individual merits, including whether to vote against or abstain from voting, on a case by case basis.

The Manager may further delegate the exercise of voting rights in relation to underlying investments to the Investment Manager (who in turn may delegate to the relevant Fund's Investment Adviser which itself shall have an appropriate voting policy). Further details of the Manager's voting policy (or where applicable the Investment Manager's voting policy or an Investment Adviser's voting policy) for a Fund along with records of voting are available on request from the Manager.

### **Complaints**

Information regarding the Manager's complaint procedures is available to Shareholders free of charge upon request. Shareholders may file any complaints about the Company or a Fund free of charge at the registered office of the Manager.

### **Miscellaneous**

The Directors confirm and report that the Company was incorporated on 2 September, 1997.

The Company is not engaged in any legal or arbitration proceedings since its incorporation and no legal or arbitration proceedings are known to the Directors to be pending or threatened by or against the Company.

There are no service contracts in existence between the Company and any of its Directors, nor are any such contracts proposed.

Save as disclosed herein, none of the Directors nor any connected person is interested in any contract or arrangement subsisting at the date hereof which is significant in relation to the business of the Company.

At the date of this Prospectus, neither the Directors nor their spouses nor their infant children have any direct or indirect interest in the share capital of the Company or any options in respect of such capital.

No share or loan capital of the Company is under option or is agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be put under option.

Save as disclosed herein at the section entitled "Fees and Expenses", no commissions, discounts, brokerage or other special terms have been granted by the Company in relation to Shares issued by the Company.

### **Material Contracts**

The following contracts, details of which are set out in the section entitled "Management and Administration", have been entered into and are, or may be, material:-

- The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager/Distributor and the Investment Manager pursuant to which the Manager/Distributor acts as manager and lead distributor of the Company and the Investment Manager acts as investment manager and sub-distributor of the Company.
- The amended and restated Depositary Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company and the Depositary pursuant to which the Depositary was appointed as Depositary of the Company's assets subject to the overall supervision of the Company. The Depositary Agreement may be terminated by either party on 90 days written notice or forthwith by notice in writing in certain circumstances such as the unremedied material breach after service of written notice provided that the Depositary shall continue to act as Depositary until a successor Depositary approved by the Central Bank is appointed by the Company or the Company's authorisation by the Central Bank is revoked. The Depositary has the power to delegate its duties but its liability will not be affected by the fact that it has entrusted to a third party some or all of the assets in its safekeeping.

The Depositary Agreement provides that the Depositary (which expression shall also include its directors, employees, servants, agents and any sub-depositary or securities system) shall be indemnified by the Company and held harmless from and against all or any losses, liabilities, demands, damages, costs, claims or expenses whatsoever and howsoever arising (including without limitation, reasonable legal fees on a full indemnity basis and other costs, charges and expenses incurred in enforcing or attempting to enforce this indemnity) which the Depositary may suffer or incur in acting as Depositary (including, without limitation, acting on proper instructions) other than by reason of (i) loss of financial instruments held in custody (unless the loss has arisen as a result of an external event beyond the control of the Depositary) and/or (ii) the Depositary's negligent or intentional failure to properly fulfil its obligations under the Central Bank UCITS Regulations.

- The Administration Agreement dated 31 October, 2019, between the Manager, the Company and the Administrator pursuant to which the latter acts as administrator, registrar and transfer agent of the Company.
- The Paying Agency Agreement dated 21 December, 2007 as amended, novated or replaced from time to time between the Manager and Erste Bank der Oesterreichischen Sparkassen AG in relation to the Company in Austria.
- The Hong Kong Representative Agreement dated 19 April, 2013 between the Company as amended, novated or replaced from time to time between the Manager and Merian Global Investors (Asia Pacific) Limited (formerly known as Old Mutual Global Investors (Asia Pacific) Limited).
- The French Centralising and Financial Agency Agreement dated dated 5 February, 2010 as amended, novated or replaced from time to time between the Manager and BNP Paribas Securities Services.

- The Facilities Agent Agreement dated 19 April, 2013 as amended, novated or replaced from time to time between the Manager and Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited.
- The Fund Representation Agreement dated 19 April, 2013 as amended, novated or replaced between the Manager, Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited and First Independent Fund Services Limited in Switzerland.
- The Paying Agency Agreement dated 19 April, 2013 as amended, novated or replaced from time to time between the Manager, the Depositary and BNP Paribas Securities Services, Paris succursale de Zurich in Switzerland.
- The Administration and Service Agreement dated 19 April, 2013 as amended, novated or replaced from time to time between the Manager and Larrain Vial S.A. Corredora de Bolsa.
- The Administration and Service Agreement dated 19 April, 2013 as amended, novated or replaced from time to time between the Manager and Cruz del Sur, Augusto Leguía 70, piso 5, Las Condes, Santiago, Chile.
- The German Information Agency Agreement dated 19 September, 2018 as amended, novated or replaced from time to time between the Manager and Gerfis in relation to the Company in Germany.
- The Paying Agency Agreement dated 19 April, 2013 as amended, novated or replaced from time to time between the Manager and BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch in relation to the Company in Luxembourg.
- The Paying Agency Agreement dated 29 May, 2014 as amended, novated or replaced from time to time between the Manager, Citibank International Limited, Ireland Branch, Allfunds Bank, S.A.U., Milan Branch and the Company in relation to the Company in Italy.
- The Agreement for the Performance of the Services as Italian Paying Agent and Investor Relations Activities dated 22 December, 2015 as amended, novated or replaced from time to time between the Manager and SGSS S.p.A., in relation to the Company in Italy.
- Amendment to the French Centralising and Financial Agency Agreement dated 30 July, 2014 as further amended, novated or replaced from time to time between BNP Paribas Securities Services and the Manager.
- Financial Service Agreement between the Manager and CACEIS Belgium SA dated 21 June, 2016 as amended, novated or replaced from time to time.
- The Paying Agent Agreement dated 28 November 2017 as amended, novated or replaced from time to time between the Manager and Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) in relation to the Company in Sweden.

The following documents may be provided in a durable medium (which shall include in writing and/or by electronic mail) or in an electronic format on [www.merian.com](http://www.merian.com) or such other website as the Manager may notify to Shareholders in advance from time to time). A copy of such documents shall be provided to Shareholders on request, free of charge:

- this Prospectus
- once published, the latest annual and half yearly reports of the Company
- key investor information document

In addition, copies of the following documents may be obtained free of charge from the registered office of the Company in Ireland during normal business hours, on any Business Day:

- the Memorandum and Articles of Association

- once published, the latest annual and half yearly reports of the Company

An up-to-date version of the key investor information document shall be made available for access in an electronic format on [www.merian.com](http://www.merian.com). In the event that the Company proposes to register one or more Funds for public offering in other EU Member States, it shall make the following additional documentation available on such website:

- this Prospectus
- once published, the latest annual and half yearly reports of the Company
- the Memorandum and Articles of Association

## SCHEDULE I

### The Regulated Markets

With the exception of permitted investments in unlisted securities, investments will be restricted to the following stock exchanges and markets. For the purposes of this Schedule I, reference to “unlisted securities” may include securities that are listed on a market or exchange where such exchange is not set out in the below list in accordance with Regulation 68(1)(c) and 68(2)(a) of the Regulations. The Regulated Markets shall comprise:-

- (i) any stock exchange in the EU and also any investments listed, quoted or dealt in on any stock exchange in the UK, Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Norway or Switzerland which is a stock exchange within the meaning of the law of the country concerned relating to stock exchanges;
- (ii) any exchange registered with the SEC as a National Stock Exchange, NASDAQ, the over-the-counter market in the US regulated by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; the market known as the “Grey Book Market”, that is the market conducted by those persons for the time being included in the list maintained by the FCA for the purposes of section 43 of the Financial Services Act, 1986 under the conditions imposed by the FCA under that section conducted by listed money market institutions as described in the Bank of England publication entitled “The Regulation of the Wholesale Cash and OTC Derivatives Markets in Sterling, Foreign Exchange and Bullion” dated April, 1988 (as amended or revised from time to time); the over-the-counter market in Tokyo regulated by the Securities Dealers Association of Japan; the market organised by the ICMA; the market in US government securities conducted by primary dealers regulated by the Federal Reserve Bank in New York; the French market for “Titres de Créances Négociables” (over-the-counter market in negotiable debt instruments) and the over-the-counter market in Canadian Government Bonds, regulated by the Investment Dealers Association of Canada;
- (iii) all of the following stock exchanges and markets: the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, the Bombay Stock Exchange, the Bursa Malaysia, the Singapore Exchange, the Taiwan Stock Exchange, the Taipei Exchange, the Stock Exchange of Thailand, the Korea Exchange, the Shanghai Stock Exchange, the Philippines Stock Exchange, the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (SZSE), the Cairo and Alexandria Stock Exchange, the National Stock Exchange of India, the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), the Indonesia Stock Exchange, the Amman Financial Market, the Nairobi Stock Exchange, the Bolsa Mexicana de Valores, the Casablanca Stock Exchange, the Namibia Stock Exchange, the Nigeria Stock Exchange, the Pakistan Stock Exchange, the Russian Exchange\*, the Colombo Stock Exchange, the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (MVBA), the Bogota Stock Exchange, the Medellin Stock Exchange, the Lima Stock Exchange, the Caracas Stock Exchange, the Valencia Stock Exchange, the Santiago Stock Exchange, the Bolsa Electronica de Chile, the Sao Paulo Stock Exchange, the Rio de Janeiro Stock Exchange, the Stock Exchange of Mauritius Ltd., the Istanbul Stock Exchange, the Botswana Stock Exchange, the Beirut Stock Exchange, the Lahore Stock Exchange, the Ho Chi Minh Stock Exchange, the Ghana Stock Exchange, the Tunis Stock Exchange, the Ukrainian Stock Exchange, the Hanoi Stock Exchange, the Chittagong Stock Exchange, the Dhaka Stock Exchange, the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, the Uganda Securities Exchange, the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange, the Qatar Stock Exchange, the Dubai Financial Market, the NASDAQ Dubai Limited, the Saudi Stock Exchange (Tadawul), the Belgrade Stock Exchange, the Bolsa de Valores de Panamá, the Lusaka Stock Exchange, the Kazakhstan Stock Exchange JSC and the Bolsa de Valores de Costa Rica.

\*Comprising the Russian Trading System Stock Exchange and the Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange (MICEX).

- (iv) for investments in financial derivative instruments:-

the market organised by the ICMA; the over-the-counter market in the US conducted by primary and secondary dealers regulated by the SEC and by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. and by banking institutions regulated by the US Comptroller of the Currency, the



Federal Reserve System or Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; the market conducted by listed money market institutions as described in the FCA publication entitled “The Regulation of the Wholesale Cash and OTC Derivatives Markets”: “The Grey Paper” (as amended or revised from time to time); the over-the-counter market in Japan regulated by the Securities Dealers Association of Japan; AIM - the Alternative Investment Market in the UK, regulated by the London Stock Exchange; the French Market for Titres de Créances Négociables (over-the-counter market in negotiable debt instruments); the over-the-counter market in Canadian Government Bonds regulated by the Investment Dealers Association of Canada; and

American Stock Exchange, Australian Securities Exchange, Bolsa Mexicana de Valores, Bombay Stock Exchange, Bursa Malaysia Derivatives, Chicago Board of Trade, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Copenhagen Stock Exchange (including FUTOP), Eurex Deutschland, Euronext Amsterdam, OMX Exchange Helsinki, Hong Kong Futures Exchange, Kansas City Board of Trade, Korea Exchange, Financial Futures and Options Exchange, Euronext Paris, MEFF Rent Fiji, MEFF Renta Variable, Montreal Stock Exchange, National Stock Exchange of India New York Futures Exchange, New York Mercantile Exchange, New York Stock Exchange, New Zealand Futures and Options Exchange, OMLX: The London Securities and Derivatives Exchange, OM Stockholm AB, Osaka Exchange, Pacific Stock Exchange, Philadelphia Board of Trade, Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Singapore Exchange, South Africa Futures Exchange (SAFEX), The National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations System (NASDAQ), Thailand Futures Exchange, Tokyo Stock Exchange, TSX Group Exchange.

These markets and exchanges are listed in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, which does not issue a list of approved markets and exchanges.

## SCHEDULE II

### Investment Techniques and Instruments

#### Permitted Financial Derivative Instruments ("FDI")

1. A Fund may invest in FDI provided that:
  - (i) the relevant reference items or indices consist of one or more of the following: instruments referred to in Regulation 68(1) including financial instruments having one or several characteristics of those assets: financial indices, interest rates, foreign exchange rates or currencies;
  - (ii) the FDI do not expose the Fund to risks which it could not otherwise assume (e.g. gain exposure to an instrument/issuer/currency to which the Fund cannot have a direct exposure);
  - (iii) the FDI do not cause the Fund to diverge from its investment objectives; and
  - (iv) the reference in 1(i) above to financial indices shall be understood as a reference to indices which fulfil the following criteria and the provisions of the Regulations:
    - (a) they are sufficiently diversified, in that the following criteria are fulfilled:
      - (i) the index is composed in such a way that price movements or trading activities regarding one component do not unduly influence the performance of the whole index;
      - (ii) where the index is composed of assets referred to in Regulation 68(1), its composition is at least diversified in accordance with Regulation 71;
      - (iii) where the index is composed of assets other than those referred to in Regulation 68(1), it is diversified in a way which is equivalent to that provided for in Regulation 71;
    - (b) they represent an adequate benchmark for the market to which they refer, that the following criteria are fulfilled:
      - (i) the index measures the performance of a representative group of underlyings in a relevant and appropriate way;
      - (ii) the index is revised or rebalanced periodically to ensure that it continues to reflect the markets to which it refers following criteria which are publicly available;
      - (iii) the underlyings are sufficiently liquid, which allows users to replicate the index, if necessary;
    - (c) they are published in an appropriate manner, in that the following criteria are fulfilled:
      - (i) their publication process relies on sound procedures to collect prices and to calculate and to subsequently publish the index value, including pricing procedures for components where a market price is not available;
      - (ii) material information on matters such as index calculation, rebalancing methodologies, index changes or any operational difficulties in providing timely or accurate information is provided on a wide and timely basis.

Where the composition of assets which are used as underlyings by FDI does not fulfil the criteria set out in (a), (b) or (c) above, those FDI shall, where they comply with the criteria set out in Regulation 68(1)(g), be regarded as financial derivatives on a combination of the assets referred to in Regulation 68(1)(g)(i), excluding financial indices.

## 2. Credit Derivatives

Credit Derivatives are permitted where:

- (i) they allow the transfer of the credit risk of an asset as referred to in paragraph 1(i) above, independently from the other risks associated with that asset;
- (ii) they do not result in the delivery or in the transfer, including in the form of cash, of assets other than those referred to in Regulations 68(1) and 68(2);
- (iii) they comply with the criteria for over-the-counter derivatives ("OTC derivatives") set out in paragraph 4 below;
- (iv) their risks are adequately captured by the risk management process of the Fund, and by its internal control mechanisms in the case of risks of asymmetry of information between the Fund and the counterparty to the credit derivative resulting from potential access of the counterparty to non-public information on firms the assets of which are used as underlyings by credit derivatives. The Fund must undertake the risk assessment with the highest care when the counterparty to the FDI is a related party of the Fund or the credit risk issuer.

## 3. FDI must be dealt in on a Regulated Market.

## 4. Notwithstanding paragraph 3, a Fund may invest in FDI dealt in OTC derivatives provided that:

- (i) the counterparty is a credit institution in accordance with the Regulations or an investment firm, authorised in accordance with the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive, in an EEA member state or is an entity subject to regulation as a Consolidated Supervised Entity ("CSE") by the SEC;
- (ii) in the case of a counterparty which is not a credit institution, the counterparty has a minimum credit rating of A-2 or equivalent, or is deemed by the Fund to have an implied rating of A-2. Alternatively, an unrated counterparty will be acceptable where the Fund is indemnified or guaranteed against losses suffered as a result of a failure by the counterparty, by an entity which has and maintains a rating of A-2 or equivalent;
- (iii) risk exposure to the counterparty does not exceed the limits set out in Regulation 70(1)(c). The Fund shall calculate the counterparty exposure using the positive mark-to-market value of the OTC derivative contract with that counterparty. The Fund may net its derivative positions with the same counterparty, provided that the Fund is able to legally enforce netting arrangements with the counterparty. Netting is only permissible with respect to OTC derivative instruments with the same counterparty and not in relation to any other exposures the Fund may have to that counterparty;
- (iv) the Fund is satisfied that: (a) the counterparty will value the OTC derivative with reasonable accuracy and on a reliable basis at least daily; (b) the OTC derivative can be sold, liquidated or closed by an offsetting transaction at fair value, at any time at the Funds' initiative and;
- (v) the Fund must subject its OTC derivatives to reliable and verifiable valuation on a daily basis and ensure that it has appropriate systems, controls and processes in place to achieve this. The valuation arrangements and procedures must be adequate and proportionate to the nature and complexity of the OTC derivative concerned and shall be adequately documented; and

- (vi) reliable and verifiable valuation shall be understood as a reference to a valuation, by the Fund, corresponding to fair value which does not rely only on market quotations by the counterparty and which fulfils the following criteria:
    - (a) the basis for the valuation is either a reliable up-to-date market value of the instrument, or, if such a value is not available, a pricing model using an adequate recognised methodology;
    - (b) verification of the valuation is carried out by one of the following:
      - (i) an appropriate third party which is independent from the counterparty of the OTC -derivative, at an adequate frequency and in such a way that the Fund is able to check it;
      - (ii) a unit within the Fund which is independent from the department in charge of managing the assets and which is adequately equipped for such purpose.
5. Risk exposure to an OTC derivative counterparty may be reduced where the counterparty will provide the Fund with collateral. The Fund may disregard the counterparty risk in circumstances where the value of the collateral, valued at market price and taking into account appropriate discounts, exceeds the value of the amount exposed to risk at any given time.
6. Collateral received must be sufficiently liquid so that it sold quickly at a price that is close to its pre-sale valuation and must at all times meet with the following criteria:
- i) **Liquidity:** collateral received other than cash should be highly liquid and traded on a regulated market or multilateral trading facility with transparent pricing in order that it can be sold quickly at a price that was close to pre-sale valuation;
  - ii) **Valuation:** collateral received will be valued on at least a daily basis at mark to market prices and daily variation margin used if the value of collateral falls below coverage requirements. Assets that exhibit high price volatility should not be accepted as collateral unless suitably conservative haircuts are in place. The non-cash collateral received by a Fund will be at mark to market given the required liquid nature of the collateral.
  - iii) **Issuer credit quality:** collateral received should be of high quality;
  - iv) **Correlation:** collateral received should be issued by an entity that is independent from the counterparty and is not expected to display a high correlation with the performance of the counterparty;
  - v) **Diversification (asset concentration):** collateral should be sufficiently
  - vi) diversified in terms of country, markets and issuers with a maximum exposure to a given issuer of 20% of the Fund net asset value. When the Funds are exposed to different counterparties, the different baskets of collateral should be aggregated to calculate the 20% limit of exposure to a single issuer.
  - vii) **Immediately available:** collateral received should be capable of being fully enforced by the Fund at any time without reference to or approval from the counterparty.
  - viii) **Safe-keeping:** collateral received on a title transfer basis should be held by the Depository or its agent. For other types of collateral arrangement, the collateral can be held by a third party depository which is subject to prudential supervision, and which is unrelated to the provider of the collateral;
  - ix) **Enforceable:** collateral must be immediately available to the Fund without recourse to the counterparty.
  - x) In the case of ***non-cash collateral***, it cannot be sold, pledged or re-invested.
  - xi) **Cash collateral:** must be invested in (a) deposits with relevant institutions; (b) high-quality government bonds; (c) reverse repurchase agreements with credit institutions subject to prudential supervision and the UCITS is able to recall at any time the full amount of cash on an accrued basis; (d) short-term money market funds as defined in the ESMA Guidelines on a Common Definition of European Money Market Funds.

7. Collateral passed to an OTC derivative counterparty by or on behalf of a Fund must be taken into account in calculating exposure of the Fund to counterparty risk as referred to in Regulation 70(1)(c) of the Regulations. Collateral passed may be taken into account on a net basis only if the Fund is able to legally enforce netting arrangements with this counterparty.

#### **Calculation of issuer concentration risk and counterparty exposure risk**

8. Each Fund must calculate issuer concentration limits as referred to in Regulation 70 of the Regulations on the basis of the underlying exposure created through the use of FDI pursuant to the commitment approach.
9. The calculation of exposure arising from OTC derivative transactions must include any exposure to OTC derivative counterparty risk.
10. A Fund must calculate exposure arising from initial margin posted to and variation margin receivable from a broker relating to exchange-traded or OTC derivatives, which is not protected by client money rules or other similar arrangements to protect the Fund against the insolvency of the broker, and that exposure cannot exceed the OTC counterparty limit referred to in Regulation 70(1)(c) of the Regulations.
11. The calculation of issuer concentration limits as referred to in Regulation 70 of the Regulations must take account of any net exposure to a counterparty generated through a securities lending or repurchase agreement. Net exposure refers to the amount receivable by a Fund less any collateral provided by the Fund. Exposures created through the reinvestment of collateral must also be taken into account in the issuer concentration calculations.
12. When calculating exposures for the purposes of Regulation 70 of the Regulations, a Fund must establish whether its exposure is to an OTC counterparty, a broker or a clearing house.
13. Position exposure to the underlying assets of FDI, including embedded FDI in transferable securities, money market instruments or collective investment schemes, when combined where relevant with positions resulting from direct investments, may not exceed the investment limits set out in Regulations 70 and 73 of the Regulations. When calculating issuer-concentration risk, the financial derivative instrument (including embedded financial derivative instruments) must be looked through in determining the resultant position exposure. This position exposure must be taken into account in the issuer concentration calculations. Issuer concentration must be calculated using the commitment approach when appropriate or the maximum potential loss as a result of default by the issuer if more conservative. It must also be calculated by all Funds, regardless of whether they use VaR for global exposure purposes.

This provision does not apply in the case of index-based FDI provided the underlying index is one which meets with the criteria set out in Regulation 71(1) of the Regulations.

14. A transferable security or money market instrument embedding a FDI shall be understood as a reference to financial instruments which fulfil the criteria for transferable securities or money market instruments set out in the Regulations and which contain a component which fulfils the following criteria:
  - (a) by virtue of that component some or all of the cash flows that otherwise would be required by the transferable security or money market instrument which functions as host contract can be modified according to a specified interest rate, financial instrument price, foreign exchange rate, index of prices or rates, credit rating or credit index, or other variable, and therefore vary in a way similar to a stand-alone derivative;
  - (b) its economic characteristics and risks are not closely related to the economic characteristics and risks of the host contract;
  - (c) it has a significant impact on the risk profile and pricing of the transferable security or money market instrument.

15. A transferable security or a money market instrument shall not be regarded as embedding a FDI where it contains a component which is contractually transferable independently of the transferable security or the money market instrument. Such a component shall be deemed to be a separate financial instrument.

### **Cover requirements**

16. A Fund must, at any given time, be capable of meeting all its payment and delivery obligations incurred by transactions involving FDI.
17. Monitoring of FDI transactions to ensure they are adequately covered must form part of the risk management process of the Fund.
18. A transaction in FDI which gives rise, or may give rise, to a future commitment on behalf of a Fund must be covered as follows:
  - (i) in the case of FDI which require physical delivery of the underlying asset, the asset must be held at all times by a Fund. Alternatively a Fund may cover the exposure with sufficient liquid assets where:
    - (A) the underlying assets consists of highly liquid fixed income securities; and/or
    - (B) the Fund considers that the exposure can be adequately covered without the need to hold the underlying assets, the specific FDI are addressed in the risk management process, which is described below, and details are provided in the Prospectus;
  - (ii) in the case of FDI which automatically, or at the discretion of the Fund, are cash settled, a Fund must hold, at all times, liquid assets which are sufficient to cover the exposure.

### **Risk management process and reporting**

19. A Fund must provide the Central Bank with details of its proposed risk management process in respect of its FDI activity. The initial filing is required to include information in relation to:
  - permitted types of FDI, including embedded derivatives in transferable securities and money market instruments;
  - details of the underlying risks;
  - relevant quantitative limits and how these will be monitored and enforced; and
  - methods for estimating risks.

Material amendments to the initial filing must be notified to the Central Bank in advance. The Central Bank may object to the amendments notified to it and amendments and/or associated activities objected to by the Central Bank may not be made.

20. A Fund must submit a report to the Central Bank on its FDI positions on an annual basis. The report, which must contain information which reflects a true and fair view of the types of FDI used by the Fund, the underlying risks, the quantitative limits and the methods used to estimate those risks, must be submitted with the annual report of the Company. A Fund must, at the request of the Central Bank, provide this report at any time.

### **Calculation of Global Exposure**

21. The Fund must calculate its global exposure, as referred to in Regulation 69(4), on at least a daily basis, as either of the following:
  - (i) the incremental exposure and leverage generated by the Fund through the use of FDI, including embedded derivatives, which may not exceed the total of the Fund's net asset value; or
  - (ii) the market risk of the Fund's portfolio.

22. The Fund may calculate its global exposure by using the commitment approach, the value at risk approach or other advanced risk measurement methodologies as may be appropriate. For the purposes of this provision, 'value at risk' shall mean a measure of the maximum expected loss at a given confidence level over a specific time period. The Fund must ensure that the method selected is appropriate, taking into account the investment strategy of the Fund, the types and complexities of the FDI used and the proportion of the Fund's portfolio which comprises FDI.

### **Repurchase Agreements, Reverse Repurchase Agreements and Securities lending Agreements**

- (i) Repurchase/reverse repurchase agreements ("repo contracts") and securities lending agreements may only be effected in accordance with normal market practice.
- (ii) Collateral obtained under a repo contract or securities lending agreement must at all times meet with the following criteria:
  - (a) Liquidity: Collateral must be sufficiently liquid in order that it can be sold quickly at a robust price that is close to its pre-sale valuation;
  - (b) Valuation: Collateral must be capable of being valued on at least a daily basis and must be marked to market daily; and
  - (c) Issuer credit quality: Where the collateral issuer is not rated A1 or equivalent, conservative haircuts must be applied.
- (iii) Until the expiry of the repo contract or securities lending transaction, collateral obtained under such contracts or transactions:
  - (a) must equal or exceed, in value, at all times the value of the amount invested or securities loaned;
  - (b) must be transferred to the depositary, or its agent; and
  - (c) must be immediately available to the Fund, without recourse to the counterparty, in the event of a default by that entity.

Paragraph (b) is not applicable in the event that a Fund uses tri-party collateral management services of International Central Securities Depositories or relevant institutions which are generally recognised as specialists in this type of transaction. The depositary must be a named participant to the collateral arrangements.

- (iv) **Non-cash collateral:**
  - (a) cannot be sold, pledged or re-invested;
  - (b) must be held at the risk of the counterparty;
  - (c) must be issued by an entity independent of the counterparty; and
  - (d) must be diversified to avoid concentration in one issue, sector or country.
- (v) **Cash collateral:**

Cash may not be invested other than in the following:

  - (a) deposits with relevant institutions;
  - (b) high-quality government bonds;
  - (c) reverse repurchase agreements with credit institutions subject to prudential supervision and the UCITS is able to recall at any time the full amount of cash on an accrued basis;
  - (d) short-term money market funds as defined in the ESMA Guidelines on a Common Definition of European Money Market Funds.

In accordance with the requirement that efficient portfolio management techniques cannot result in a change to the Funds' declared investment objective or add substantial supplementary risks, invested cash collateral held at the risk of the Fund, other than cash collateral invested in government or other public securities or money market funds, must be invested in a

diversified manner. A Fund must be satisfied at all times that any investment of cash collateral will enable it to meet with its repayment obligations.

Invested cash collateral may not be placed on deposit with, or invested in securities issued by the counterparty or a related entity.

Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (iii)(b) above, a Fund may enter into securities lending programmes organised by generally recognised International Central Securities Depositories Systems provided that the programme is subject to a guarantee from the system operator.

Without prejudice to the requirements above, a Fund may be permitted to undertake repo transactions pursuant to which additional leverage is generated through the re-investment of collateral. In this case the repo transaction must be taken into consideration for the determination of global exposure as required by the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. Any global exposure generated must be added to the global exposure created through the use of FDI and, for Funds using the commitment approach to measure global exposure the total of these must not be greater than 100% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. Where collateral is re-invested in financial assets that provide a return in excess of the risk-free return, the Fund must include, in the calculation of global exposure: (1) the amount received if cash collateral is held; and (2) the market value of the instrument concerned if non-cash collateral is held.

The counterparty to a repo contract or securities lending agreement must have a minimum credit rating of A-2 or equivalent, or must be deemed by the Fund to have an implied rating of A-2 or equivalent. Alternatively, an unrated counterparty will be acceptable where the Fund is indemnified or guaranteed against losses suffered as a result of a failure by the counterparty, by an entity which has and maintains a rating of A-2 or equivalent.

The Fund must have the right to terminate the securities lending agreement at any time and demand the return of any or all of the securities loaned. The agreement must provide that, once such notice is given, the borrower is obligated to redeliver the securities within 5 Business Days or other period as normal market practice dictates.

Repo contracts, stock borrowing or securities lending agreements do not constitute borrowing or lending for the purposes of Regulation 103 and Regulation 111 of the Regulations respectively.



## SCHEDULE III

### Investment Restrictions

<b>1</b>	<b>Permitted Investments</b>
	Investments of a UCITS are confined to:
<b>1.1</b>	Transferable securities and money market instruments which are either admitted to official listing on a stock exchange in a Member State or non-Member State or which are dealt on a market which is regulated, operates regularly, is recognised and open to the public in a Member State or non-Member State.
<b>1.2</b>	Recently issued transferable securities which will be admitted to official listing on a stock exchange or other market (as described above) within a year.
<b>1.3</b>	Money market instruments other than those dealt on a regulated market.
<b>1.4</b>	Units of UCITS.
<b>1.5</b>	Units of AIFs.
<b>1.6</b>	Deposits with credit institutions.
<b>1.7</b>	Financial derivative instruments.
<b>2</b>	<b>Investment Restrictions</b>
<b>2.1</b>	A UCITS may invest no more than 10% of net assets in transferable securities and money market instruments other than those referred to in paragraph 1.
<b>2.2</b>	<p>Recently Issued Transferable Securities</p> <p>Subject to paragraph (2) a responsible person shall not invest any more than 10% of assets of a UCITS in securities of the type to which Regulation 68(1)(d) of the UCITS Regulations 2011 apply.</p> <p>Paragraph (1) does not apply to an investment by a responsible person in US Securities known as “ Rule 144 A securities” provided that;</p> <p>(a) the relevant securities have been issued with an undertaking to register the securities with the SEC within 1 year of issue; and</p> <p>(b) the securities are not illiquid securities i.e. they may be realised by the UCITS within 7 days at the price, or approximately at the price, which they are valued by the UCITS.</p>
<b>2.3</b>	A UCITS may invest no more than 10% of net assets in transferable securities or money market instruments issued by the same body provided that the total value of transferable securities and money market instruments held in the issuing bodies in each of which it invests more than 5% is less than 40%.
<b>2.4</b>	The limit of 10% (in 2.3) is raised to 25% in the case of bonds that are issued by a credit institution which has its registered office in a Member State and is subject by law to special public supervision designed to protect bond-holders. If a UCITS invests more than 5% of its net assets in these bonds issued by one issuer, the total value of these investments may not exceed 80% of the net asset value of the UCITS.
<b>2.5</b>	The limit of 10% (in 2.3) is raised to 35% if the transferable securities or money market instruments are issued or guaranteed by a Member State or its local authorities or by a non-Member State or public international body of which one or more Member States are members.
<b>2.6</b>	The transferable securities and money market instruments referred to in 2.4. and 2.5 shall not be taken into account for the purpose of applying the limit of 40% referred to in 2.3.

2.7	Deposits with any single credit institution other than a credit institution specified in Regulation 7 of the Central Bank Regulations held as ancillary liquidity shall not exceed: (a) 10% of the NAV of the UCITS; or (b) where the deposit is made with the Depository 20% of the net assets of the UCITS.
2.8	The risk exposure of a UCITS to a counterparty to an OTC derivative may not exceed 5% of net assets.
	This limit is raised to 10% in the case of a credit institution authorised in the EEA; a credit institution authorised within a signatory state (other than an EEA Member State) to the Basle Capital Convergence Agreement of July 1988; or a credit institution authorised in Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Australia or New Zealand
2.9	Notwithstanding paragraphs 2.3, 2.7 and 2.8 above, a combination of two or more of the following issued by, or made or undertaken with, the same body may not exceed 20% of net assets: - investments in transferable securities or money market instruments; - deposits, and/or - counterparty risk exposures arising from OTC derivatives transactions.
2.10	The limits referred to in 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9 above may not be combined, so that exposure to a single body shall not exceed 35% of net assets.
2.11	Group companies are regarded as a single issuer for the purposes of 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9. However, a limit of 20% of net assets may be applied to investment in transferable securities and money market instruments within the same group.
2.12	A UCITS may invest up to 100% of net assets in different transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by any Member State, its local authorities, non-Member States or public international body of which one or more Member States are members.  Subject to being included in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, the individual issuers must be listed in the prospectus and may be drawn from the following list: OECD Governments (provided the relevant issues are investment grade), Government of the People's Republic of China, Government of Brazil (provided the issues are of investment grade), Government of India (provided the issues are of investment grade), Government of Singapore, European Investment Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Finance Corporation, International Monetary Fund, Euratom, The Asian Development Bank, European Central Bank, Council of Europe, Eurofima, African Development Bank, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (The World Bank), The Inter American Development Bank, European Union, Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae), Student Loan Marketing Association (Sallie Mae), Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Tennessee Valley Authority, Straight-A Funding LLC, Export-Import Bank.  The UCITS must hold securities from at least 6 different issues, with securities from any one issue not exceeding 30% of net assets.
<b>3</b>	<b>Investment in Collective Investment Schemes ("CIS")</b>
3.1	A UCITS may not invest more than 20% of net assets in any one CIS.
3.2	Investment in AIFs may not, in aggregate, exceed 30% of net assets.
3.3	The CIS are prohibited from investing more than 10% of net assets in other open-ended CIS.

<p><b>3.4</b></p> <p><b>3.5</b></p>	<p>When a UCITS invests in the units of other CIS that are managed, directly or by delegation, by the UCITS management company or by any other company with which the UCITS management company is linked by common management or control, or by a substantial direct or indirect holding, that management company or other company may not charge subscription, conversion or redemption fees on account of the UCITS investment in the units of such other CIS.</p> <p>Where by virtue of investment in the units of another investment fund, a responsible person, an investment manager or an investment advisor receives a commission on behalf of the UCITS (including a rebated commission), the responsible person shall ensure that the relevant commission is paid into the property of the UCITS.</p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Index Tracking UCITS</b></p>
<p><b>4.1</b></p>	<p>A UCITS may invest up to 20% of net assets in shares and/or debt securities issued by the same body where the investment policy of the UCITS is to replicate an index which satisfies the criteria set out in the Regulations and is recognised by the Central Bank.</p>
<p><b>4.2</b></p>	<p>The limit in 4.1 may be raised to 35%, and applied to a single issuer, where this is justified by exceptional market conditions.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>General Provisions</b></p>
<p><b>5.1</b></p>	<p>An investment company, or management company acting in connection with all of the CIS it manages, may not acquire any shares carrying voting rights which would enable it to exercise significant influence over the management of an issuing body.</p>
<p><b>5.2</b></p>	<p>A UCITS may acquire no more than:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 10% of the non-voting shares of any single issuing body;</li> <li>(ii) 10% of the debt securities of any single issuing body;</li> <li>(iii) 25% of the units of any single CIS;</li> <li>(iv) 10% of the money market instruments of any single issuing body.</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: The limits laid down in (ii), (iii) and (iv) above may be disregarded at the time of acquisition if at that time the gross amount of the debt securities or of the money market instruments or the net amount of the securities in issue cannot be calculated.</p>
<p><b>5.3</b></p>	<p>5.1 and 5.2 shall not be applicable to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State or its local authorities;</li> <li>(ii) transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a non-Member State;</li> <li>(iii) transferable securities and money market instruments issued by public international bodies of which one or more Member States are members;</li> <li>(iv) shares held by a UCITS in the capital of a company incorporated in a non-member State which invests its assets mainly in the securities of issuing bodies having their registered offices in that State, where under the legislation of that State such a holding represents the only way in which the UCITS can invest in the securities of issuing bodies of that State. This waiver is applicable only if in its investment policies the company from the non-Member State complies with the limits laid down in 2.3 to 2.11, 3.1, 3.2, 5.1, 5.2, 5.4, 5.5 and 5.6, and provided that where these limits are exceeded, paragraphs 5.5 and 5.6 below are observed.</li> </ul> <p>(v) Shares held by an investment company or investment companies or ICAV or ICAVs in the capital of subsidiary companies carrying on only the business of management, advice or marketing in the country where the subsidiary is located, in regard to the repurchase of units at unit-holders' request exclusively on their behalf.</p>
<p><b>5.4</b></p>	<p>UCITS need not comply with the investment restrictions herein when exercising subscription rights attaching to transferable securities or money market instruments which form part of their assets.</p>

<b>5.5</b>	The Central Bank may allow recently authorised UCITS to derogate from the provisions of 2.3 to 2.12, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1 and 4.2 for six months following the date of their authorisation, provided they observe the principle of risk spreading.
<b>5.6</b>	If the limits laid down herein are exceeded for reasons beyond the control of a UCITS, or as a result of the exercise of subscription rights, the UCITS must adopt as a priority objective for its sales transactions the remedying of that situation, taking due account of the interests of its unitholders.
<b>5.7</b>	Neither an investment company, nor a management company or a trustee acting on behalf of a unit trust or a management company of a common contractual fund, may carry out uncovered sales of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- transferable securities;</li> <li>- money market instruments*;</li> <li>- units of CIS; or</li> <li>- financial derivative instruments.</li> </ul>
<b>5.8</b>	A UCITS may hold ancillary liquid assets.
<b>6</b>	<b>Financial Derivative Instruments ('FDIs')</b>
<b>6.1</b>	The UCITS global exposure relating to FDI must not exceed its total net asset value.
<b>6.2</b>	Position exposure to the underlying assets of FDI, including embedded FDI in transferable securities or money market instruments, when combined where relevant with positions resulting from direct investments, may not exceed the investment limits set out in the Regulations/ Central Bank guidance. (This provision does not apply in the case of index based FDI provided the underlying index is one which meets with the criteria set out in the Regulations.)
<b>6.3</b>	UCITS may invest in FDIs dealt in over-the-counter (OTC) provided that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The counterparties to over-the-counter transactions (OTCs) are institutions subject to prudential supervision and belonging to categories approved by the Central Bank.</li> </ul>
<b>6.4</b>	Investment in FDIs are subject to the conditions and limits laid down by the Central Bank.

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\* Any short selling of money market instruments by UCITS is prohibited

## SCHEDULE IV

### Depositary Delegations

The Depositary has delegated those safekeeping duties set out in Article 22(5)(a) of the UCITS Directive to Citibank, N.A., acting through its London Branch having its principle place of business at Citigroup Centre, Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5LB, whom it has appointed as its global sub-custodian.

At the date of this prospectus, Citibank, N.A. has appointed local sub-custodians within the Citibank N.A. as listed below.

Argentina	Euroclear (Citibank is a direct member of Euroclear SA/NV)
Australia	Citigroup Pty. Limited
Austria	Citibank, N.A., Milan Branch
Bahrain	Citibank, N.A., Bahrain
Bangladesh	Citibank, N.A., Bangladesh
Belgium	Citibank Europe plc, UK Branch
Benin	Standard Chartered Bank Cote d'Ivoire
Bermuda	The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited acting through its agent, HSBC Bank Bermuda Limited
Bosnia-Herzegovina (Sarajevo)	UniCredit Bank d.d.
Bosnia-Herzegovina: Srpska (Banja Luka)	UniCredit Bank d.d.
Botswana	Standard Chartered Bank of Botswana Limited
Brazil	Citibank, N.A., Brazilian Branch
Bulgaria	Citibank Europe plc Bulgaria Branch
Burkina Faso	Standard Chartered Bank Cote D'Ivoire
Canada	Citibank Canada
Chile	Banco de Chile
China B Shanghai	Citibank, N.A., Hong Kong Branch (For China B shares)

China A Shares	Citibank China Co Ltd ( China A shares)
China Hong Kong Stock Connect	Citibank, N.A., Hong Kong Branch
Colombia	Cititrust Colombia S.A. Sociedad Fiduciaria
Costa Rica	Banco Nacional de Costa Rica
Croatia	Privedna banka Zagreb d.d.
Cyprus	Citibank Europe plc,Greece branch
Czech Republic	Citibank Europe plc, organizacni slozka
Denmark	Nordea Bank Danmark A/S
Egypt	Citibank, N.A., Cairo Branch
Estonia	Swedbank AS
Finland	Nordea Bank Finland Plc
France	Citibank Europe plc UK branch
Georgia	JSC Bank of Georgia
Germany	Citigroup global markets deutschland ag
Ghana	Standard Chartered Bank of Ghana Limited
Greece	Citibank Europe plc, Greece Branch
Guinea Bissau	Standard Chartered Bank Cote D'ivoire
Hong Kong	Citibank NA Hong Kong
Hungary	Citibank Europe plc Hungarian Branch Office
Iceland	Citibank is a direct member of Clearstream Banking, which is an ICSD.

India	Citibank NA Mumbai Branch
Indonesia	Citibank, N.A., Jakarta Branch
Ireland	Citibank NA London Branch
Israel	Citibank, N.A., Israel Branch
Italy	Citibank, N.A., Milan Branch
Ivory Coast	Standard Chartered Bank Cote d'Ivoire
Jamaica	Scotia Investments Jamaica Limited
Japan	Citibank Japan limited
Jordan	Standard Chartered Bank Jordan Branch
Kazakhstan	Citibank Kazakhstan JSC
Kenya	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Limited
Korea (South)	Citibank Korea Inc.
Kuwait	Citibank NA Kuwait Branch
Latvia	Swedbank AS, based in Estonia and acting through its Latvian branch, Swedbank AS
Lebanon	The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited acting through its agent, HSBC Bank Middle East Limited
Lithuania	Swedbank AS, based in Estonia and acting through its Lithuanian branch "Swedbank" AB
Luxembourg	only offered through the ICSDs- Euroclear & Clearstream
Macedonia	Raiffeisen Bank International AG
Malaysia	Citibank Berhad
Mali	Standard Chartered Bank Cote d'Ivoire

Malta	Citibank is a direct member of Clearstream Banking, which is an ICSD.
Mauritius	The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
Mexico	Banco Nacional de Mexico, S.A.
Morocco	Citibank Maghreb
Namibia	Standard Bank of South Africa Limited acting through its agent, Standard Bank Namibia Limited
Netherlands	Citibank Europe plc, UK Branch
New Zealand	Citibank, N.A., New Zealand Branch
Niger	Standard Chartered Bank Cote d'Ivoire
Nigeria	Citibank Nigeria Limited
Norway	DNB Bank ASA
Oman	The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited acting through its agent, HSBC Bank Oman S.A.O.G
Pakistan	Citibank, N.A. Karachi
Palestine	The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited acting through its agent, HSBC Bank Middle East Limited
Panama	Citibank NA Panama Branch
Peru	Citibank del Peru S.A
Philippines	Citibank, N.A., Manila Branch
Poland	Bank Handlowy w Warszawie SA
Portugal	Citibank Europe plc, sucursal em Portugal
Qatar	The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited acting through its agent, HSBC Bank Middle East Limited
Romania	Citibank Europe plc, Dublin - Romania Branch



Russia	AO Citibank
Saudi Arabia	The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited acting through its agent, HSBC Saudi Arabia Ltd.
Senegal	Standard Chartered Bank Cote d'Ivoire
Serbia	UniCredit Bank Srbija a.d.
Singapore	Citibank, N.A., Singapore Branch
Slovak Republic	Citibank Europe plc pobočka zahraničnej banky
Slovenia	UniCredit Banka Slovenia d.d. Ljubljana
South Africa	Citibank NA South Africa branch
Spain	Citibank Europe plc, Sucursal en Espana
Sri Lanka	Citibank NA Colombo Branch
Sweden	Citibank Europe plc, Sweden Branch
Switzerland	Citibank NA london branch
Taiwan	Citibank Taiwan Limited
Tanzania	Standard Bank of South Africa acting through its affiliate Stanbic Bank Tanzania Ltd
Togo	Standard Chartered Bank Cote d'Ivoire
Thailand	Citibank, N.A.Bangkok Branch
Tunisia	Union Internationale de Banques
Turkey	Citibank, A.S.
Uganda	Standard Chartered Bank of Uganda Limited
Ukraine	PJSC Citibank

United Arab Emirates ADX & DFM	Citibank NA UAE
United Arab Emirates NASDAQ Dubai	Citibank NA UAE
United Kingdom	Citibank NA London Branch
United States	Citibank NA New York offices
Uruguay	Banco Itau Uruguay S.A.
Venezuela	Citibank, N.A., Venezuela Branch
Vietnam	Citibank NA Hanoi Branch
Zambia	Standard Chartered Bank Zambia Plc
Zimbabwe	Standard Bank of South Africa Ltd. acting through its affiliate Stanbic Bank Zimbabwe Ltd.

## MERIAN GLOBAL INVESTORS SERIES PLC

An umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.  
*Additional Information for investors in the Federal Republic of Germany*

*Dated 4 December, 2020*

**This Addendum is for investors in Germany who are intending to invest in Merian Global Investors Series plc ("the Company"). This Addendum forms part of, and should be read in conjunction with, the prospectus of the Company dated 22 July, 2020, as amended (the "Prospectus").**

*Unless otherwise defined, terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

### **Entitlement to distribution in Germany**

The Company has notified its intention to distribute its shares in the Federal Republic of Germany and following the conclusion of the notification procedure is currently authorised to distribute its shares in Germany.

**For the sub-funds Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund, Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund, Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund, Merian Compass Portfolio 2, Merian Compass Portfolio 3, Merian Compass Portfolio 4 or Merian Compass Portfolio 5 no notification for registration has been filed and consequently, shares in these sub-funds must not be marketed in Germany at present.**

### **Redemption and Conversion of Shares, Payments to Investors**

The Company does not issue bearer certificates. Redemption and conversion of shares as well as payments to shareholders in Germany (redemption proceeds, distributions (if any) and other payments) may be effected via the institution maintaining the investor's custody account.

### **Information Agent in Germany**

GerFIS – German Fund Information Service UG (Haftungsbeschränkt)  
Zum Eichhagen 4  
21382 Brietlingen  
Germany

has assumed the function of information agent in Germany (the "German Information Agent").

The Prospectus dated 22 July 2020 including the Supplements related to the sub-funds of the Company dated 22 July 2020, and 27 November 2020 and including this Addendum, the Key Investor Information Documents, the Memorandum and Articles of Association as well as the latest audited annual financial report and the latest unaudited semi-annual report are available free of charge in paper form from the German Information Agent.

The Net Asset Value per share of the sub-funds and the purchase, exchange and redemption price of shares are also available free of charge from the German Information Agent.

### **Publications**

The purchase and redemption prices will be published in the Federal Republic of Germany at [www.fundinfo.com](http://www.fundinfo.com); shareholder notifications, if any, will be published in the Federal Gazette.

In the cases enumerated in Sec. 298 (2) of the German Capital Investment Act ("Kapitalanlagegesetzbuch" or "KAGB") investors additionally will be notified by means of a durable medium in terms of Sec. 167 KAGB.

### **Fees and Expenses**

Information relating to the fees and expenses payable by investors in each of the sub-funds is set out under the section headed "FEES AND EXPENSES" in the Prospectus. The attention of investors and/or prospective investors is drawn to the information relating to fees and expenses set out therein.

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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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This Supplement contains information relating specifically to Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### SUPPLEMENT

**22 July 2020**

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear on page iv of the Prospectus accept responsibility for the information contained in this Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

#### **Existing Funds of the Company**

1. Merian World Equity Fund
2. Merian North American Equity Fund
3. Merian US Equity Income Fund
4. Merian European Equity Fund
5. Merian Japanese Equity Fund
6. Merian Pacific Equity Fund
7. Merian China Equity Fund
8. Merian Asian Equity Income Fund
9. Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL)
10. Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund
11. Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL)
12. Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund
13. Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund
14. Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund
15. Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund
16. Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund
17. Merian European Best Ideas Fund
18. Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund
19. Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund
20. Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund
21. Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund
22. Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL)

23. Merian Pan African Fund
  24. Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund
  25. Merian Gold & Silver Fund
  26. Merian Compass Portfolio 2
  27. Merian Compass Portfolio 3
  28. Merian Compass Portfolio 4
  29. Merian Compass Portfolio 5
  30. Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund
  31. Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund
  32. Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund
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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian World Equity Fund, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

## **Merian World Equity Fund**

**22 July 2020**

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

## Investment Objective and Policies

The objective of the Merian World Equity Fund is to seek to achieve asset growth through investment in a well-diversified portfolio of securities of issuers worldwide. It is not proposed to concentrate investments in any one geographical region, industry or sector.

The securities in which the Merian World Equity Fund may invest shall include ordinary shares or common stock, ADRs, GDRs, preference shares and warrants, provided that any investment in warrants shall not comprise more than 5 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Merian World Equity Fund. The Merian World Equity Fund will aim to achieve its investment objective by investing not less than 70% of its Net Asset Value directly in such securities. Subject to the investment restriction 2.1 of Schedule III in the Prospectus, the securities will be listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market.

The Merian World Equity Fund may invest up to 20 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in companies domiciled in Emerging Markets or issuers established outside of the Emerging Markets, which have a predominant proportion of their assets or business operations in the Emerging Markets and which are listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market worldwide.

The Merian World Equity Fund may invest its liquid assets or may invest up to 10 per cent. of the Net Asset Value for temporary defensive purposes in short-term securities such as commercial paper, banker's acceptances, certificates of deposit, government securities issued by an OECD member country or by any supranational entity provided that, subject to the investment restriction 2.1 of Schedule III in the Prospectus, the securities are listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market in an OECD member country and are rated Investment Grade or better.

The Merian World Equity Fund may invest up to 5 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in open-ended collective investment schemes whose objective is to invest in any of the foregoing. Investment in collective investment schemes shall include both UCITS and alternative investment funds. In particular, any investment in open-ended alternative investment funds will be subject to Regulation 114(6) of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations").

The Merian World Equity Fund may invest up to 15 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in REITs listed, traded or dealt in on Regulated Markets that are not considered Emerging Markets.

The Merian World Equity Fund may employ investment techniques and financial derivative instruments such as exchange traded futures solely for efficient portfolio management.

The Merian World Equity Fund is denominated in USD but will hold assets denominated in other currencies. Consequently, the Net Asset Value may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Merian World Equity Fund will use the commitment approach methodology for the calculation of its global exposure. As the Merian World Equity Fund uses the commitment approach it must ensure that its global exposure does not exceed its total Net Asset Value and the Merian World Equity Fund may not therefore be leveraged in excess of 100% of its Net Asset Value.

## Investment Approach

The Merian World Equity Fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager has freedom to select the investments in order to seek to achieve the investment objective of the Merian World Equity Fund. In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Merian World Equity Fund aims to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than that of the MSCI World Index (the "**Index**") with net dividends re-invested over rolling 3 year periods.

The Index represents the performance of the large and mid-cap segments of developed markets globally.

The Merian World Equity Fund is managed by the Investment Manager adopting a “systematic” investment process, which uses sophisticated computer models to analyse large volumes of data to select investments. Stocks are assessed in terms of the attractiveness of their valuation, quality, price trends, stable growth prospects, sentiment and company management. In addition, the Investment Manager takes other criteria, such as expected risk, trading costs and liquidity into consideration when constructing the Merian World Equity Fund’s portfolio.

The Index is a representation of the markets in which the Merian World Equity Fund primarily invests. Although a large proportion of the Merian World Equity Fund’s investments may be components of the Index, the Investment Manager does not seek to replicate the performance of the Index; it is seeking to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than the Index. In particular, the Merian World Equity Fund may invest in companies which are not included in the Index and the stock selection and portfolio construction process, as set out above, mean that the number of holdings and weightings of the companies, industries, sectors and countries of the holdings of the Merian World Equity Fund may diverge materially from the Index. Therefore, the risk and return profile of the Merian World Equity Fund will likely be significantly different to that of the Index. As set out above, the portfolio construction of the Merian World Equity Fund involves considering risk, trading costs and liquidity. As part of this portfolio construction process, various controls are in place aiming to ensure risks are not concentrated in any one company, industry, sector or country.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderate to high level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian World Equity Fund and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRRM measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Manager**

The Investment Manager of the Merian World Equity Fund is Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is USD for the Merian World Equity Fund.

### **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian World Equity Fund, means a day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which retail banks are open for business in Dublin and London.

### **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian World Equity Fund every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

### **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian World Equity Fund are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A, B, C, C2, N and S Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A, B, C, C2, N or S Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Commencing from the Effective Date (as defined below), Class B Shares and Class C2 Shares, whether purchased before or after the Effective Date, will automatically convert into Shares in the corresponding Class A Shares upon the expiry of 4 years (Class B Shares), or 2 years (Class C2 Shares) from the



date of the initial subscription into the relevant Class B Shares or Class C2 Shares. The Effective Date for these purposes shall be 31 March, 2017 or such later date as is required in order to implement the relevant enhancements necessary to process the automatic conversion.

Class D Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms in certain countries who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below and who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U2 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

### **Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price**

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian World Equity Fund which is available but not yet launched will close on 31 December, 2020. The initial offer period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, AUD 10.00, CHF 10.00, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, RMB 10.00, SGD 10.00 USD 10.00.

### **Fees and Expenses**

#### **Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts**

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian World Equity Fund is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian World Equity Fund.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee
<b>A (CHF) Accumulation</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR 500	up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (AUD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (CHF) Hedged Accumulation</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (RMB) Hedged Accumulation</b>	RMB	RMB 1,000	RMB 500	RMB 500	up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (SGD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	SGD	SGD 1,000	SGD 500	SGD 500	up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (CHF) Income</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR 500	up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (CHF) Hedged Income</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR 500	up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil

<b>A (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>B (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C2 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 0.50%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>D1 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 75,000	USD 37,500	USD 37,500	Nil	1.35%	Nil	Nil
<b>D2 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 2,000,000	USD, 1,000,000	USD, 1,000,000	Nil	0.90%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (CHF) Accumulation</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (CHF) Hedged Accumulation</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (CHF) Income</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (CHF) Hedged Income</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil

<b>I (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>N (USD) Accumu lation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>N (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>R (GBP) Accumu lation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Hedged Accumu lation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>S (GBP) Accumu lation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (EUR) Accumu lation</b>	EUR	EUR 100,000,0 00	EUR 50,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Accumu lation</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,0 00	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (USD) Accumu lation</b>	USD	USD 100,000,00 0	USD 50,000,000	USD 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Hedged Accumu lation</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,00 0	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (EUR) Hedged Accumu lation</b>	EUR	EUR 100,000,00 0	EUR 50,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 100,000,00 0	EUR 50,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,00 0	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 100,000,00 0	USD 50,000,000	USD 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 100,000,00 0	EUR 50,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil

<b>U1 (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 250,000,000	USD 125,000,000	USD 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 250,000,000	USD 125,000,000	USD 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil

### Contingent Deferred Sales Charge

A contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on the repurchase of the Class B, Class C and Class C2 Shares of the Merian World Equity Fund. The amount of the contingent deferred sales charge payable will depend on the length of time between the date the Shares were purchased and their repurchase at the rates set out below.

Years since purchase	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid
	<b>Class B Shares</b>	<b>Class C Shares</b>	<b>Class C2 Shares</b>
0 - 1	4.00%	1.00%	2.00%
1 - 2	3.00%	Nil	1.00%
2 - 3	2.00%	Nil	Nil

3 - 4	1.00%	Nil	Nil
4 and thereafter	None	Nil	Nil

Any contingent deferred sales charge will be payable to the Manager. The Manager may pay some or all of any contingent deferred sales charge to its delegates as reimbursement for the expense of distribution, intermediary and/or other services rendered to the Manager, the Company and the Merian World Equity Fund. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on Shares issued arising as a result of the reinvestment of dividends. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on any increase on the Net Asset Value per Share above the subscription price paid for the Share and no contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on transfers or conversions of Shares. For the purposes of determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge is payable any Shares redeemed shall be deemed to be those first subscribed.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian World Equity Fund and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “**Fees and Expenses**”.

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian World Equity Fund please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

### **Distribution Policy**

The Directors intend to declare a dividend in respect of the Classes of Shares of the Merian World Equity Fund set out in the table below (the “**Distributing Share Classes**”).

The Directors intend to declare dividends in accordance with the distribution frequency set out in the table below. Dividends that are declared yearly will be declared on 31 December; dividends that are declared half-yearly will be declared on 30 June and 31 December; dividends that are declared quarterly will be declared on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December; and dividends that are declared monthly will be declared on the last Business Day of each month.

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Distribution Frequency</b>
Class A (CHF) Income	Yearly
Class A (EUR) Income	Yearly
Class A (GBP) Income	Yearly
Class A (USD) Income	Yearly
Class A (CHF) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class A (EUR) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class A (GBP) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class I (CHF) Income	Yearly
Class I (EUR) Income	Yearly
Class I (USD) Income	Yearly
Class I (CHF) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class I (EUR) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class N (USD) Income	Yearly
Class R (GBP) Income	Yearly
Class U1 (EUR) Income	Yearly
Class U1 (GBP) Income	Yearly
Class U1 (USD) Income	Yearly
Class U1 (EUR) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class U1 (GBP) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class U2 (EUR) Income	Yearly
Class U2 (GBP) Income	Yearly
Class U2 (USD) Income	Yearly
Class U2 (EUR) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class U2 (GBP) Hedged Income	Yearly

It is the intention of the Directors that dividends will be paid from the Merian World Equity Fund's net income.

For Share Classes that are not Distributing Share Classes, the Merian World Equity Fund's income and capital gains will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian World Equity Fund.

### **Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed "**Financial Derivative Instruments**" and "**Risk Factors**".

### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian World Equity Fund:-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian North American Equity Fund, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian North American Equity Fund

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**An investment in the Merian North American Equity Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investor's investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.**



## **Investment Objective and Policies**

The objective of the Merian North American Equity Fund is to seek to achieve long term capital growth through the active management of a diversified portfolio invested primarily in North American stock markets. It is not proposed to concentrate investments in any one industry or sector.

The securities in which the Merian North American Equity Fund may invest shall include ordinary shares or common stock, ADRs, GDRs, preference shares and warrants, provided that any investment in warrants shall not comprise more than 5 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Merian North American Equity Fund. The Merian North American Equity Fund will aim to achieve its investment objective by investing not less than 70% of its Net Asset Value directly in such securities. Subject to the investment restriction 2.1 of Schedule III in the Prospectus, the securities will be listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market.

Subject to the investment restriction 2.1 of Schedule III in the Prospectus, the securities will principally be listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market in the US and Canada. Up to one-third of the Net Asset Value of the Merian North American Equity Fund may be invested in the securities of issuers who are not domiciled in the US or who predominantly carry out their businesses or generate their revenue outside of the US at any one time.

The Merian North American Equity Fund may invest its liquid assets or may invest up to one third of the Net Asset Value for temporary defensive purposes in short-term securities such as commercial paper, bankers' acceptances, certificates of deposit and government securities issued by an OECD member country or by any supranational entity provided that the foregoing securities are denominated in USD, subject to the investment restriction 2.1 of Schedule III in the Prospectus, the securities are listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market in an OECD member country and are rated Investment Grade or better.

The Merian North American Equity Fund may invest up to 5 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in open-ended collective investment schemes whose objective is to invest in any of the foregoing. Investment in collective investment schemes shall include both UCITS and alternative investment funds. In particular, any investment in open-ended alternative investment funds will be subject to Regulation 114(6) of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations").

The Merian North American Equity Fund may invest up to 15 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in REITs listed, traded or dealt in on Regulated Markets that are not considered Emerging Markets.

The Merian North American Equity Fund may employ investment techniques and financial derivative instruments such as exchange traded futures solely for efficient portfolio management.

The Merian North American Equity Fund is denominated in USD but will hold assets denominated in other currencies. Consequently the Net Asset Value may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Merian North American Equity Fund will use the commitment approach methodology for the calculation of its global exposure. As the Merian North American Equity Fund uses the commitment approach it must ensure that its global exposure does not exceed its total Net Asset Value and the Merian North American Equity Fund may not therefore be leveraged in excess of 100% of its Net Asset Value

## **Investment Approach**

The Merian North American Equity Fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager has freedom to select the investments in order to seek to achieve the investment objective of the Merian North American Equity Fund. In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Merian North American

Equity Fund aims to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than that of the MSCI North America Index (the “**Index**”) with net dividends re-invested over rolling 3 year periods.

The Index represents the performance of the large and mid-cap segments of the US and Canada markets.

The Merian North American Equity Fund is managed by the Investment Manager adopting a “systematic” investment process, which uses sophisticated computer models to analyse large volumes of data to select investments. Stocks are assessed in terms of the attractiveness of their valuation, quality, price trends, stable growth prospects, sentiment and company management. In addition, the Investment Manager takes other criteria, such as expected risk, trading costs and liquidity into consideration when constructing the Merian North American Equity Fund’s portfolio.

The Index is a representation of the markets in which the Merian North American Equity Fund primarily invests. Although a large proportion of the Merian North American Equity Fund’s investments may be components of the Index, the Investment Manager does not seek to replicate the performance of the Index; it is seeking to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than the Index. In particular, the Merian North American Equity Fund may invest in companies which are not included in the Index and the stock selection and portfolio construction process, as set out above, mean that the number of holdings and weightings of the companies, industries, sectors and countries of the holdings of the Merian North American Equity Fund may diverge materially from the Index. Therefore, the risk and return profile of the Merian North American Equity Fund will likely be significantly different to that of the Index. As set out above, the portfolio construction of the Merian North American Equity Fund involves considering risk, trading costs and liquidity. As part of this portfolio construction process, various controls are in place aiming to ensure risks are not concentrated in any one company, industry, sector or country.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderate to high level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian North American Equity Fund and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRRI measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Manager**

The Investment Manager of the Merian North American Equity Fund is Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is USD for the Merian North American Equity Fund.

### **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian North American Equity Fund, means a day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which retail banks are open for business in Dublin and London and the New York Stock Exchange is open for business in New York.

### **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian North American Equity Fund every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

### **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian North American Equity Fund are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A, B, C, C2, N and S Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A, B, C, C2, N or S Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Commencing from the Effective Date (as defined below), Class B Shares and Class C2 Shares, whether purchased before or after the Effective Date, will automatically convert into Shares in the corresponding Class A Shares upon the expiry of 4 years (Class B Shares), or 2 years (Class C2 Shares) from the date of the initial subscription into the relevant Class B Shares or Class C2 Shares. The Effective Date for these purposes shall be 31 March, 2017 or such later date as is required in order to implement the relevant enhancements necessary to process the automatic conversion.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below and who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U2 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class P1 and P2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries and/or investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager.

### **Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price**

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian North American Equity Fund which is available but not yet launched will close on 31 December, 2020. The initial offer period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, AUD 10.00, CHF 10.00, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, RMB 10.00, SEK 10.00, SGD 10.00, USD 10.00.

### **Fees and Expenses**

## Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian North American Equity Fund is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian North American Equity Fund.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee	Performance Fee
A (USD) Accumulation	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No
A (CHF) Accumulation	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No
A (EUR) Accumulation	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No
A (GBP) Accumulation	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No
A (AUD) Hedged Accumulation	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No
A (CHF) Hedged Accumulation	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No
A (EUR) Hedged Accumulation	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No
A (GBP) Hedged Accumulation	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No
A (RMB) Hedged Accumulation	RMB	RMB 1,000	RMB 500	RMB 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No
A (SEK) Hedged Accumulation	SEK	SEK 1,000	SEK 500	SEK 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No
A (SGD) Hedged Accumulation	SGD	SGD 1,000	SGD 500	SGD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No
A (CHF) Income	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No
A (EUR) Income	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No
A (GBP) Income	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No
A (USD) Income	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No
A (CHF) Hedged Income	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No
A (EUR) Hedged Income	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No

<b>A (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>P1 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 150,000,000	USD 75,000,000	USD 75,000,000	Nil	0.80%	Nil	Nil	Yes
<b>P1 (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 150,000,000	GBP 75,000,000	GBP 75,000,000	Nil	0.80%	Nil	Nil	Yes
<b>P1 (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 150,000,000	EUR 75,000,000	EUR 75,000,000	Nil	0.80%	Nil	Nil	Yes
<b>P1 (CHF) Hedged Accumulation</b>	CHF	CHF 150,000,000	CHF 75,000,000	CHF 75,000,000	Nil	0.80%	Nil	Nil	Yes
<b>P1 (SGD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	SGD	SGD 150,000,000	SGD 75,000,000	SGD 75,000,000	Nil	0.80%	Nil	Nil	Yes
<b>B (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%	No
<b>C (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%	No
<b>C2 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 0.50%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%	No
<b>I (CHF) Accumulation</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>I (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>I (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>I (CHF) Hedged Accumulation</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>I (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>I (CHF) Income</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>I (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>I (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>I (CHF) Hedged Income</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>I (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil	No

<b>N (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%	No
<b>N (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%	No
<b>R (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>R (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>R (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>R (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>P2 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 300,000,000	USD 150,000,000	USD 150,000,000	Nil	0.15%	Nil	Nil	Yes
<b>P2 (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 300,000,000	GBP 150,000,000	GBP 150,000,000	Nil	0.15%	Nil	Nil	Yes
<b>P2 (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 300,000,000	EUR 150,000,000	EUR 150,000,000	Nil	0.15%	Nil	Nil	Yes
<b>P2 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 300,000,000	GBP 150,000,000	GBP 150,000,000	Nil	0.15%	Nil	Nil	Yes
<b>P2 (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 300,000,000	USD 150,000,000	USD 150,000,000	Nil	0.15%	Nil	Nil	Yes
<b>P2 (CHF) Hedged Accumulation</b>	CHF	CHF 300,000,000	CHF 150,000,000	CHF 150,000,000	Nil	0.15%	Nil	Nil	Yes
<b>P2 (SGD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	SGD	SGD 300,000,000	SGD 150,000,000	SGD 150,000,000	Nil	0.15%	Nil	Nil	Yes
<b>S (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>U1 (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 100,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>U1 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>U1 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 100,000,000	USD 50,000,000	USD 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>U1 (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 100,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil	No

<b>U1 (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>U1 (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 100,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>U1 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>U1 (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 100,000,000	USD 50,000,000	USD 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>U1 (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 100,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>U1 (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>U2 (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>U2 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>U2 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 250,000,000	USD 125,000,000	USD 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>U2 (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>U2 (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>U2 (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>U2 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>U2 (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 250,000,000	USD 125,000,000	USD 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>U2 (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>U2 (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil	No

### Contingent Deferred Sales Charge

A contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on the repurchase of the Class B, Class C and Class C2 Shares of the Merian North American Equity Fund. The amount of the contingent deferred sales charge payable will depend on the length of time between the date the Shares were purchased and their repurchase at the rates set out below.

Years since purchase	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid
	Class B Shares	Class C Shares	Class C2 Shares
0 - 1	4.00%	1.00%	2.00%
1 - 2	3.00%	Nil	1.00%
2 - 3	2.00%	Nil	Nil
3 - 4	1.00%	Nil	Nil
4 and thereafter	None	Nil	Nil

Any contingent deferred sales charge will be payable to the Manager. The Manager may pay some or all of any contingent deferred sales charge to its delegates as reimbursement for the expense of distribution, intermediary and/or other services rendered to the Manager, the Company and the Merian North American Equity Fund. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on Shares issued arising as a result of the reinvestment of dividends. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on any increase on the Net Asset Value per Share above the subscription price paid for the Share and no contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on transfers or conversions of Shares. For the purposes of determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge is payable any Shares redeemed shall be deemed to be those first subscribed.

#### Performance Fee

With respect to the Merian North American Equity Fund, the Investment Manager may be entitled to a performance fee out of the Merian North American Equity Fund's assets. With respect to the Merian North American Equity Fund, the performance fee is only applicable to the following share classes: Class P1 (USD) Accumulation, Class P1 (GBP) Hedged Accumulation, Class P1 (SGD) Hedged Accumulation, Class P1 (CHF) Hedged Accumulation, Class P1 (EUR) Hedged Accumulation, Class P2 (USD) Accumulation, Class P2 (GBP) Hedged Accumulation, Class P2 (SGD) Hedged Accumulation, Class P2 (EUR) Hedged Accumulation, Class P2 (GBP) Income, Class P2 (USD) Income and Class P2 (CHF) Hedged Accumulation

The Performance Fee will be calculated and accrued daily and will be payable annually in arrears in respect of each Performance Period ("**Performance Period of the Merian North American Equity Fund**"). A Performance Period of the Merian North American Equity Fund will comprise of each successive twelve month period ending on 31 December .

"**The Index**" is the MSCI North America Index (Ticker: MXNA ).

"**Valuation Point**" shall be 12.00 noon. (Irish time) on each Dealing Day.

"**The Index Performance**" in respect of a Performance Period of the Merian North American Equity Fund, the Index Performance is the difference between the level of the Index calculated at the Valuation Point on the last Business Day of the previous Performance Period of the Merian North American Equity Fund and the level of the Index calculated at the Valuation Point on the last Business Day of the relevant Performance Period of the Merian North American Equity Fund, expressed as a percentage.

The "**Fund Performance**" in respect of the first Performance Period of the Merian North American Equity Fund is the difference between the opening Net Asset Value per Share and the Net Asset Value per Share at the Valuation Point on the last Business Day of the Performance Period of the Merian North American Equity Fund, expressed as a percentage. For each Performance Period of the Merian North American Equity Fund thereafter, the Fund Performance is the difference between the Net Asset Value per Share at the Valuation Point on the last Business Day of the previous Performance Period of the Merian North American Equity Fund and the Net Asset Value per Share at the Valuation Point on the last Business Day of the relevant Performance Period of the Merian North American Equity Fund, expressed as a percentage.



Where a fair value adjustment has been made to the Net Asset Value per Share of the Merian North American Equity Fund then this will be excluded for the purposes of the calculation of the Performance Fee.

For hedged share classes the Index will be the relevant hedged version of the Index. For all share classes, the Index will be priced at the Index valuation point according to the index provider's pricing methodology. The exchange rates used in calculating the net asset values for all share classes will be the prevailing exchange rates at the Fund's Valuation Point.

In calculating the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class for Performance Fee purposes no deduction is made on account of Performance Fees accrued in the Performance Period of the Merian North American Equity Fund and any net income distributed to Shareholders in respect of the Performance Period of the Merian North American Equity Fund is added back.

The "**Percentage Outperformance**" in respect of Performance Periods of the Merian North American Equity Fund where Fund Performance is greater than Index Performance is the arithmetical difference between Fund Performance and Index Performance, expressed as a percentage. In respect of Performance Periods of the Merian North American Equity Fund where Fund Performance is less than Index Performance, such underperformance, being the arithmetical difference between Fund Performance and Index Performance expressed in percentage points, will be carried forward and no Performance Fee will be payable in any subsequent Performance Period of the Merian North American Equity Fund unless Fund Performance measured against Index Performance has recovered any accumulated percentage underperformance for previous periods. In the Performance Period of the Merian North American Equity Fund in which any accumulated percentage underperformance is recovered, only that part of the Percentage Outperformance for such period as exceeds the accumulated percentage underperformance carried forward is taken into account for the purposes of calculating the performance fee payable for the Performance Period of the Merian North American Equity Fund.

The amount of Performance Fee payable in respect of each Share is a US Dollar amount equivalent to the opening Net Asset Value per Share on the first Business Day of the Performance Period of the Merian North American Equity Fund x Percentage Outperformance x 20 per cent. and is payable on the average number of Shares in issue during the Performance Period of the Merian North American Equity Fund.

For the purposes of the first calculation of the Performance Fee, the initial offer price in respect of each Share Class was taken as the opening Net Asset Value. The first Performance Period will begin on the date on which the first shares of the relevant share classes are issued and will end on 31 December of the same year.

The Performance Fee accrues and is taken into account in the calculation of the Net Asset Value per Share on a daily basis.

The amount of the Performance Fee will be calculated by the Administrator. The calculation of the Performance Fee shall be verified by the Depositary.

The calculation of the Performance Fee shall also be reviewed by the Auditors as part of the annual audit of the Company.

The Investment Manager may, at its discretion, waive the Performance Fee payable in respect of a Performance Period of the Merian North American Equity Fund.

**Performance Fees are payable on net realised and net unrealised gains and losses as at the end of each Performance Period of the Merian North American Equity Fund and as a result, Performance Fees may be paid on unrealised gains which may subsequently never be realised.**

Performance Fees may also be payable during a Performance Period of the Merian North American Equity Fund where there is a decline in the Net Asset Value per Share.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian North American Equity Fund and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “**Fees and Expenses**”.

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian North American Equity Fund please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

### **Distribution Policy**

The Directors intend to declare a dividend in respect of the Classes of Shares of the Merian North American Equity Fund set out in the table below (the “**Distributing Share Classes**”).

The Directors intend to declare dividends in accordance with the distribution frequency set out in the table below. Dividends that are declared yearly will be declared on 31 December; dividends that are declared half-yearly will be declared on 30 June and 31 December; dividends that are declared quarterly will be declared on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December; and dividends that are declared monthly will be declared on the last Business Day of each month.

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Distribution Frequency</b>
Class A (CHF) Income	Yearly
Class A (EUR) Income	Yearly
Class A (GBP) Income	Yearly
Class A (USD) Income	Yearly
Class A (CHF) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class A (EUR) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class A (GBP) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class I (CHF) Income	Yearly
Class I (EUR) Income	Yearly
Class I (USD) Income	Yearly
Class I (CHF) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class I (EUR) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class N (USD) Income	Yearly
Class R (GBP) Income	Yearly
Class R (GBP) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class P2 (GBP) Income	Yearly
Class P2 (USD) Income	Quarterly*
Class U1 (EUR) Income	Yearly
Class U1 (GBP) Income	Yearly
Class U1 (USD) Income	Yearly
Class U1 (EUR) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class U1 (GBP) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class U2 (EUR) Income	Yearly
Class U2 (GBP) Income	Yearly
Class U2 (USD) Income	Yearly
Class U2 (EUR) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class U2 (GBP) Hedged Income	Yearly

\*The first quarterly dividend for the Class P2 (USD) Income Class will be declared on 31 March, 2019.

It is the intention of the Directors that dividends will be paid from the Merian North American Equity Fund’s net income.

For Share Classes that are not Distributing Share Classes, the Merian North American Equity Fund’s income and capital gains will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian North American Equity Fund.

**Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed “**Financial Derivative Instruments**” and “**Risk Factors**”.

**Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian North American Equity Fund:-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian US Equity Income Fund, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian US Equity Income Fund

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**Shareholders of the Merian US Equity Income Fund should note that all/ part of fees and expenses will be charged to the capital at a Fund or Share Class level. This will have the effect of lowering the capital value of your investment.**

**For Fixed Distribution Share Classes, shareholders should note that distributions, may be declared out of the capital of the Merian US Equity Income Fund. Therefore, there is a greater risk that capital may be eroded and distribution will be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth of your investment. This cycle may continue until all capital is depleted. Distributions out of capital may have different tax consequences to distributions of income and it is recommended that you seek appropriate advice in this regard.**

## Investment Objective and Policies

The objective of the Merian US Equity Income Fund is to seek to achieve asset growth through investment in a diversified portfolio of equity and equity-related securities.

As part of the Merian US Equity Income Fund's strategy it will focus on developing a stock portfolio that is expected to deliver total returns while satisfying the income requirements of investors. In this regard, the Investment Manager's stock selection process looks for a stock portfolio that can offer both attractive dividends as well as capital growth.

The Merian US Equity Income Fund will seek to achieve a higher dividend yield than the broader US equity market. The portfolio will be constructed to ensure that the weighted average expected yield of the portfolio is greater than that of the broader US equity market, while some of the individual stocks within the portfolio may not pay any dividend.

The securities in which the Merian US Equity Income Fund may invest shall include ordinary shares or common stock, ADRs, GDRs, preference shares and warrants provided that investments in warrants shall not comprise more than 5 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Merian US Equity Income Fund. The Merian US Equity Income Fund will aim to achieve its investment objective by investing not less than 70% of its Net Asset Value directly in such securities. Up to 25 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Merian US Equity Income Fund may be invested in the securities of non-US issuers at any one time.

Subject to the investment restriction 2.1 of Schedule III in the Prospectus, the securities will principally be listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market in the US.

The Merian US Equity Income Fund may invest its liquid assets or may invest up to one third of the Net Asset Value for temporary defensive purposes in short-term securities such as commercial paper, bankers' acceptances, certificates of deposit and government securities issued by an OECD member country or by any supranational entity provided that the foregoing securities are denominated in USD, subject to the investment restriction 2.1 of Schedule III in the Prospectus, the securities are listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market in an OECD member country and are rated Investment Grade or better.

The Merian US Equity Income Fund may invest up to 5 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in open-ended collective investment schemes whose objective is to invest in any of the foregoing. Investment in collective investment schemes shall include both UCITS and alternative investment funds. In particular, any investment in open-ended alternative investment funds will be subject to Regulation 114(6) of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations").

The Merian US Equity Income Fund may invest up to 10 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in REITs listed, traded or dealt in on Regulated Markets that are not considered Emerging Markets.

The Merian US Equity Income Fund may employ the following investment techniques and instruments which may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives - futures (currency future contracts), and forward settled transactions. Such derivative instruments may be used for (i) hedging purposes, (ii) efficient portfolio management, and/or (iii) investment purposes, subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank. All exposure arising through the investment in financial derivative instruments will be covered by the underlying assets of the Merian US Equity Income Fund. The Merian US Equity Income Fund will use the commitment approach methodology to accurately measure, monitor and manage the "leverage" effect produced by the use of financial derivative instruments and for the calculation of its global exposure. As the Merian US Equity Income Fund uses the commitment approach it must ensure that its global exposure does not exceed its total net asset value. The use of such financial derivative instruments will result in minimal leverage of up to 10 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Merian US Equity Income Fund under the commitment approach. In using the commitment approach for the calculation of global exposure, the Merian US Equity Income Fund will convert each derivative position into the market value of an equivalent position in the underlying asset of that derivative.

Futures contracts (including currency futures, equity futures and index futures) may be used to hedge against market risk. A currency future is a transferable futures contract that specifies the price at which a currency can be bought or sold at a future date. An equity futures contract trades on an organised exchange. An index future is a futures contract on a stock or financial index. For each index there may be a different multiple for determining the price of the futures contract. Futures contracts may be used to hedge against market risk or to equitise cash balances pending investment of a cash flow.

Forward contracts (including FX forwards) may be used to hedge the value of an asset, currency or deposit. An FX forward contract is a transaction in which it is agreed to exchange a specified amount of different currencies at some future date, with the exchange rate being set at the time the contract is entered into. FX forward contracts may be used to hedge against currency movements and provide currency risk management.

The Merian US Equity Income Fund may use derivatives to acquire synthetic long and synthetic short positions over a variety of time periods (depending on current market conditions and the Investment Manager's view relative to those conditions) in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. The expected range for the long and short positions the Merian US Equity Income Fund may take is between 0% to 10 % short exposures in combination with 0% to 10% long exposures. The Merian US Equity Income Fund's short exposure will be used for liquidity management purposes.

The Merian US Equity Income Fund is denominated in USD.

### **Investment Approach**

The Merian US Equity Income Fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager has freedom to select the investments in order to seek to achieve the investment objective of the Merian US Equity Income Fund. In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Merian US Equity Income Fund aims to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than that of the MSCI USA Index (the "**Index**") with net dividends re-invested over rolling 3 year periods.

The Index represents the performance of the large and mid-cap segments of the US market.

The Merian US Equity Income Fund is managed by the Investment Manager adopting a "systematic" investment process, which uses sophisticated computer models to analyse large volumes of data to select investments. Stocks are assessed in terms of the attractiveness of their valuation, quality, price trends, stable growth prospects, sentiment and company management. In addition, the Investment Manager takes other criteria such as expected risk, trading costs, expected dividends and liquidity into consideration when constructing the Merian US Equity Income Fund's portfolio.

The Index is a representation of the markets in which the Merian US Equity Income Fund primarily invests. Although a large proportion of the Merian US Equity Income Fund's investments may be components of the Index, the Investment Manager does not seek to replicate the performance of the Index; it is seeking to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than the Index. In particular, the Merian US Equity Income Fund may invest in companies which are not included in the Index and the stock selection and portfolio construction process, as set out above, mean that the number of holdings and weightings of the companies, industries, sectors and countries of the holdings of the Merian US Equity Income Fund may diverge materially from the Index. Therefore, the risk and return profile of the Merian US Equity Income Fund will likely be significantly different to that of the Index. As set out above, the portfolio construction of the Merian US Equity Income Fund involves considering risk, trading costs and liquidity. As part of this portfolio construction process, various controls are in place aiming to ensure risks are not concentrated in any one company, industry, sector or country.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderate to high level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian US Equity Income Fund and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRRI measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Manager**

The Investment Manager of the Merian US Equity Income Fund is Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is USD for the Merian US Equity Income Fund.

### **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian US Equity Income Fund, means a day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which retail banks are open for business in Dublin, London and the New York Stock Exchange is open for business in New York.

### **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian US Equity Income Fund every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

### **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian US Equity Income Fund are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A, B, C, C2, N and S Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A, B, C, C2, N or S Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Commencing from the Effective Date (as defined below), Class B Shares and Class C2 Shares, whether purchased before or after the Effective Date, will automatically convert into Shares in the corresponding Class A Shares upon the expiry of 4 years (Class B Shares), or 2 years (Class C2 Shares) from the date of the initial subscription into the relevant Class B Shares or Class C2 Shares. The Effective Date for these purposes shall be 31 March, 2017 or such later date as is required in order to implement the relevant enhancements necessary to process the automatic conversion.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below and who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager.

With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U2 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

### Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian US Equity Income Fund which is available but not yet launched will close on 31 December, 2020. The initial offer period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, SEK 10.00, SGD 10.00, USD 10.00, AUD 10.00, ZAR 10.00.

### Fees and Expenses

#### Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian US Equity Income Fund is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian US Equity Income Fund.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee
<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Income (F)</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil



<b>A (SEK) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	SEK	SEK 1,000	SEK 500	SEK 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (SGD) Hedged Income</b>	SGD	SGD 1,000	SGD 500	SGD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (AUD) Hedged Income</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (AUD) Hedged Income (F)</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (ZAR) Hedged Income</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>B (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (AUD) Hedged Income</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (ZAR) Hedged Income</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C2 (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 0.50%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C2 (USD) Income (F)</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 0.50%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C2 (AUD)</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 0.50%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%

<b>Hedged Income</b>								
<b>C2 (AUD) Hedged Income (F)</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 0.50%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C2 (ZAR) Hedged Income</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Up to 0.50%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C2 (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Up to 0.50%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>I (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>N (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>N (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>R (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>S (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil

<b>U2 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
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Shareholders of the Merian US Equity Income Fund should note that all or a portion of Fees and Expenses in respect of Merian US Equity Income Fund may be charged to capital at a Fund or Share Class level. Thus, on redemptions of holdings Shareholders of the Merian US Equity Income Fund income class shares may not receive back the full amount invested due to capital reduction. In addition, it should be noted that as a result capital may be eroded and income may be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth. It is recommended that Shareholders of the Merian US Equity Income Fund seek advice in this regard. The rationale for providing for the payment of fees and expenses out of capital is to increase the level of income distributed for income class shareholders.

### Contingent Deferred Sales Charge

A contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on the repurchase of the Class B, Class C and Class C2 Shares of the Merian US Equity Income Fund. The amount of the contingent deferred sales charge payable will depend on the length of time between the date the Shares were purchased and their repurchase at the rates set out below.

Years since purchase	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid
	Class B Shares	Class C Shares	Class C2 Shares
0 - 1	4.00%	1.00%	2.00%
1 - 2	3.00%	Nil	1.00%
2 - 3	2.00%	Nil	Nil
3 - 4	1.00%	Nil	Nil
4 and thereafter	None	Nil	Nil

Any contingent deferred sales charge will be payable to the Manager. The Manager may pay some or all of any contingent deferred sales charge to its delegates as reimbursement for the expense of distribution, intermediary and/or other services rendered to the Manager, the Company and the Merian US Equity Income Fund. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on Shares issued arising as a result of the reinvestment of dividends. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on any increase on the Net Asset Value per Share above the subscription price paid for the Share and no contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on transfers or conversions of Shares. For the purposes of determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge is payable any Shares redeemed shall be deemed to be those first subscribed.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian US Equity Income Fund and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed "**Fees and Expenses**".

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian US Equity Income Fund please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed "**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**".

### Distribution Policy

The Directors intend to declare a dividend in respect of the Classes of Shares of the Merian US Equity Income Fund set out in the table below (the "**Distributing Share Classes**").

The Directors intend to declare dividends in accordance with the distribution frequency set out in the table below. Dividends that are declared yearly will be declared on 31 December; dividends that are declared half-yearly will be declared on 30 June and 31 December; dividends that are declared quarterly will be declared on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December; and dividends that are declared monthly will be declared on the last Business Day of each month.

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Distribution Frequency</b>
Class A (USD) Income	Monthly
Class A (USD) Income (F)	Monthly
Class A (EUR) Income	Monthly
Class A (GBP) Income	Monthly
Class A (SGD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (AUD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (AUD) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class A (SGD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (ZAR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class B (USD)Income	Monthly
Class B (AUD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class B (ZAR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class C (USD) Income	Monthly
Class C2 (USD) Income	Monthly
Class C2 (USD) Income (F)	Monthly
Class C2 (AUD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class C2 (AUD) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class C2 (ZAR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class C2 (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class I (USD) Income	Monthly
Class I (EUR) Income	Monthly
Class N (USD) Income	Monthly
Class R (GBP) Income	Monthly
Class U1 (GBP) Income	Monthly
Class U2 (GBP) Income	Monthly

It is the intention of the Directors that dividends will be paid from the Merian US Equity Income Fund's net income. In addition, the Merian US Equity Income Fund may also pay dividends out of capital for certain share classes. As the Merian US Equity Income Fund currently charges fees and expenses to capital the Merian US Equity Income Fund's income available for distribution will in practice be a gross rather than net income figure. Gross income shall generally consist of interest, dividends and other investment income less withholding and other taxes or adjustments as applicable. The rationale for providing for the payment of dividends out of capital is to allow the Merian US Equity Income Fund the ability to provide a stable and consistent level of distribution to investors seeking income oriented investment solutions.

For Share Classes that are not Distributing Share Classes, the Merian US Equity Income Fund's income and capital gains will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian US Equity Income Fund.

The Directors may operate an income smoothing mechanism which aims to generate a more stable level of distributions from one month to the next. This may involve reducing the income paid out for a particular month to counter possible shortfalls in the income available for distribution in later months. Any such undistributed income will be paid out in respect of the final month of the annual accounting period.

### **Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed “**Financial Derivative Instruments**” and “**Risk Factors**”.

### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian US Equity Income Fund:-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian European Equity Fund, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian European Equity Fund

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement

and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

## Investment Objective and Policies

The objective of the Merian European Equity Fund is to seek to achieve asset growth through investment in a well-diversified portfolio of securities of European issuers, of issuers established outside Europe which have a predominant proportion of their assets or business operations in Europe or of securities listed or having a listing on a European exchange. It is not proposed to concentrate investments in any one industry or sector.

The securities in which Merian European Equity Fund may invest shall include ordinary shares or common stock, ADRs, GDRs, preference shares and warrants, provided that any investment in warrants shall not comprise more than 5 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Merian European Equity Fund. The Merian European Equity Fund will aim to achieve its investment objective by investing not less than 70 per cent. of its Net Asset Value directly in securities of European issuers, of issuers established outside Europe which have a predominant proportion of their assets or business operations in Europe or of securities listed or having a listing on a European exchange. The European countries in which the Merian European Equity Fund may invest may include the countries of the EU, the United Kingdom, Norway and Switzerland. Subject to the investment restriction 2.1 of Schedule III in the Prospectus, the securities will be listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market.

The Merian European Equity Fund may invest up to 10 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in the securities of issuers established or having a significant proportion of their assets or business in Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man and Eastern European countries, such as Croatia, Albania, Serbia, Macedonia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Turkey and, subject to the investment restriction 2.1 of Schedule III in the Prospectus, the securities will be listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market in these countries.

The Merian European Equity Fund may invest its liquid assets or may invest up to one third of the Net Asset Value for temporary defensive purposes in short-term securities such as commercial paper, bankers' acceptances, certificates of deposit and government securities issued by an OECD member country or by any supranational entity provided that the foregoing securities are denominated in euro, subject to the investment restriction 2.1 of Schedule III in the Prospectus, are listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market in an OECD member country and are rated Investment Grade or better.

The Merian European Equity Fund may invest up to 5 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in open-ended collective investment schemes whose objective is to invest in any of the foregoing. Investment in collective investment schemes shall include both UCITS and alternative investment funds. In particular, any investment in open-ended alternative investment funds will be subject to Regulation 114(6) of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations").

The Merian European Equity Fund may invest up to 10 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in REITs listed, traded or dealt in on Regulated Markets that are not considered Emerging Markets.

The Merian European Equity Fund may employ investment techniques and instruments which may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives, such as futures (such as currency future contracts), options, options on futures, forward settled transactions, convertible securities, hybrid securities, structured notes, credit default swaps and swap agreements. Such derivative instruments may be used for (i) hedging purposes, (ii) efficient portfolio management, and/or (iii) investment purposes, subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank. All exposure arising through the investment in financial derivative instruments will be covered by the underlying assets of the Merian European Equity Fund. The Merian European Equity Fund will use the commitment approach methodology to accurately measure, monitor and manage the "leverage" effect produced by the use of financial derivative instruments and for the calculation of its global exposure. As the Merian European Equity Fund uses the commitment approach it must ensure that its global exposure does not exceed its total Net Asset Value. The use of such financial derivative instruments will result in minimal leverage of up to 10 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Merian European Equity Fund under the commitment approach. In using the commitment approach for the calculation of global exposure, the Merian European Equity Fund will convert each derivative position into the market value of an equivalent position in the underlying asset of that derivative.

The Merian European Equity Fund may use derivatives to acquire synthetic long and synthetic short positions over a variety of time periods (depending on current market conditions and the Investment Manager's view relative to those conditions) in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. The expected range for the long and short positions the Merian European Equity Fund may take is between 0% to 10 % short exposures in combination with 0% to 10% long exposures.

The Merian European Equity Fund is denominated in euro. The Merian European Equity Fund does not propose to hedge routinely the currency exchange rate exposure arising as a result of fluctuations between the Euro and the currency in which investments of the Merian European Equity Fund are made, but may do so from time to time. The Investment Manager may enter into foreign exchange transactions to hedge against exchange risk, to increase exposure to a currency or to shift exposure to currency fluctuations from one currency to another. Suitable hedging transactions may not be available in all circumstances and there can be no assurance that the Merian European Equity Fund will engage in such transactions at any given time. Such transactions may not be successful and may eliminate any chance for the Merian European Equity Fund to benefit from favourable fluctuations in relevant foreign currencies.

### **Investment Approach**

The Merian European Equity Fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager has freedom to select the investments in order to seek to achieve the investment objective of the Merian European Equity Fund. In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Merian European Equity Fund aims to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than that of the MSCI Europe Index (the “**Index**”) with net dividends re-invested over rolling 3 year periods.

The Index represents the performance of the large and mid-cap segments of developed markets in Europe.

The Merian European Equity Fund is managed by the Investment Manager adopting a “systematic” investment process, which uses sophisticated computer models to analyse large volumes of data to select investments. Stocks are assessed in terms of the attractiveness of their valuation, quality, price trends, stable growth prospects, sentiment and company management. In addition, the Investment Manager takes other criteria, such as expected risk, trading costs and liquidity into consideration when constructing the Merian European Equity Fund's portfolio.

The Index is a representation of the markets in which the Merian European Equity Fund primarily invests. Although a large proportion of the Merian European Equity Fund's investments may be components of the Index, the Investment Manager does not seek to replicate the performance of the Index; it is seeking to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than the Index. In particular, the Merian European Equity Fund may invest in companies which are not included in the Index and the stock selection and portfolio construction process, as set out above, mean that the number of holdings and weightings of the companies, industries, sectors and countries of the holdings of the Merian European Equity Fund may diverge materially from the Index. Therefore, the risk and return profile of Merian European Equity Fund will likely be significantly different to that of the Index. As set out above, the portfolio construction of the Merian European Equity Fund involves considering risk, trading costs and liquidity. As part of this portfolio construction process, various controls are in place aiming to ensure risks are not concentrated in any one company, industry, sector or country.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderate to high level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian European Equity Fund and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRR1 measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Manager**



The Investment Manager of the Merian European Equity Fund is Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is EUR for the Merian European Equity Fund.

### **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian European Equity Fund, means a day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which retail banks are open for business in Dublin and London.

### **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian European Equity Fund every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

### **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian European Equity Fund are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A, B, C, C2, N and S Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A, B, C, C2, N or S Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Commencing from the Effective Date (as defined below), Class B Shares and Class C2 Shares, whether purchased before or after the Effective Date, will automatically convert into Shares in the corresponding Class A Shares upon the expiry of 4 years (Class B Shares), or 2 years (Class C2 Shares) from the date of the initial subscription into the relevant Class B Shares or Class C2 Shares. The Effective Date for these purposes shall be 31 March, 2017 or such later date as is required in order to implement the relevant enhancements necessary to process the automatic conversion.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below and who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors,

Class U2 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

### Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian European Equity Fund which is available but not yet launched will close on 31 December, 2020. The initial offer period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, USD 10.00.

### Fees and Expenses

#### Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian European Equity Fund is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian European Equity Fund.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee
<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Accumulation Shares</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Hedged Accumulation Shares</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>B (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C2 (USD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 0.50%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%

<b>I (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>N (USD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>R (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>S (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil

### Contingent Deferred Sales Charge

A contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on the repurchase of the Class B, Class C and Class C2 Shares of the Merian European Equity Fund. The amount of the contingent deferred sales charge payable will depend on the length of time between the date the Shares were purchased and their repurchase at the rates set out below.

Years since purchase	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid
	Class B Shares	Class C Shares	Class C2 Shares
0 - 1	4.00%	1.00%	2.00%
1 - 2	3.00%	Nil	1.00%
2 - 3	2.00%	Nil	Nil
3 - 4	1.00%	Nil	Nil
4 and thereafter	None	Nil	Nil

Any contingent deferred sales charge will be payable to the Manager. The Manager may pay some or all of any contingent deferred sales charge to its delegates as reimbursement for the expense of distribution, intermediary and/or other services rendered to the Manager, the Company and the Merian European Equity Fund. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on Shares issued arising as a result of the reinvestment of dividends. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on any increase on the Net Asset Value per Share above the subscription price paid for the Share and no contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on transfers or conversions of Shares. For the purposes of determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge is payable any Shares redeemed shall be deemed to be those first subscribed.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian European Equity Fund and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “**Fees and Expenses**”.

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian European Equity Fund please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

### **Distribution Policy**

The Merian European Equity Fund currently does not offer any Distributing Share Classes. The income and capital gains of the Share Classes of the Merian European Equity Fund will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian European Equity Fund.

### **Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed “**Financial Derivative Instruments**” and “**Risk Factors**”.

### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian European Equity Fund:-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian Japanese Equity Fund, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian Japanese Equity Fund

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**Prospective investors should note that the Merian Japanese Equity Fund is closed and an application for revocation of authorisation will be submitted to the Central Bank in due course.**

## Investment Objective and Policies

The objective of the Merian Japanese Equity Fund is to seek to achieve asset growth through investment in a well-diversified portfolio of securities of Japanese issuers or of issuers established outside Japan which have a predominant proportion of their assets or business operations in Japan. It is not proposed to concentrate investments in any one industry or sector.

The Merian Japanese Equity Fund will hold not less than 70 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in a well-diversified portfolio of securities of Japanese issuers or of issuers established outside Japan which have a predominant proportion of their assets or business operations in Japan.

The securities in which the Merian Japanese Equity Fund may invest shall include ordinary shares or common stock, ADRs, GDRs, preference shares and warrants, provided that any investment in warrants shall not comprise more than 5 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Japanese Equity Fund. The Merian Japanese Equity Fund may invest less than 30 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in convertible securities including bonds, notes and debentures which may be converted or exchanged at a stated or determinable exchange ratio. The Merian Japanese Equity Fund may invest its liquid assets in short-term securities such as commercial paper, bankers' acceptances, certificates of deposit and government securities issued by an OECD member country or by any supranational entity provided that the securities are denominated in JPY, listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market in an OECD member country and are rated Investment Grade or better.

The Investment Adviser believes the best investment returns can be achieved through a combination of techniques that inform stock selection. Core to this approach is bottom-up selection, aiming to buy attractively valued companies. In choosing such investments, the Investment Adviser will typically assess a company's prospects, evidenced by factors such as a strong balance sheet and its earnings and growth potential. The Investment Adviser may also use systematic filters to tilt the portfolio's exposure towards factors that the Investment Adviser believes will be attractive. Macroeconomic analysis might also be used to identify stocks that may benefit from attractive market themes and trends.

The Merian Japanese Equity Fund may invest up to 10 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in REITs listed, traded or dealt in on Regulated Markets that are not considered Emerging Markets.

The Merian Japanese Equity Fund may employ investment techniques and instruments which may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives, such as futures (such as currency future contracts), options, options on futures, forward settled transactions, convertible securities, hybrid securities, structured notes, credit default swaps and swap agreements. Such derivative instruments may be used for (i) hedging purposes, (ii) efficient portfolio management, and/or (iii) investment purposes, subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank. All exposure arising through the investment in financial derivative instruments will be covered by the underlying assets of the Merian Japanese Equity Fund. The Merian Japanese Equity Fund will use the commitment approach methodology to accurately measure, monitor and manage the "leverage" effect produced by the use of financial derivative instruments and for the calculation of its global exposure. As the Merian Japanese Equity Fund uses the commitment approach it must ensure that its global exposure does not exceed its total net asset value. The use of such financial derivative instruments will result in minimal leverage of up to 10 per cent of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Japanese Equity Fund under the commitment approach. In using the commitment approach for the calculation of global exposure, the Merian Japanese Equity Fund will convert each derivative position into the market value of an equivalent position in the underlying asset of that derivative.

Swaps including total/excess return swaps, credit default swaps and interest rate swaps) will be used to achieve profit as well as to hedge existing long positions.

The Investment Adviser may enter into total return swaps/excess return swaps where the underlying assets are equity, currency or fixed income securities and it will only do so on behalf of the Merian Japanese Equity Fund with counterparties which shall be entities which satisfy the OTC counterparty criteria set down by the Central Bank in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and shall specialise in such transactions. Subject to compliance with those conditions, the Investment Adviser has full discretion as to the appointment of counterparties when entering into a total return swap in furtherance

of the Merian Japanese Equity Fund's investment objective and policies. It is not possible to comprehensively list in this Supplement all the counterparties as they have not, as of the date of issue of this Supplement, been selected and they may change from time to time. The failure of a counterparty to a swap transaction may have a negative impact on the return for shareholders. The Investment Adviser would seek to minimise counterparty performance risk by only selecting counterparties with a good credit rating and by monitoring any changes in those counterparties' ratings. The counterparty to any total return swap entered into by the Merian Japanese Equity Fund would not assume any discretion over the composition or management of the investment portfolio of the Merian Japanese Equity Fund or of the underlying of the total return swap and would meet the criteria set out in the Prospectus.

Currency hedging activities and currency positions will be implemented using spot and forward foreign exchange contracts, total/excess return swaps and currency futures, options and options on futures.

The Merian Japanese Equity Fund may use derivatives to acquire synthetic long and synthetic short positions over a variety of time periods (depending on current market conditions and the Investment Adviser's view relative to those conditions) in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. The expected range for the long and short positions the Merian Japanese Equity Fund may take is between 0% to 10 % short exposures in combination with 0% to 10% long exposures.

The Merian Japanese Equity Fund may invest up to 10 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in open-ended collective investment schemes, including ETFs, whose objective is to invest in any of the foregoing. These collective investment schemes will be established as UCITS under the UCITS Directive in any EU member state or AIFs which satisfy the requirements of Regulation 68(e) of the Regulations.

The Merian Japanese Equity Fund is denominated in JPY.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderate to high level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian Japanese Equity Fund and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRR1 measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Adviser**

The Investment Adviser of the Merian Japanese Equity Fund is Merian Global Investors (Asia Pacific) Limited which was formed in Hong Kong on 17 December 2001 and is regulated by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong. Merian Global Investors (Asia Pacific) Limited's registered address is 24th Floor, Henley Building, 5 Queen's Road, Central, Hong Kong.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is JPY for the Merian Japanese Equity Fund.

### **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian Japanese Equity Fund, means a day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which retail banks are open for business in Dublin, London, Hong Kong and Japan.

### **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian Japanese Equity Fund every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

### **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian Japanese Equity Fund are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A, B, C, C2, N and S Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A, B, C, C2, N or S Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Commencing from the Effective Date (as defined below), Class B Shares and Class C2 Shares, whether purchased before or after the Effective Date, will automatically convert into Shares in the corresponding Class A Shares upon the expiry of 4 years (Class B Shares), or 2 years (Class C2 Shares) from the date of the initial subscription into the relevant Class B Shares or Class C2 Shares. The Effective Date for these purposes shall be 31 March, 2017 or such later date as is required in order to implement the relevant enhancements necessary to process the automatic conversion.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below and/or investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries and/or investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U2 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

#### **Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price**

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian Japanese Equity Fund which is available but not yet launched will close on 30 April, 2020. The initial offer period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, JPY 10.00, USD 10.00.

#### **Fees and Expenses**

#### **Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts**



The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian Japanese Equity Fund is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian Japanese Equity Fund.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee
<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (JPY) Accumulation</b>	JPY	JPY 1,000	JPY 500	JPY 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>B (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C2 (USD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 0.50%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>I (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (JPY) Accumulation</b>	JPY	JPY 10,000	JPY 5,000	JPY 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>N (USD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>R (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil

<b>R (GBP) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>S (GBP) Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 75,000,000	GBP 37,500,000	GBP 37,500,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil

### Contingent Deferred Sales Charge

A contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on the repurchase of the Class B, Class C and Class C2 Shares of the Merian Japanese Equity Fund. The amount of the contingent deferred sales charge payable will depend on the length of time between the date the Shares were purchased and their repurchase at the rates set out below.

Years since purchase	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid
	Class B Shares	Class C Shares	Class C2 Shares
0 - 1	4.00%	1.00%	2.00%
1 - 2	3.00%	Nil	1.00%
2 - 3	2.00%	Nil	Nil
3 - 4	1.00%	Nil	Nil
4 and thereafter	None	Nil	Nil

Any contingent deferred sales charge will be payable to the Manager. The Manager may pay some or all of any contingent deferred sales charge to its delegates as reimbursement for the expense of distribution, intermediary and/or other services rendered to the Manager, the Company and the Merian Japanese Equity Fund. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on Shares issued arising as a result of the reinvestment of dividends. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on any increase on the Net Asset Value per Share above the subscription price paid for the Share and no contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on transfers or conversions of Shares. For the purposes of determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge is payable any Shares redeemed shall be deemed to be those first subscribed.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian Japanese Equity Fund and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed "**Fees and Expenses**".

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian Japanese Equity Fund please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed "**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**".

### Distribution Policy

The Merian Japanese Equity Fund currently does not offer any Distributing Share Classes. The income and capital gains of the Share Classes of the Merian Japanese Equity Fund will be reinvested in

accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian Japanese Equity Fund.

### **Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed “**Financial Derivative Instruments**” and “**Risk Factors**”.

### **Total Return Swaps**

As set out under Investment Objective and Policies, the Merian Japanese Equity Fund may engage in total return swaps.

The maximum exposure of the Merian Japanese Equity Fund in respect of total return swaps shall be 20% of the Net Asset Value. However, the Investment Manager does not anticipate that the Merian Japanese Equity Fund’s exposure to total return swaps will exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value. In any case the most recent semi-annual and annual report of the Merian Japanese Equity Fund will express as an absolute amount and as a percentage of the Merian Japanese Equity Fund’s assets the amount of the assets subject to total return swaps.

The collateral supporting will be valued daily at mark-to-market prices and daily variation margin used if the value of collateral falls below coverage requirements.

In respect of total return swaps, a counterparty selected will be either an investment firm, authorised in accordance with the EU MiFID Directive (2004/39/EC) or a group company of an entity issued with a bank holding company licence from the Federal Reserve of the United States of America where that group company is subject to bank holding company consolidated supervision by that Federal Reserve or an “Approved Credit Institution”. An Approved Credit Institution is:

- (i) a credit institution authorised in the EEA; or
- (ii) a credit institution authorised within a signatory state, other than a Member State of the EEA, to the Basle Capital Convergence Agreement of July 1988 (Switzerland, Canada, Japan, United States); or
- (iii) a credit institution authorised in Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Australia or New Zealand.

Counterparties to a total return swap will have a minimum credit rating of A-2 or equivalent or have been deemed by the Company (or the Investment Manager) to have an implied rating of A-2. Alternatively, an unrated counterparty may be acceptable where the Merian Japanese Equity Fund is indemnified or guaranteed against losses suffered as a result of a failure by the counterparty by an entity which has and maintains a rating of A-2 or equivalent.

In respect of total return swaps, collateral received other than cash, will be highly liquid and traded on a regulated market or multilateral trading facility with transparent pricing in order that it can be sold quickly at a price that is close to pre-sale valuation. Collateral received will be issued by an entity that is independent from the counterparty and is not expected to display a high correlation with the performance of the counterparty. Collateral will be sufficiently diversified in terms of country, markets and issuers with a maximum exposure to a given issuer of 20% of the Merian Japanese Equity Fund’s Net Asset Value. If the Merian Japanese Equity Fund is exposed to different counterparties, the different baskets of collateral will be aggregated to calculate the 20% limit of exposure to a single issuer. Furthermore, the Merian Japanese Equity Fund may be fully collateralised in different transferable securities and Money Market Instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State, one or more of its local authorities, a third country, or a public international body to which one or more Member State belongs, as set out in Schedule III Section 2.12 of the Prospectus. In this instance, the Merian Japanese Equity Fund will receive securities from at least 6 different issuers, but securities from any single issuer will not account for more than 30 per cent of the Merian Japanese Equity Fund’s Net Asset Value.

### **Collateral**

In accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, the Investment Manager employs a collateral management policy in respect of the Merian Japanese Equity Fund in relation to collateral received in respect of OTC financial derivative transactions whether used for investment or for efficient portfolio management purposes. Any collateral and/or assets received by the Company for and on behalf of the Merian Japanese Equity Fund on a title transfer basis shall be held in safekeeping by the Depositary. For other types of collateral arrangements, the collateral will be held with a third party custodian which is subject to prudential supervision and which is unrelated to the collateral provider.

Where necessary, the Merian Japanese Equity Fund will accept collateral from its counterparties in order to reduce counterparty risk exposure generated through the use of over the counter derivative instruments and efficient portfolio management techniques. The Merian Japanese Equity Fund may receive cash collateral, high quality government bonds, other government-backed securities of varying maturity and equities to the extent deemed necessary by the Investment Manager in respect of over-the-counter derivative transactions, provided however that such collateral and its re-use must comply with the requirements of the Central Bank and the conditions for the receipt of eligible collateral set out in Schedule II of the Prospectus.

The level of collateral required to be posted may vary by counterparty with which the Merian Japanese Equity Fund trades and shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. A documented haircut policy is in place for the Company detailing the policy in respect of each class of assets received and which takes into account the characteristics of the assets and the results of any stress tests conducted as required. The haircut policy applied to posted collateral will be negotiated on a counterparty basis and will vary depending on the class of asset received by the Merian Japanese Equity Fund, taking into account the characteristics of the assets received as collateral such as the credit standing or the price volatility and the outcome of any liquidity stress testing policy. Any re-investment of cash collateral shall be diversified in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank and the conditions for reinvesting collateral set out in Schedule II of the Prospectus. Re-invested cash collateral exposes the Company to certain risks such as the risk of a failure or default of the issuer of the relevant security in which the cash collateral has been invested.

### **Counterparty Procedures**

The Investment Manager approves the counterparties used for dealing, establishes counterparty credit limits for them and monitors them on an on-going basis.

The Investment Manager selects counterparties on the basis of their ability to supply liquidity and competitive pricing to the Merian Japanese Equity Fund. This is subject to the minimum credit rating requirements and legal status requirements specified in the Regulations and set out in this Supplement in the section headed "Total Return Swaps".

The Investment Manager's counterparty approval process reviews the financial strength, internal controls and general reputation of the counterparty in question, as well as the legal, regulatory and political environment in the relevant markets. Counterparty exposure is monitored and reported to the Investment Manager on a regular basis. Any broker counterparty selected must be appropriately registered and meet operational efficiency requirements of the Investment Manager.

Investors should consult the "Risk Factors" of the Prospectus for information on counterparty risk and credit risk in this regard.

### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian Japanese Equity Fund:-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

The Investment Advisory Agreement dated 17 June 2016 between the Investment Manager and Merian Global Investors (Asia Pacific) Limited pursuant to which the latter acts as investment adviser to the Company in relation to the assets of the Merian Japanese Equity Fund.

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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian Pacific Equity Fund, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian Pacific Equity Fund

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**An investment in the Merian Pacific Equity Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investor's investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.**

## Investment Objective and Policies

The objective of the Merian Pacific Equity Fund is to seek to achieve asset growth through investment in a well-diversified portfolio of securities of Pacific region issuers or of issuers established outside the Pacific region which have a predominant proportion of their assets or business operations in the Pacific region. It is not proposed to concentrate investments in any one industry or sector.

The Merian Pacific Equity Fund will not invest less than 70 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Pacific Equity Fund in a well-diversified portfolio of securities of Pacific region issuers or of issuers established outside the Pacific region which have a predominant proportion of their assets or business operations in the Pacific region.

The securities in which the Merian Pacific Equity Fund may invest shall include ordinary shares or common stock, ADRs, GDRs, preference shares and warrants provided that investments in warrants shall not comprise more than 5 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Pacific Equity Fund.

The Merian Pacific Equity Fund may invest in and have direct access to certain eligible China A Shares listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange and Shenzhen Stock Exchange via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect (as further described in the sub-section headed "**Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect**" below) and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect (as further described in the sub-section headed "**Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect**" below) (collectively, the "**Stock Connects**"). Exposure to China A Shares through the Stock Connects will not be more than 20% of the Merian Pacific Equity Fund's Net Asset Value.

The Merian Pacific Equity Fund may invest up to 5 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in open-ended collective investment schemes whose objective is to invest in any of the foregoing. Investment in collective investment schemes shall include both UCITS and alternative investment funds. In particular, any investment in open-ended alternative investment funds will be subject to Regulation 114(6) of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations").

The countries in the Pacific region which the Investment Manager shall focus on, though not exclusively, are Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam and, subject to the investment restriction 2.1 of Schedule III in the Prospectus, the securities will be listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market worldwide.

The Merian Pacific Equity Fund may invest its liquid assets in short-term securities such as commercial paper, bankers' acceptances, certificates of deposit and government securities issued by an OECD member country or by any supranational entity provided that the foregoing securities are denominated in USD and subject to the investment restriction 2.1 of Schedule III in the Prospectus, the securities are listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market in an OECD member country and are rated Investment Grade or better or on Regulated Markets in the US or in the EU.

The Merian Pacific Equity Fund may invest up to 15 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in REITs listed, traded or dealt in on Regulated Markets worldwide.

The Merian Pacific Equity Fund may employ investment techniques and instruments which may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives, such as futures (such as currency future contracts), options, options on futures, forward settled transactions, convertible securities, hybrid securities, structured notes, credit default swaps and swap agreements. The Merian Pacific Equity Fund may also invest in certain securities or markets, as described above, using forms of indirect investment. In addition to the derivative usage outlined herein such indirect investment will be achieved using participation notes on the underlying securities, where such investment represents a more practical, efficient or less costly way of gaining exposure to the relevant security or market. In relation to equity linked participation notes, the Merian Pacific Equity Fund's exposure will be to the issuer (which includes regulated and unregulated entities owned and operated by global investment banks and financial institutions which themselves are regulated), rather than the referenced securities that the participation

notes relate to. Equity linked participation notes are OTC products which may, though will typically not, be leveraged and are used to access markets where there are otherwise high barriers to entry. Such derivative instruments may be used for (i) hedging purposes, (ii) efficient portfolio management, and/or (iii) investment purposes, subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank. All exposure arising through the investment in financial derivative instruments will be covered by the underlying assets of the Merian Pacific Equity Fund. The Merian Pacific Equity Fund will use the commitment approach methodology to accurately measure, monitor and manage the “leverage” effect produced by the use of financial derivative instruments and for the calculation of its global exposure. As the Merian Pacific Equity Fund uses the commitment approach it must ensure that its global exposure does not exceed its total net asset value. The use of such financial derivative instruments will result in minimal leverage of up to 10 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Pacific Equity Fund under the commitment approach. In using the commitment approach for the calculation of global exposure, the Merian Pacific Equity Fund will convert each derivative position into the market value of an equivalent position in the underlying asset of that derivative.

The Merian Pacific Equity Fund may use derivatives to acquire synthetic long and synthetic short positions over a variety of time periods (depending on current market conditions and the Investment Manager’s view relative to those conditions) in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. The expected range for the long and short positions the Merian Pacific Equity Fund may take is between 0% to 10 % short exposures in combination with 0% to 10% long exposures.

The Merian Pacific Equity Fund is denominated in USD but will hold assets denominated in other currencies. Consequently the Net Asset Value may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations. The Merian Pacific Equity Fund does not propose to hedge routinely the exchange rate exposure arising as a result of currency fluctuations but may do so from time to time. The Investment Manager may enter into foreign exchange transactions to hedge against exchange risk, to increase exposure to a currency or to shift exposure to currency fluctuations from one currency to another. Suitable hedging transactions may not be available in all circumstances and there can be no assurance that the Merian Pacific Equity Fund will engage in such transactions at any given time. Such transactions may not be successful and may eliminate any chance for the Merian Pacific Equity Fund to benefit from favourable fluctuations in relevant foreign currencies.

### **Investment Approach**

The Merian Pacific Equity Fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager has freedom to select the investments in order to seek to achieve the investment objective of the Merian Pacific Equity Fund. In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Merian Pacific Equity Fund aims to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than that of the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index (the “**Index**”) with net dividends re-invested over rolling 3 year periods.

The Index represents the performance of the large and mid-cap segments of developed and emerging markets in the Asia Pacific region excluding Japan.

The Merian Pacific Equity Fund is managed by the Investment Manager adopting a “systematic” investment process, which uses sophisticated computer models to analyse large volumes of data to select investments. Stocks are assessed in terms of the attractiveness of their valuation, quality (a measure of a company’s financial strength, for example based on its financial statements), price trends, stable growth prospects, sentiment and company management. In addition, the Investment Manager takes other criteria, such as expected risk, trading costs and liquidity into consideration when constructing the Merian Pacific Equity Fund’s portfolio.

The Index is a representation of the markets in which the Merian Pacific Equity Fund primarily invests. Although a large proportion of the Merian Pacific Equity Fund’s investments may be components of the Index, the Investment Manager does not seek to replicate the performance of the Index; it is seeking to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than the Index. In particular, the Merian Pacific Equity Fund may invest in companies which are not included in the Index and the stock selection and portfolio construction process, as set out above, mean that the number of holdings and weightings of the companies, industries, sectors and countries of the holdings of the Merian Pacific Equity Fund may

diverge materially from the Index. Therefore, the risk and return profile of the Merian Pacific Equity Fund will likely be significantly different to that of the Index. As set out above, the portfolio construction of the Merian Pacific Equity Fund involves considering risk, trading costs and liquidity. As part of this portfolio construction process, various controls are in place aiming to ensure risks are not concentrated in any one company, industry, sector or country.

### **Stock Connects**

The Merian Pacific Equity Fund may invest in certain eligible China A Shares through the Stock Connects. The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing links program developed by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (“HKEx”), Shanghai Stock Exchange (“SSE”) and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited (“ChinaClear”). The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing links program developed by the HKEx, the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (“SZSE”) and ChinaClear. The aim of the Stock Connects is to achieve mutual stock market access between mainland China and Hong Kong.

The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect comprises a Northbound Shanghai Trading Link and a Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link. Under the Northbound Shanghai Trading Link, Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Merian Pacific Equity Fund), through their Hong Kong brokers, sub-custodians and a securities trading service company established by the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong (“SEHK”), may be able to trade eligible China A Shares listed on the SSE (“SSE securities”) by routing orders to SSE. Under the Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link under Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, investors in the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”) will be able to trade certain stocks listed on the SEHK.

The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect comprises a Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link and a Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link. Under the Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link, Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Merian Pacific Equity Fund), through their Hong Kong brokers, sub-custodians and a securities trading service company established by SEHK, may be able to trade eligible China A Shares listed on the SZSE (“SZSE securities”) by routing orders to SZSE. Under the Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link under Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, investors in the PRC will be able to trade certain stocks listed on the SEHK.

### **Eligible Securities**

#### **(i) The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect**

Under the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the Merian Pacific Equity Fund, through the Hong Kong brokers, may trade SSE securities. These include all the constituent stocks from time to time of the SSE 180 Index and SSE 380 Index, and all the SSE-listed China A Shares that are not included as constituent stocks of the relevant indices but which have corresponding H-Shares listed on the SEHK, except the following:

- (a) SSE-listed shares which are not traded in Renminbi (“RMB”); and
- (b) SSE-listed shares which are under risk alert.

It is expected that the list of eligible securities will be subject to review and may change.

#### **(ii) The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect**

Under the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the Merian Pacific Equity Fund, through the Hong Kong brokers, may trade SZSE securities. These include all the constituent stocks of the SZSE Component Index and the SZSE Small/Mid Cap Innovation Index which have a market capitalization of not less than RMB 6 billion, and all the SZSE-listed China A shares which have corresponding H-Shares listed on SEHK, except the following:

- a) SZSE-listed shares which are not traded in RMB; and
- b) SZSE-listed shares which are under risk alert or under delisting arrangement.



At the initial stage of the Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link, investors eligible to trade shares that are listed on the ChiNext Board of SZSE under the Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link are limited to institutional professional investors as defined in the relevant Hong Kong rules and regulations.

It is expected that the list of eligible securities will be subject to review and may change.

The term “**China A Shares**” means domestic shares in the PRC incorporated companies listed on either the SSE or the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, the prices of which are quoted in RMB and which are available to such investors as approved by the China Securities Regulatory Commission (“CSRC”).

In addition to those risk factors set out in relation to the PRC investment, a number of the key risks of investing in selective China A Shares listed on the SSE or the SZSE via the Stock Connects are set out in the section entitled “Risk Factors”.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderate to high level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian Pacific Equity Fund and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRR1 measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Manager**

The Investment Manager of the Merian Pacific Equity Fund is Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is USD for the Merian Pacific Equity Fund.

### **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian Pacific Equity Fund, means a day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which retail banks are open for business in Dublin and London.

### **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian Pacific Equity Fund every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

### **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian Pacific Equity Fund are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A, B, C, C2, N and S Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A, B, C, C2, N or S Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Commencing from the Effective Date (as defined below), Class B Shares and Class C2 Shares, whether purchased before or after the Effective Date, will automatically convert into Shares in the corresponding Class A Shares upon the expiry of 4 years (Class B Shares), or 2 years (Class C2 Shares) from the date of the initial subscription into the relevant Class B Shares or Class C2 Shares. The Effective Date for these purposes shall be 31 March, 2017 or such later date as is required in order to implement the relevant enhancements necessary to process the automatic conversion.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager’s reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors,

Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below and who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U2 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

### **Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price**

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian Pacific Equity Fund which is available but not yet launched will close on 31 December, 2020. The initial offer period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, CHF 10.00, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, USD 10.00, AUD 10.00, RMB 10.00, SGD 10.00.

### **Fees and Expenses**

#### **Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts**

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian Pacific Equity Fund is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian Pacific Equity Fund.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee
<b>A (CHF) Accumulation</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil

<b>A (EUR) Accumul ation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (CHF) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (AUD) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (RMB) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	RMB	RMB 1,000	RMB 500	RMB 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (SGD) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	SGD	SGD 1,000	SGD 500	SGD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (CHF) Income</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (CHF) Hedged Income</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>B (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%

<b>B (AUD) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (RMB) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	RMB	RMB 1,000	RMB 500	RMB 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (AUD) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (RMB) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	RMB	RMB 1,000	RMB 500	RMB 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C2 (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 0.50%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>I (CHF) Accumul ation</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Accumul ation</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (CHF) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (CHF) Income</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (CHF) Hedged Income</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil

<b>I (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>N (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>N (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>R (GBP) Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>S (GBP) Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (EUR) Accumul ation</b>	EUR	EUR 100,000,00 0	EUR 50,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,00 0	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 100,000,00 0	USD 50,000,000	USD 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (EUR) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	EUR	EUR 100,000,00 0	EUR 50,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,00 0	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 100,000,00 0	EUR 50,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 100,000,00 0	USD 50,000,000	USD 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,00 0	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil

<b>U1 (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 100,000,00 0	EUR 50,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,00 0	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (EUR) Accumul ation</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,00 0	EUR 125,000,00 0	EUR 125,000,00 0	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 250,000,00 0	USD 125,000,00 0	USD 125,000,00 0	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (EUR) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,00 0	EUR 125,000,00 0	EUR 125,000,00 0	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,00 0	EUR 125,000,00 0	EUR 125,000,00 0	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 250,000,00 0	USD 125,000,00 0	USD 125,000,00 0	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,00 0	EUR 125,000,00 0	EUR 125,000,00 0	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil

### Contingent Deferred Sales Charge

A contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on the repurchase of the Class B, Class C and Class C2 Shares of the Merian Pacific Equity Fund. The amount of the contingent deferred sales charge payable will depend on the length of time between the date the Shares were purchased and their repurchase at the rates set out below.

Years since purchase	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid
	Class B Shares	Class C Shares	Class C2 Shares
0 - 1	4.00%	1.00%	2.00%
1 - 2	3.00%	Nil	1.00%
2 - 3	2.00%	Nil	Nil
3 - 4	1.00%	Nil	Nil
4 and thereafter	None	Nil	Nil

Any contingent deferred sales charge will be payable to the Manager. The Manager may pay some or all of any contingent deferred sales charge to its delegates as reimbursement for the expense of distribution, intermediary and/or other services rendered to the Manager, the Company and the Merian Pacific Equity Fund. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on Shares issued arising as a result of the reinvestment of dividends. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on any increase on the Net Asset Value per Share above the subscription price paid for the Share and no contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on transfers or conversions of Shares. For the purposes of determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge is payable any Shares redeemed shall be deemed to be those first subscribed.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian Pacific Equity Fund and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “**Fees and Expenses**”.

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian Pacific Equity Fund please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

### Distribution Policy

The Directors intend to declare a dividend in respect of the Classes of Shares of the Merian Pacific Equity Fund set out in the table below (the “**Distributing Share Classes**”).

The Directors intend to declare dividends in accordance with the distribution frequency set out in the table below. Dividends that are declared yearly will be declared on 31 December; dividends that are declared half-yearly will be declared on 30 June and 31 December; dividends that are declared quarterly will be declared on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December; and dividends that are declared monthly will be declared on the last Business Day of each month.

CLASS	Distribution Frequency
Class A (CHF) Income	Yearly
Class A (EUR) Income	Yearly
Class A (GBP) Income	Yearly
Class A (USD) Income	Yearly
Class A (CHF) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class A (EUR) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class A (GBP) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class I (CHF) Income	Yearly
Class I (EUR) Income	Yearly
Class I (USD) Income	Yearly
Class I (CHF) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class I (EUR) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class N (USD) Income	Yearly
Class R (GBP) Income	Yearly
Class R (GBP) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class U1 (EUR) Income	Yearly
Class U1 (GBP) Income	Yearly

Class U1 (USD) Income	Yearly
Class U1 (EUR) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class U1 (GBP) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class U2 (EUR) Income	Yearly
Class U2 (GBP) Income	Yearly
Class U2 (USD) Income	Yearly
Class U2 (EUR) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class U2 (GBP) Hedged Income	Yearly

It is the intention of the Directors that dividends will be paid from the Merian Pacific Equity Fund's net income.

For Share Classes that are not Distributing Share Classes, the Merian Pacific Equity Fund's income and capital gains will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian Pacific Equity Fund.

## **Risk Factors**

### *Risks Associated with the Stock Connects*

The relevant rules and regulations of the Stock Connects are untested and subject to change which may have potential retrospective effect. The programmes are subject to quota limitations which may restrict the Merian Pacific Equity Fund's ability to invest in China A Shares through the programmes on a timely basis and where a suspension in the trading through the programmes is effected, the Merian Pacific Equity Fund's ability to access the China A Shares market (and hence to pursue its investment strategy) will be adversely affected. The PRC regulations impose certain restrictions on selling and buying of China A Shares. Hence the Merian Pacific Equity Fund may not be able to dispose of holdings of China A Shares in a timely manner. Also, a stock may be recalled from the scope of eligible stocks for trading via the Stock Connects. This may adversely affect the investment portfolio or strategies of the Merian Pacific Equity Fund, for example, when the Investment Manager wishes to purchase a stock which is recalled from the scope of eligible stocks. Due to the differences in trading days, the Merian Pacific Equity Fund may be subject to a risk of price fluctuations in China A Shares on a day that the PRC market is open for trading but the Hong Kong market is closed.

### *Liquidity Risk of Investing in China A Shares*

China A Shares may be subject to trading bands which restrict increases and decreases in the trading price. The Merian Pacific Equity Fund if investing through the Stock Connects will be prevented from trading underlying China A Shares when they hit the "trading band limit". If this happens on a particular trading day, the Merian Pacific Equity Fund may be unable to trade China A Shares. As a result, the liquidity of the China A Shares may be adversely affected which in turn may affect the value of the Merian Pacific Equity Fund's investments.

### *PRC tax considerations in relation to investment in China A Shares via the Stock Connects*

On 14 November 2014, the Ministry of Finance, the State of Administration of Taxation and the CSRC jointly issued a notice in relation to the taxation rule on the Stock Connects under Caishui 2014 No.81 ("Notice No.81"). Under Notice No.81, corporate income tax and individual income tax will be temporarily exempted on gains derived by Hong Kong and overseas resident investors (including the Merian Pacific Equity Fund) on the trading of China A Shares through the Stock Connects with effect from 17 November 2014. However, Hong Kong and overseas investors are required to pay tax on dividends and/or bonus shares at the rate of 10% which will be withheld and paid to the relevant authority by the listed companies, unless an applicable double tax treaty could be applied to reduce the dividend withholding tax rate. As a result of Notice No.81, the uncertainty of providing for tax on gains derived from the disposal of Chinese securities now solely relates to investment in other types of Chinese securities (e.g. China B or H Shares).

Based on the prevailing value added tax ("VAT") regulations, capital gains derived by investors via the Stock Connects are exempted from VAT.



Hong Kong and overseas investors are required to pay stamp duty arising from the trading of China A Shares and the transfer of China A Shares by way of succession or gift in accordance with the existing taxation rules in the PRC.

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed “**Financial Derivative Instruments**” and “**Risk Factors**”.

#### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian Pacific Equity Fund:-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian China Equity Fund, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian China Equity Fund

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**An investment in any of the Merian China Equity Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investor's investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.**

## Investment Objective and Policies

The objective of the Merian China Equity Fund is to seek to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing in a well-diversified portfolio of equity securities issued by companies with either the predominant part of their assets in, or the predominant part of their revenues derived from, the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong and/or Taiwan that are listed, traded or dealt in on Regulated Markets in the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, the US, Singapore, Korea, Thailand and Malaysia or in a member state of the OECD.

The Merian China Equity Fund will aim to achieve its investment objective by investing not less than 70% of its Net Asset Value directly in equity and equity related securities. The Merian China Equity Fund will invest primarily in equity and equity-related securities (including warrants, convertible bonds, depository receipts such as ADR and GDR, equity-linked or participation notes etc.) that are listed, traded or dealt in on the Regulated Markets referred to above, provided that the Merian China Equity Fund may not invest more than 15 per cent. of its net assets in warrants. The Merian China Equity Fund may invest up to 10 per cent. of its assets in transferable securities that are not listed, traded or dealt in on Regulated Markets. As the Merian China Equity Fund may invest in warrants, it is recommended that an investment in the Merian China Equity Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investor's portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.

The Merian China Equity Fund may invest cash balances in short-term securities listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market. The short-term securities in which the Merian China Equity Fund may invest will include securities such as commercial paper, certificates of deposit, and bankers' acceptances all rated above Investment Grade. For defensive purposes during periods of perceived uncertainty and volatility, the Merian China Equity Fund may also hold all or part of its assets in debt securities, asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities which must be rated at least Investment Grade and which are listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market.

The Merian China Equity Fund may invest up to 10 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in open-ended collective investment schemes. Investment in collective investment schemes shall include both UCITS and alternative investment funds. In particular, any investment in open-ended alternative investment funds will be subject to Regulation 114(6) of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations").

The Merian China Equity Fund may invest up to 10 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in REITs listed, traded or dealt in on Regulated Markets.

The Merian China Equity Fund may invest in and have direct access to certain eligible China A Shares listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange and Shenzhen Stock Exchange via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect (as further described in the sub-section headed "**Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect**" below) and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect (as further described in the sub-section headed "Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect" below) (collectively, the "**Stock Connects**"). Exposure to China A Shares through the Stock Connects will not be more than 20% of the Merian China Equity Fund's Net Asset Value.

The Merian China Equity Fund may employ investment techniques and instruments which may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives, such as futures (such as currency future contracts), options, options on futures, forward settled transactions, convertible securities, hybrid securities, structured notes, credit default swaps and swap agreements. Such derivative instruments may be used for (i) hedging purposes, (ii) efficient portfolio management, and/or (iii) investment purposes, subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank. All exposure arising through the investment in financial derivative instruments will be covered by the underlying assets of the Merian China Equity Fund. The Merian China Equity Fund will use the commitment approach methodology to accurately measure, monitor and manage the "leverage" effect produced by the use of financial derivative instruments and for the calculation of its global exposure. As the Merian China Equity Fund uses the commitment approach it must ensure that its global exposure does not exceed its total net asset value. The use of such financial derivative instruments will result in minimal leverage of up to

10 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Merian China Equity Fund under the commitment approach. In using the commitment approach for the calculation of global exposure, the Merian China Equity Fund will convert each derivative position into the market value of an equivalent position in the underlying asset of that derivative.

The Merian China Equity Fund may use derivatives to acquire synthetic long and synthetic short positions over a variety of time periods (depending on current market conditions and the Investment Adviser's view relative to those conditions) in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. The expected range for the long and short positions the Merian China Equity Fund may take is between 0% and 10 % short exposures in combination with 0% and 10% long exposures.

The Merian China Equity Fund is denominated in USD.

### **Investment Approach**

The Merian China Equity Fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Advisor has freedom to select the investments in order to seek to achieve the investment objective of the Merian China Equity Fund . In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Merian China Equity Fund aims to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than that of the MSCI Zhong Hua 10/40 Index (the "**Index**") with net dividends re-invested over rolling 3 year periods.

The Index represents the performance of the large and mid-cap segments of the China and Hong Kong markets. The UCITS Directive imposes concentration limits and constrains the weight of any single group entity to 10% of a fund's assets and the sum of the weights of all group entities representing more than 5% of the fund at 40% of the fund's total assets. The Index takes into account these investment limits and is a constrained version of the full MSCI Zhong Hua index.

The Investment Adviser combines a top-down and bottom-up investment approach to identify stocks. The top-down process involves analysing the macro-economic outlook, sector level dynamics and equity market style factors. The bottom-up process draws on quantitative analysis to screen stocks and fundamental analysis, including researching a company's balance sheet, cash flow and earnings and growth potential.

The Index is a broad representation of the Merian China Equity Fund 's investment universe. Although a large proportion of the Merian China Equity Fund's investments may be components of the Index, the Investment Advisor does not seek to replicate the performance of the Index; it is seeking to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than the Index. In particular, the Merian China Equity Fund may invest in companies which are not included in the Index and the stock selection and portfolio construction process, as set out above, mean that the number and weightings of the companies, industries, sectors and countries of the holdings of the Merian China Equity Fund may diverge materially from the Index. Therefore, the risk and return profile of the Merian China Equity Fund will likely be significantly different to that of the Index.

### **Stock Connects**

The Merian China Equity Fund may invest in certain eligible China A Shares through the Stock Connects. The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing links program developed by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited ("HKEx"), Shanghai Stock Exchange ("SSE") and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited ("ChinaClear"). The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing links program developed by the HKEx, the Shenzhen Stock Exchange ("SZSE") and ChinaClear. The aim of the Stock Connects is to achieve mutual stock market access between mainland China and Hong Kong.

The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect comprises a Northbound Shanghai Trading Link and a Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link. Under the Northbound Shanghai Trading Link, Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Merian China Equity Fund), through their Hong Kong brokers, sub-custodians and a securities trading service company established by the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong ("SEHK"), may be able to trade eligible China A Shares listed on the SSE ("SSE securities") by routing

orders to SSE. Under the Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link under Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, investors in the People's Republic of China ("PRC") will be able to trade certain stocks listed on the SEHK.

The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect comprises a Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link and a Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link. Under the Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link, Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Merian China Equity Fund), through their Hong Kong brokers, sub-custodians and a securities trading service company established by SEHK, may be able to trade eligible China A Shares listed on the SZSE ("SZSE securities") by routing orders to SZSE. Under the Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link under Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, investors in the PRC will be able to trade certain stocks listed on the SEHK.

### **Eligible Securities**

#### **(i) The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect**

Under the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the Merian China Equity Fund, through the Hong Kong brokers, may trade SSE securities. These include all the constituent stocks from time to time of the SSE 180 Index and SSE 380 Index, and all the SSE-listed China A Shares that are not included as constituent stocks of the relevant indices but which have corresponding H-Shares listed on the SEHK, except the following:

- (a) SSE-listed shares which are not traded in Renminbi ("RMB"); and
- (b) SSE-listed shares which are under risk alert.

It is expected that the list of eligible securities will be subject to review and may change.

#### **(ii) The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect**

Under the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the Merian China Equity Fund, through the Hong Kong brokers, may trade SZSE securities. These include all the constituent stocks of the SZSE Component Index and the SZSE Small/Mid Cap Innovation Index which have a market capitalization of not less than RMB 6 billion, and all the SZSE-listed China A shares which have corresponding H-Shares listed on SEHK, except the following:

- a) SZSE-listed shares which are not traded in RMB; and
- b) SZSE-listed shares which are under risk alert or under delisting arrangement.

At the initial stage of the Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link, investors eligible to trade shares that are listed on the ChiNext Board of SZSE under the Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link are limited to institutional professional investors as defined in the relevant Hong Kong rules and regulations.

It is expected that the list of eligible securities will be subject to review and may change.

The term "**China A Shares**" means domestic shares in the PRC incorporated companies listed on either the SSE or the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, the prices of which are quoted in RMB and which are available to such investors as approved by the China Securities Regulatory Commission ("CSRC").

In addition to those risk factors set out in relation to the PRC investment, a number of the key risks of investing in selective China A Shares listed on the SSE or the SZSE via the Stock Connects are set out in the section entitled "Risk Factors".

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderate to high level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian China Equity Fund and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRRI measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Adviser**

The Investment Adviser of the Merian China Equity Fund is Ping An of China Asset Management (Hong Kong) Company Limited which was formed in Hong Kong on 16 May, 2006 and is regulated by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong. Ping An of China Asset Management (Hong Kong) Company Limited's registered address is Suite 2301, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Two International Finance Centre, 8 Finance Street, Central, Hong Kong.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is USD for the Merian China Equity Fund.

### **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian China Equity Fund, means a day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which retail banks are open for business in Dublin, London, China and Hong Kong.

### **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian China Equity Fund every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

### **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian China Equity Fund are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A, B, C, C2, N and S Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A, B, C, C2, N or S Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Commencing from the Effective Date (as defined below), Class B Shares and Class C2 Shares, whether purchased before or after the Effective Date, will automatically convert into Shares in the corresponding Class A Shares upon the expiry of 4 years (Class B Shares), or 2 years (Class C2 Shares) from the date of the initial subscription into the relevant Class B Shares or Class C2 Shares. The Effective Date for these purposes shall be 31 March, 2017 or such later date as is required in order to implement the relevant enhancements necessary to process the automatic conversion.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below and who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management

or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U2 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

### Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian China Equity Fund which is available but not yet launched will close on 31 December, 2020. The initial offer period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, USD 10.00.

### Fees and Expenses

#### Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian China Equity Fund is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian China Equity Fund.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee
<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>B (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C2 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 0.50%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1 %
<b>I (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil

<b>N (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>R (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>S (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil

### Contingent Deferred Sales Charge

A contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on the repurchase of the Class B, Class C and Class C2 Shares of the Merian China Equity Fund. The amount of the contingent deferred sales charge payable will depend on the length of time between the date the Shares were purchased and their repurchase at the rates set out below.

Years since purchase	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid
	Class B Shares	Class C Shares	Class C2 Shares
0 - 1	4.00%	1.00%	2.00%
1 - 2	3.00%	Nil	1.00%
2 - 3	2.00%	Nil	Nil
3 - 4	1.00%	Nil	Nil
4 and thereafter	None	Nil	Nil

Any contingent deferred sales charge will be payable to the Manager. The Manager may pay some or all of any contingent deferred sales charge to its delegates as reimbursement for the expense of distribution, intermediary and/or other services rendered to the Manager, the Company and the Merian China Equity Fund. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on Shares issued arising as a result of the reinvestment of dividends. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on any increase on the Net Asset Value per Share above the subscription price paid for the Share and no contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on transfers or conversions of Shares. For the purposes of determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge is payable any Shares redeemed shall be deemed to be those first subscribed.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian China Equity Fund and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “**Fees and Expenses**”.

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian China Equity Fund please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

### Distribution Policy



The Merian China Equity Fund currently does not offer any Distributing Share Classes. The income and capital gains of the Share Classes of the Merian China Equity Fund will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian China Equity Fund.

## **Risk Factors**

### *Risks Associated with the Stock Connects*

The relevant rules and regulations of the Stock Connects are untested and subject to change which may have potential retrospective effect. The programmes are subject to quota limitations which may restrict the Merian China Equity Fund's ability to invest in China A Shares through the programmes on a timely basis and where a suspension in the trading through the programmes is effected, the Merian China Equity Fund's ability to access the China A Shares market (and hence to pursue its investment strategy) will be adversely affected. The PRC regulations impose certain restrictions on selling and buying of China A Shares. Hence the Merian China Equity Fund may not be able to dispose of holdings of China A Shares in a timely manner. Also, a stock may be recalled from the scope of eligible stocks for trading via the Stock Connects. This may adversely affect the investment portfolio or strategies of the Merian China Equity Fund, for example, when the Investment Adviser wishes to purchase a stock which is recalled from the scope of eligible stocks. Due to the differences in trading days, the Merian China Equity Fund may be subject to a risk of price fluctuations in China A Shares on a day that the PRC market is open for trading but the Hong Kong market is closed.

### *Liquidity Risk of Investing in China A Shares*

China A Shares may be subject to trading bands which restrict increases and decreases in the trading price. The Merian China Equity Fund if investing through the Stock Connects will be prevented from trading underlying China A Shares when they hit the "trading band limit". If this happens on a particular trading day, the Merian China Equity Fund may be unable to trade China A Shares. As a result, the liquidity of the China A Shares may be adversely affected which in turn may affect the value of the Merian China Equity Fund's investments.

### *PRC tax considerations in relation to investment in China A Shares via the Stock Connects*

On 14 November 2014, the Ministry of Finance, the State of Administration of Taxation and the CSRC jointly issued a notice in relation to the taxation rule on the Stock Connects under Caishui 2014 No.81 ("Notice No.81"). Under Notice No.81, corporate income tax and individual income tax will be temporarily exempted on gains derived by Hong Kong and overseas resident investors (including the Merian China Equity Fund) on the trading of China A Shares through the Stock Connects with effect from 17 November 2014. However, Hong Kong and overseas investors are required to pay tax on dividends and/or bonus shares at the rate of 10% which will be withheld and paid to the relevant authority by the listed companies, unless an applicable double tax treaty could be applied to reduce the dividend withholding tax rate. As a result of Notice No.81, the uncertainty of providing for tax on gains derived from the disposal of Chinese securities now solely relates to investment in other types of Chinese securities (e.g. China B or H Shares).

Based on the prevailing value added tax ("VAT") regulations, capital gains derived by investors via the Stock Connects are exempted from VAT.

Hong Kong and overseas investors are required to pay stamp duty arising from the trading of China A Shares and the transfer of China A Shares by way of succession or gift in accordance with the existing taxation rules in the PRC.

## **Country Risk for the Merian China Equity Fund**

The stock markets in mainland China are emerging markets which are undergoing rapid growth and changes. This may lead to trading volatility, difficulties in settlement and in interpreting and applying the relevant regulations. In addition, there is a lower level of regulation and enforcement activity in these securities markets compared to more developed international markets.

There exist controls on foreign investment in China and limitations on repatriation of invested capital. Accordingly, the companies or enterprises in which the Merian China Equity Fund invests may experience difficulty in exchanging Renminbi for USD which may in turn result in difficulties in those investee companies or enterprises paying dividends in USD to the Merian China Equity Fund.

Currency exchange rate fluctuations may adversely affect the value of the Shares in the Merian China Equity Fund.

The companies in which the Merian China Equity Fund invests may be held to lower disclosure, corporate governance, accounting and reporting standards than companies in more developed markets. These factors may have an unpredictable impact on the Fund's investments and increase the volatility and hence the risk of loss to the value of an investment in the Merian China Equity Fund.

The value of the Merian China Equity Fund's assets may be affected by uncertainties arising from political and social developments in China or changes in Chinese law or regulations, in particular:-

- (i) Any political changes may result in changes to the present rules and the regulatory climate may change without advance notice;
- (ii) the legal and regulatory framework for capital markets and joint stock companies in China is less developed than in more developed countries; and
- (iii) the Chinese economy is still undergoing restructuring from a system of rigid, centralised, planned economy to a mixed economy.

It may be more difficult to obtain and/or enforce a judgment in a court outside the investor's home jurisdiction and even if a judgment is obtained in a court within the investor's home jurisdiction, such judgment may not be abided by outside the investor's home jurisdiction.

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed "**Financial Derivative Instruments**" and "**Risk Factors**".

### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian China Equity Fund:-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

The Investment Advisory Agreement dated 23 March, 2018 (as amended) between the Investment Manager and Ping An of China Asset Management (Hong Kong) Company Limited to which the latter acts as investment adviser to the Company in relation to the assets of the Merian China Equity Fund.

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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian Asian Equity Income Fund

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**Shareholders of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund should note that all or a part of fees and expenses will be charged to the capital at a Fund or Share Class level. This will have the effect of lowering the capital value of your investment.**

**An investment in the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investor's investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.**

**The rate of distributions is neither fixed nor guaranteed and is determined at the discretion of the Directors.**

**For Fixed Distribution Share Classes, shareholders should note that distributions, may be declared out of the capital of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund. Therefore, there is a greater risk that capital may be eroded and distribution will be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth of your investment. This cycle may continue until all capital is depleted. Distributions out of capital may have different tax consequences to distributions of income and it is recommended that you seek appropriate advice in this regard.**

## Investment Objective and Policies

The objective of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund is to seek to achieve a total return through a combination of income and capital growth.

The Merian Asian Equity Income Fund will seek to achieve its objective through investment of not less than 70% of its Net Asset Value in a diversified portfolio of equity securities of Asian issuers or of issuers established outside the Asian region which have a majority proportion of their assets, value or business operations in the Asian region.

Reference in this investment policy to the Asian region shall include countries in Asia and Australasia and subject to the investment restriction 2.1 of Schedule III in the Prospectus, the securities on which the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund will focus will be listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market worldwide.

The Merian Asian Equity Income Fund may invest up to 10 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in open-ended collective investment schemes (including ETFs) whose objective is to invest in any of the foregoing. Investment in collective investment schemes shall include both UCITS and alternative investment funds. In particular, any investment in open-ended alternative investment funds will be subject to Regulation 114(6) of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations").

The Merian Asian Equity Income Fund may invest in liquid assets or in short-term securities such as commercial paper, bankers' acceptances, certificates of deposit and government securities issued by an OECD member country or by any supranational entity provided that the foregoing securities are denominated in USD, subject to the investment restriction 2.1 of Schedule III in the Prospectus, are listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market in an OECD member country and are rated Investment Grade or better. The Merian Asian Equity Income Fund will not invest more than 10% of its net assets in securities issued by or guaranteed by any single country (including its government, a public or local authority of that country) with a credit rating below investment grade or with no credit rating being assigned by an internationally recognized credit agency (i.e. Standard & Poor's or Moody's).

The Merian Asian Equity Income Fund may invest in and have direct access to certain eligible China A Shares listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange and Shenzhen Stock Exchange via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect (as further described in the sub-section headed "**Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect**" below) and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect (as further described in the sub-section headed "**Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect**" below) (collectively, the "**Stock Connects**"). Exposure to China A Shares through the Stock Connects will not be more than 20% of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund Net Asset Value.

The Merian Asian Equity Income Fund may invest up to 15 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in REITs listed, traded or dealt in on Regulated Markets worldwide.

The securities in which the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund may invest shall include but is not limited to ordinary shares or common stock, ADRs, GDRs, preference shares and warrants. The Merian Asian Equity Income Fund may invest less than 30% of its Net Asset Value in convertible securities including bonds, notes and debentures which may be converted or exchanged at a stated or determinable exchange ratio. Convertible securities may offer higher income than the shares into which they are convertible. These allow the Investment Manager to gain access to currency or equity exposure in a cost-effective manner. The Merian Asian Equity Income Fund may also invest in certain securities or markets, as described above, using forms of indirect investment. In addition to the derivative usage outlined below, such indirect investment will be achieved using participation notes on the underlying securities, where such investment represents a more practical, efficient or less costly way of gaining exposure to the relevant security or market. In relation to equity linked participation notes, the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund's exposure will be to the issuer (which includes regulated and unregulated entities owned and operated by global investment banks and financial institutions which themselves are regulated), rather than the referenced securities that the participation notes relate to. Equity linked

participation notes are OTC products which may, though will typically not, be leveraged and are used to access markets such as India where there are otherwise high barriers to entry.

The Merian Asian Equity Income Fund may employ investment techniques and instruments which may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter financial derivatives instruments, such as futures (such as currency future contracts), options, options on futures, forward settled transactions, convertible securities, hybrid securities, structured notes, and swap agreements. A hybrid security is a security which combines two or more financial instruments. Hybrid securities generally combine a traditional stock or bond with an option or forward contract.

In the case of a hybrid security such as a convertible bond, for example, the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund will seek to benefit from a steady income stream, the repayment of principal at maturity, and the potential to share in the upside of the common stock. The security's yield advantage and finite maturity give the convertible downside price support, or investment value. At the same time, the embedded option component provides participation in higher equity values.

The Merian Asian Equity Income Fund may invest in structured notes for which the coupon payment, principal repayment or repayment schedule varies according to pre-agreed conditions relating to fluctuations in unrelated assets such as currencies or stock indices. The convertible securities, hybrid securities and structured notes in which the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund may invest may embed an option or forward derivative component. However, any additional leverage generated by the derivative will not cause the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund to exceed the leverage limit outlined below.

Futures contracts (including currency futures, equity futures and index futures) may be used to hedge against market risk. A currency future is a transferable futures contract that specifies the price at which a currency can be bought or sold at a future date. An equity futures contract trades on an organised exchange and is based on an individual underlying equity security rather than a stock index. An index future is a futures contract on a stock or financial index. For each index there may be a different multiple for determining the price of the futures contract. Futures contracts may be used to hedge against market risk or to equitise cash balances pending investment of a cash flow. An equity swap is a financial derivative instrument where a set of future cash flows are agreed to be exchanged between two counterparties at set dates in the future. Equity Swaps are designed to achieve diversification of income and tax benefits as well as hedging specific assets or positions in the portfolio.

Forward contracts (including FX forwards) may be used to hedge the value of an asset, currency or deposit. An FX forward contract is a transaction in which it is agreed to exchange a specified amount of different currencies at some future date, with the exchange rate being set at the time the contract is entered into. FX forward contracts may be used to hedge against currency movements and provide currency risk management.

Such financial derivative instruments may be used for (i) hedging purposes, (ii) efficient portfolio management, and/or (iii) investment purposes, subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank. All exposure arising through the investment in financial derivative instruments will be covered by the underlying assets of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund. The use of financial derivative instruments for such purposes will give rise to an additional leveraged exposure. The requirements of ESMA and the Central Bank prescribe in detail disclosures which need to be made in respect of leverage, which the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund shall comply with. The Merian Asian Equity Income Fund will use the commitment approach methodology to accurately measure, monitor and manage the "leverage" effect produced by the use of financial derivative instruments and for the calculation of its global exposure. The commitment approach is calculated by converting the derivative position into the equivalent position in the underlying asset, based on the market value of the underlying asset or the market value of the contract, as described in the Risk Management Process. Where the commitment approach is used to calculate the leverage of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund the level of leverage will not exceed 100 per cent. of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund's Net Asset Value, as a result of the use of financial derivatives instruments. The Merian Asian Equity Income Fund's global exposure must not exceed its total net asset value. Global exposure is calculated taking into account the current value of the underlying assets, the counterparty risk, future market movements and the time available to liquidate the positions. In using the commitment approach for the calculation

of global exposure, the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund will convert each derivative position into the market value of an equivalent position in the underlying asset of that derivative.

The Merian Asian Equity Income Fund may use derivatives to acquire synthetic long and synthetic short positions over a variety of time periods (depending on current market conditions and the Investment Manager's view relative to those conditions) in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. The proportion of long to short exposure in the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund will depend on the market conditions at any given time. On this basis the expected range for the long and short positions the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund may take is between 0% to 20% short exposures in combination with 0% to 20% long exposures. This range for derivatives use is not a limit and the exposures can exceed the range in certain circumstances. However, this will remain within the constraints under the commitment approach above.

The Merian Asian Equity Income Fund is denominated in USD but will hold assets denominated in other currencies. Consequently the Net Asset Value may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations. The Merian Asian Equity Income Fund does not propose to hedge routinely the exchange rate exposure arising as a result of currency fluctuations but may do so from time to time. The Investment Manager may enter into foreign exchange transactions to hedge against exchange risk, to increase exposure to a currency or to shift exposure to currency fluctuations from one currency to another. Suitable hedging transactions may not be available in all circumstances and there can be no assurance that the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund will engage in such transactions at any given time. Such transactions may not be successful and may eliminate any chance for the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund to benefit from favourable fluctuations in relevant foreign currencies.

### **Investment Approach**

The Merian Asian Equity Income Fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager has freedom to select the investments in order to seek to achieve the investment objective of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund. In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund aims to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than that of the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index (the "**Index**") with net dividends re-invested over rolling 3 year periods.

The Index represents the performance of the large and mid-cap segments of developed and emerging markets in the Asia Pacific region excluding Japan.

The Merian Asian Equity Income Fund is managed by the Investment Manager adopting a "systematic" investment process, which uses sophisticated computer models to analyse large volumes of data to select investments. This will focus on developing a stock portfolio that is expected to deliver total returns while satisfying the income requirements of investors. In this regard, the Investment Manager's stock selection process looks for a stock portfolio that can offer both attractive dividends as well as capital growth. Stocks are assessed in terms of the attractiveness of their valuation, quality (a measure of a company's financial strength, for example based on its financial statements), price trends, stable growth prospects, sentiment and company management. In addition, the Investment Manager takes other criteria such as expected risk, trading costs, expected dividends and liquidity into consideration when constructing the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund's portfolio.

The Index is a representation of the markets in which the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund primarily invests. Although a large proportion of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund's investments may be components of the Index, the Investment Manager does not seek to replicate the performance of the Index; it is seeking to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than the Index. In particular, the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund may invest in companies which are not included in the Index and the stock selection and portfolio construction process, as set out above, mean that the number of holdings and weightings of the companies, industries, sectors and countries of the holdings of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund may diverge materially from the Index. Therefore, the risk and return profile of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund will likely be significantly different to that of the Index. As set out above, the portfolio construction of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund involves considering risk, trading costs and

liquidity. As part of this portfolio construction process, various controls are in place aiming to ensure risks are not concentrated in any one company, industry, sector or country.

### **Stock Connects**

The Merian Asian Equity Income Fund may invest in certain eligible China A Shares through the Stock Connects. The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing links program developed by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (“HKEx”), Shanghai Stock Exchange (“SSE”) and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited (“ChinaClear”). The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing links program developed by the HKEx, the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (“SZSE”) and ChinaClear. The aim of the Stock Connects is to achieve mutual stock market access between mainland China and Hong Kong.

The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect comprises a Northbound Shanghai Trading Link and a Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link. Under the Northbound Shanghai Trading Link, Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund), through their Hong Kong brokers, sub-custodians and a securities trading service company established by the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong (“SEHK”), may be able to trade eligible China A Shares listed on the SSE (“SSE securities”) by routing orders to SSE. Under the Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link under Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, investors in the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”) will be able to trade certain stocks listed on the SEHK.

The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect comprises a Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link and a Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link. Under the Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link, Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund), through their Hong Kong brokers, sub-custodians and a securities trading service company established by SEHK, may be able to trade eligible China A Shares listed on the SZSE (“SZSE securities”) by routing orders to SZSE. Under the Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link under Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, investors in the PRC will be able to trade certain stocks listed on the SEHK.

### **Eligible Securities**

#### **(i) The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect**

Under the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund, through the Hong Kong brokers, may trade SSE securities. These include all the constituent stocks from time to time of the SSE 180 Index and SSE 380 Index, and all the SSE-listed China A Shares that are not included as constituent stocks of the relevant indices but which have corresponding H-Shares listed on the SEHK, except the following:

- (a) SSE-listed shares which are not traded in Renminbi (“RMB”); and
- (b) SSE-listed shares which are under risk alert.

It is expected that the list of eligible securities will be subject to review and may change.

#### **(ii) The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect**

Under the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund, through the Hong Kong brokers, may trade SZSE securities. These include all the constituent stocks of the SZSE Component Index and the SZSE Small/Mid Cap Innovation Index which have a market capitalization of not less than RMB 6 billion, and all the SZSE-listed China A shares which have corresponding H-Shares listed on SEHK, except the following:

- a) SZSE-listed shares which are not traded in RMB; and
- b) SZSE-listed shares which are under risk alert or under delisting arrangement.

At the initial stage of the Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link, investors eligible to trade shares that are listed on the ChiNext Board of SZSE under the Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link are limited to institutional professional investors as defined in the relevant Hong Kong rules and regulations.

It is expected that the list of eligible securities will be subject to review and may change.

The term “**China A Shares**” means domestic shares in the PRC incorporated companies listed on either the SSE or the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, the prices of which are quoted in RMB and which are available to such investors as approved by the China Securities Regulatory Commission (“CSRC”).

In addition to those risk factors set out in relation to the PRC investment, a number of the key risks of investing in selective China A Shares listed on the SSE or the SZSE via the Stock Connects are set out in the section entitled “Risk Factors”.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderate to high level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRRI measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Manager**

The Investment Manager of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund is Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is USD for the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund.

### **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund, means a day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which retail banks are open for business in Dublin and London.

### **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

### **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A, B, C, C2 and N Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A, B, C, C2 and N Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Commencing from the Effective Date (as defined below), Class B Shares and Class C2 Shares, whether purchased before or after the Effective Date, will automatically convert into Shares in the corresponding Class A Shares upon the expiry of 4 years (Class B Shares), or 2 years (Class C2 Shares) from the date of the initial subscription into the relevant Class B Shares or Class C2 Shares. The Effective Date for these purposes shall be 31 March, 2017 or such later date as is required in order to implement the relevant enhancements necessary to process the automatic conversion.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager’s reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a



separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below and who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U2 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

#### **Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price**

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund which is available but not yet launched will close on 31 December, 2020. The Initial Offer Period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, CHF 10.00, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, USD 10.00, AUD 10.00, RMB 10.00, ZAR 10.00.

#### **Fees and Expenses**

##### **Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts**

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee
<b>A (CHF) Accumulation</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil

<b>A (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Income (F)</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (CHF) Hedged Accumulation</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (CHF) Income</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (AUD) Hedged Income</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (AUD) Hedged Income (F)</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (CHF) Hedged Income</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (RMB) Hedged Income</b>	RMB	RMB 1,000	RMB 500	RMB 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (SGD) Hedged Income</b>	SGD	SGD 1,000	SGD 500	SGD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil

<b>A (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>B (USD) Accumulati on</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (AUD) Hedged Income</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (RMB) Hedged Income</b>	RMB	RMB 1,000	RMB 500	RMB 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (ZAR) Hedged Income</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C (USD) Accumulati on</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (AUD) Hedged Income</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (RMB) Hedged Income</b>	RMB	RMB 1,000	RMB 500	RMB 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (ZAR) Hedged Income</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C2 (USD) Income (F)</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 0.50%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C2 (AUD) Hedged Income (F)</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 0.50%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C2 (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Up to 0.50%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>I (CHF) Accumulati on</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (USD) Accumulati on</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (CHF) Hedged Accumulati on</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil

<b>I (EUR) Hedged Accumulati on</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (CHF) Income</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Accumulati on</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (CHF) Hedged Income</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>N (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.5%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>N (USD) Accumulati on</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.5%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>R (GBP) Accumulati on</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Hedged Accumulati on</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (EUR) Accumulati on</b>	EUR	EUR 100,000,0 00	EUR 50,000,00 0	EUR 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Accumulati on</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,0 00	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (USD) Accumulati on</b>	USD	USD 100,000,0 00	USD 50,000,000	USD 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (EUR) Hedged Accumulati on</b>	EUR	EUR 100,000,0 00	EUR 50,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil

<b>U1 (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 100,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 100,000,000	USD 50,000,000	USD 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 100,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 250,000,000	USD 125,000,000	USD 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 250,000,000	USD 125,000,000	USD 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil

Shareholders of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund should note that all or a portion of Fees and Expenses in respect of Merian Asian Equity Income Fund may be charged to capital at a Fund or Share Class level. As a result capital may be eroded and income may be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth. Thus, on redemptions of holdings Shareholders of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund income share classes may not receive back the full amount invested due to capital reduction. It is recommended that Shareholders of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund seek advice in this regard. The rationale for providing for the payment of fees and expenses out of capital is to increase the level of income distributed for income class shareholders.

### Contingent Deferred Sales Charge

A contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on the repurchase of the Class B, Class C and Class C2 Shares of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund. The amount of the contingent deferred sales charge payable will depend on the length of time between the date the Shares were purchased and their repurchase at the rates set out below.

Years since purchase	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid
	Class B Shares	Class C Shares	Class C2 Shares
0 - 1	4.00%	1.00%	2.00%
1 - 2	3.00%	Nil	1.00%
2 - 3	2.00%	Nil	Nil
3 - 4	1.00%	Nil	Nil
4 and thereafter	None	Nil	Nil

Any contingent deferred sales charge will be payable to the Manager. The Manager may pay some or all of any contingent deferred sales charge to its delegates as reimbursement for the expense of distribution, intermediary and/or other services rendered to the Manager, the Company and the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on Shares issued arising as a result of the reinvestment of dividends. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on any increase on the Net Asset Value per Share above the subscription price paid for the Share and no contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on transfers or conversions of Shares. For the purposes of determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge is payable any Shares redeemed shall be deemed to be those first subscribed.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed "**Fees and Expenses**".

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed "**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**".

### Distribution Policy

The Directors intend to declare a dividend in respect of the Classes of Shares of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund set out in the table below (the "**Distributing Share Classes**").

The Directors intend to declare dividends in accordance with the distribution frequency set out in the table below. Dividends that are declared yearly will be declared on 31 December; dividends that are declared half-yearly will be declared on 30 June and 31 December; dividends that are declared quarterly will be declared on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December; and dividends that are declared monthly will be declared on the last Business Day of each month.

CLASS	Distribution Frequency
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Class A (USD) Income	Monthly
Class A (USD) Income (F)	Monthly
Class A (CHF) Income	Monthly
Class A (GBP) Income	Monthly
Class A (EUR) Income	Monthly
Class A (AUD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (AUD) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class A (CHF) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (EUR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (GBP) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (RMB) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (SGD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class B (USD) Income	Monthly
Class B (AUD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class B (RMB) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class B (ZAR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class C (USD) Income	Monthly
Class C (AUD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class C (RMB) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class C (ZAR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class C2 (USD) Income (F)	Monthly
Class C2 (AUD) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class C2 (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class I (CHF) Income	Monthly
Class I (EUR) Income	Monthly
Class I (CHF) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class I (EUR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class I (USD) Income	Monthly
Class N (USD) Income	Monthly
Class R (GBP) Income	Monthly
Class R (GBP) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class U1 (EUR) Income	Monthly
Class U1 (GBP) Income	Monthly
Class U1 (USD) Income	Monthly
Class U1 (EUR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class U1 (GBP) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class U2 (EUR) Income	Monthly
Class U2 (GBP) Income	Monthly
Class U2 (USD) Income	Monthly
Class U2 (EUR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class U2 (GBP) Hedged Income	Monthly

It is the intention of the Directors that dividends will be paid from the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund's net income. In addition, Merian Asian Equity Income Fund may also pay dividends out of capital for certain share classes. As the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund currently charges fees and expenses to capital the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund's income available for distribution will in practice be a gross rather than net income figure. Gross income shall generally consist of interest, dividends and other investment income less withholding and other taxes or adjustments as applicable. The rationale for providing for the payment of dividends out of capital is to allow the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund the ability to provide a stable and consistent level of distribution to investors seeking income oriented investment solutions.

For Share Classes that are not Distributing Share Classes, the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund's income and capital gains will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund.

The Directors may operate an income smoothing mechanism which aims to generate a more stable level of distributions from one month to the next. This may involve reducing the income paid out for a particular month to counter possible shortfalls in the income available for distribution in later months. Any such undistributed income will be paid out in respect of the final month of the annual accounting period.

## **Risk Factors**

It cannot be guaranteed that the performance of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund will generate a return and there may be circumstances where no return is generated or the amount invested is lost.

### *Risks Associated with the Stock Connects*

The relevant rules and regulations of the Stock Connects are untested and subject to change which may have potential retrospective effect. The programmes are subject to quota limitations which may restrict the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund's ability to invest in China A Shares through the programmes on a timely basis and where a suspension in the trading through the programmes is effected, the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund's ability to access the China A Shares market (and hence to pursue its investment strategy) will be adversely affected. The PRC regulations impose certain restrictions on selling and buying of China A Shares. Hence the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund may not be able to dispose of holdings of China A Shares in a timely manner. Also, a stock may be recalled from the scope of eligible stocks for trading via the Stock Connects. This may adversely affect the investment portfolio or strategies of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund, for example, when the Investment Manager wishes to purchase a stock which is recalled from the scope of eligible stocks. Due to the differences in trading days, the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund may be subject to a risk of price fluctuations in China A Shares on a day that the PRC market is open for trading but the Hong Kong market is closed.

### *Liquidity Risk of Investing in China A Shares*

China A Shares may be subject to trading bands which restrict increases and decreases in the trading price. The Merian Asian Equity Income Fund if investing through the Stock Connects will be prevented from trading underlying China A Shares when they hit the "trading band limit". If this happens on a particular trading day, the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund may be unable to trade China A Shares. As a result, the liquidity of the China A Shares may be adversely affected which in turn may affect the value of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund's investments.

### *PRC tax considerations in relation to investment in China A Shares via the Stock Connects*

On 14 November 2014, the Ministry of Finance, the State of Administration of Taxation and the CSRC jointly issued a notice in relation to the taxation rule on the Stock Connects under Caishui 2014 No.81 ("Notice No.81"). Under Notice No.81, corporate income tax and individual income tax will be temporarily exempted on gains derived by Hong Kong and overseas resident investors (including the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund) on the trading of China A Shares through the Stock Connects with effect from 17 November 2014. However, Hong Kong and overseas investors are required to pay tax on dividends and/or bonus shares at the rate of 10% which will be withheld and paid to the relevant authority by the listed companies, unless an applicable double tax treaty could be applied to reduce the dividend withholding tax rate. As a result of Notice No.81, the uncertainty of providing for tax on gains derived from the disposal of Chinese securities now solely relates to investment in other types of Chinese securities (e.g. China B or H Shares).



Based on the prevailing value added tax (“VAT”) regulations, capital gains derived by investors via the Stock Connects are exempted from VAT.

Hong Kong and overseas investors are required to pay stamp duty arising from the trading of China A Shares and the transfer of China A Shares by way of succession or gift in accordance with the existing taxation rules in the PRC.

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed “**Financial Derivative Instruments**” and “**Risk Factors**”.

#### **Material Contracts**

The following contracts have been entered into and are, or may be, material in respect of the Merian Asian Equity Income Fund:-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have

taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**An investment in any of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investor's investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.**

**Shareholders of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund should note that all or a part of fees and expenses will be charged to the capital at a Fund or Share Class level. This will have the effect of lowering the capital value of your investment.**

## Investment Objective and Policies

The objective of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund is to seek to achieve asset growth through investment in a well-diversified portfolio of equity securities of issuers in the Emerging Markets or of issuers established outside of the Emerging Markets, which have a predominant proportion of their assets or business operations in the Emerging Markets and which are listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market worldwide. It is not proposed to concentrate investments in any one industry or sector.

The Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund shall invest, in normal market circumstances, at least 80 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in ordinary shares or common stock, ADRs, GDRs, preference shares, ETFs and warrants, provided that any investment in warrants shall not comprise more than 5 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund. The underlying exposure from investing in warrants shall also not comprise more than 5 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund.

The Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund may invest its liquid assets or may invest up to one third of the Net Asset Value for temporary defensive purposes in short-term securities such as commercial paper, bankers' acceptances, certificates of deposit and government securities issued by an OECD member country or by any supranational entity provided that the foregoing securities are denominated in USD, subject to the investment restriction 2.1 of Schedule III in the Prospectus, are listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market in an OECD member country and are rated Investment Grade or better.

The Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund may invest in and have direct access to certain eligible China A Shares listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange and Shenzhen Stock Exchange via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect (as further described in the sub-section headed "**Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect**" below) and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect (as further described in the sub-section headed "**Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect**" below) (collectively, the "**Stock Connects**"). Exposure to China A Shares through the Stock Connects will not be more than 20% of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund's Net Asset Value.

The Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund may invest up to 5 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in open-ended collective investment schemes whose objective is to invest in any of the foregoing. Investment in collective investment schemes shall include both UCITS and alternative investment funds. In particular, any investment in open-ended alternative investment funds will be subject to Regulation 114(6) of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations").

The Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund may invest up to 5 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in REITs listed, traded or dealt in on Regulated Markets worldwide.

The Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund may invest up to 10 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in equity securities of issuers outside of the Emerging Markets.

The Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund may employ investment techniques and instruments which may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives, such as futures (such as currency future contracts), options, options on futures, forward settled transactions, convertible securities, hybrid securities, structured notes, credit default swaps and swap agreements. Such derivative instruments may be used for (i) hedging purposes, (ii) efficient portfolio management, and/or (iii) investment purposes, subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank. All exposure arising through the investment in financial derivative instruments will be covered by the underlying assets of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund. The Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund will use the commitment approach methodology to accurately measure, monitor and manage the "leverage" effect produced by the use of financial derivative instruments and for the calculation of its global exposure. As the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund uses the commitment approach it must ensure that its global exposure does not exceed its total net asset value. The use of such financial derivative instruments will result in minimal leverage of up to 10 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the

Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund under the commitment approach. In using the commitment approach for the calculation of global exposure, the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund will convert each derivative position into the market value of an equivalent position in the underlying asset of that derivative.”

The Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund may use derivatives to acquire synthetic long and synthetic short positions over a variety of time periods (depending on current market conditions and the Investment Manager’s view relative to those conditions) in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. The expected range for the long and short positions the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund may take is between 0% to 10% short exposures in combination with 0% to 10% long exposures.

The Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund is denominated in USD.

### **Investment Approach**

The Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager has freedom to select the investments in order to seek to achieve the investment objective of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund. In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund aims to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than that of the MSCI EM (Emerging Markets) Index (the “**Index**”) with net dividends re-invested over rolling 3 year periods.

The Index represents the performance of the large and mid-cap segments of emerging markets globally.

The Investment Manager uses a bottom-up analysis to select the stocks and decide their relative weightings. Individual stock selection involves analysing a company’s financial statements and appraising the strength of a company’s competitive advantage. Country and sector allocations, may also be considered in the portfolio construction process, involving analysis of macro-economic factors and as well as political drivers.

The Index is a broad representation of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund’s investment universe. Although a large proportion of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund’s investments may be components of the Index, the Investment Manager does not seek to replicate the performance of the Index; it is seeking to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than the Index. In particular, the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund may invest in companies which are not included in the Index and the stock selection and portfolio construction process, as set out above, mean that the number and weightings of the companies, industries, sectors and countries of the holdings of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund may diverge materially from the Index. Therefore, the risk and return profile of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund will likely be significantly different to that of the Index.

### **Stock Connects**

The Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund may invest in certain eligible China A Shares through the Stock Connects. The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing links program developed by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (“HKEx”), Shanghai Stock Exchange (“SSE”) and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited (“ChinaClear”). The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing links program developed by the HKEx, the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (“SZSE”) and ChinaClear. The aim of the Stock Connects is to achieve mutual stock market access between mainland China and Hong Kong.

The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect comprises a Northbound Shanghai Trading Link and a Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link. Under the Northbound Shanghai Trading Link, Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund), through their Hong Kong brokers, sub-custodians and a securities trading service company established by the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong (“SEHK”), may be able to trade eligible China A Shares listed on the SSE (“SSE securities”) by routing orders to SSE. Under the Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link under Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, investors in the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”) will be able to trade certain stocks listed on the SEHK.

The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect comprises a Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link and a Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link. Under the Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link, Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund), through their Hong Kong brokers, sub-custodians and a securities trading service company established by SEHK, may be able to trade eligible China A Shares listed on the SZSE (“SZSE securities”) by routing orders to SZSE. Under the Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link under Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, investors in the PRC will be able to trade certain stocks listed on the SEHK.

### **Eligible Securities**

#### (i) The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect

Under the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund, through the Hong Kong brokers, may trade SSE securities. These include all the constituent stocks from time to time of the SSE 180 Index and SSE 380 Index, and all the SSE-listed China A Shares that are not included as constituent stocks of the relevant indices but which have corresponding H-Shares listed on the SEHK, except the following:

- (a) SSE-listed shares which are not traded in Renminbi (“RMB”); and
- (b) SSE-listed shares which are under risk alert.

It is expected that the list of eligible securities will be subject to review and may change.

#### (ii) The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect

Under the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund, through the Hong Kong brokers, may trade SZSE securities. These include all the constituent stocks of the SZSE Component Index and the SZSE Small/Mid Cap Innovation Index which have a market capitalization of not less than RMB 6 billion, and all the SZSE-listed China A shares which have corresponding H-Shares listed on SEHK, except the following:

- a) SZSE-listed shares which are not traded in RMB; and
- b) SZSE-listed shares which are under risk alert or under delisting arrangement.

At the initial stage of the Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link, investors eligible to trade shares that are listed on the ChiNext Board of SZSE under the Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link are limited to institutional professional investors as defined in the relevant Hong Kong rules and regulations.

It is expected that the list of eligible securities will be subject to review and may change.

The term “**China A Shares**” means domestic shares in the PRC incorporated companies listed on either the SSE or the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, the prices of which are quoted in RMB and which are available to such investors as approved by the China Securities Regulatory Commission (“CSRC”).

In addition to those risk factors set out in relation to the PRC investment, a number of the key risks of investing in selective China A Shares listed on the SSE or the SZSE via the Stock Connects are set out in the section entitled “Risk Factors”.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderate to high level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRRI measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Manager**

The Investment Manager of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund is Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is USD for the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund.

### **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund, means a day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which retail banks are open for business in Dublin, London and the New York Stock Exchange is open for business in New York.

### **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

### **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A, B, C, C2, N and S Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A, B, C, C2, N or S Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Class B Shares and Class C2 Shares, whether purchased before or after the Effective Date, will automatically convert into Shares in the corresponding Class A Shares upon the expiry of 4 years (Class B Shares), or 2 years (Class C2 Shares) from the date of the initial subscription into the relevant Class B Shares or Class C2 Shares.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below and who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U2 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class P2 Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. The Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund does not intend to issue more than \$100,000,000 (or its currency equivalent) of Class P2 Shares, however the Directors may, in their sole and absolute discretion, increase this limit.

### Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund which is available but not yet launched will close on 31 December, 2020. The initial offer period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, RMB 10.00, USD 10.00.

### Fees and Expenses

#### Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee	Performance Fee
<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>A (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>A (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No



<b>A (RMB) Hedged Accumulation</b>	RMB	RMB 1,000	RMB 500	RMB 500	Up to 5.00 %	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>B (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%	No
<b>C (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00 %	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%	No
<b>C2 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 0.50 %	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%	No
<b>I (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>I (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>N (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%	No
<b>N (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%	No
<b>R (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>P2 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 300,000,000	USD 150,000,000	USD 150,000,000	Nil	0.20%	Nil	Nil	Yes
<b>P2 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 300,000,000	GBP 150,000,000	GBP 150,000,000	Nil	0.20%	Nil	Nil	Yes
<b>P2 (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 300,000,000	EUR 150,000,000	EUR 150,000,000	Nil	0.20%	Nil	Nil	Yes
<b>S (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>U1 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>U1 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>U2 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>U2 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil	No

Shareholders of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund should note that all or a portion of Fees and Expenses in respect of Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund may be charged to capital at a Fund or Share Class level. As a result capital may be eroded and income may be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth. Thus, on redemptions of holdings Shareholders of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund income share classes may not receive back the full amount invested due to capital reduction. It is recommended that Shareholders of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund seek advice in this regard. The rationale for providing for the payment of fees and expenses out of capital is to increase the level of income distributed for income class shareholders.

### Contingent Deferred Sales Charge

A contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on the repurchase of the Class B and Class C Shares of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund. The amount of the contingent deferred sales charge payable will depend on the length of time between the date the Shares were purchased and their repurchase at the rates set out below.

Years since purchase	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid
	Class B Shares	Class C Shares	Class C2 Shares
0 - 1	4.00%	1.00%	2.00%
1 - 2	3.00%	Nil	1.00%
2 - 3	2.00%	Nil	Nil
3 - 4	1.00%	Nil	Nil
4 and thereafter	None	Nil	Nil

Any contingent deferred sales charge will be payable to the Manager. The Manager may pay some or all of any contingent deferred sales charge to its delegates as reimbursement for the expense of distribution, intermediary and/or other services rendered to the Manager, the Company and the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on Shares issued arising as a result of the reinvestment of dividends. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on any increase on the Net Asset Value per Share above the subscription price paid for the Share and no contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on transfers or conversions of Shares. For the purposes of determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge is payable any Shares redeemed shall be deemed to be those first subscribed.

### Performance Fee

With respect to the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund, the Investment Manager may be entitled to a performance fee out of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund's assets. With respect to the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund, the performance fee is only applicable to the following share classes: Class P2 (USD) Accumulation, Class P2 (GBP) Accumulation and Class P2 (EUR) Accumulation.

The Performance Fee will be calculated and accrued daily and will be payable annually in arrear in respect of each Performance Period ("Performance Period of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund"). A Performance Period of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund will comprise of each successive twelve month period ending 31 December.

"**The Index**" is the MSCI EM (Emerging Markets) Index with net dividends re-invested, where the Index valuation point shall be 12.00 noon. (Irish time). Ticker Code: NU724226

"**Valuation Point**" shall be 12.00 noon. (Irish time) on each Dealing Day.

"**The Index Performance**" in respect of a Performance Period of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund, the Index Performance is the difference between the level of the Index calculated at the Valuation

Point on the last Business Day of the previous Performance Period of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund and the level of the Index calculated at the Valuation Point on the last Business Day of the relevant Performance Period of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund, expressed as a percentage.

The “**Fund Performance**” in respect of the first Performance Period of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund is the difference between the opening Net Asset Value per Share and the Net Asset Value per Share at the Valuation Point on the last Business Day of the Performance Period of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund, expressed as a percentage. For each Performance Period of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund thereafter, the Fund Performance is the difference between the Net Asset Value per Share at the Valuation Point on the last Business Day of the previous Performance Period of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund and the Net Asset Value per Share at the Valuation Point on the last Business Day of the relevant Performance Period of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund, expressed as a percentage.

Where a fair value adjustment has been made to the Net Asset Value per Share of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund then this will be excluded for the purposes of the calculation of the Performance Fee.

For all share classes, the Index will be priced at the Index valuation point according to the Index provider’s pricing methodology. The exchange rates used in calculating the net asset values for all share classes will be the prevailing exchange rates at the Fund’s Valuation Point. For share classes not denominated in US Dollars (USD) the Index returns shall be converted from USD to the corresponding currency of the share class with the relevant currency exchange rates at the Index valuation point.

In calculating the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class for Performance Fee purposes no deduction is made on account of Performance Fees accrued in the Performance Period of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund and any net income distributed to Shareholders in respect of the Performance Period of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund is added back.

The “**Percentage Outperformance**” in respect of Performance Periods of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund where Fund Performance is greater than Index Performance is the arithmetical difference between Fund Performance and Index Performance, expressed as a percentage. In respect of Performance Periods of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund where Fund Performance is less than Index Performance, such underperformance, being the arithmetical difference between Fund Performance and Index Performance expressed in percentage points, will be carried forward and no Performance Fee will be payable in any subsequent Performance Period of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund unless Fund Performance measured against Index Performance has recovered any accumulated percentage underperformance for previous periods. In the Performance Period of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund in which any accumulated percentage underperformance is recovered, only that part of the Percentage Outperformance for such period as exceeds the accumulated percentage underperformance carried forward is taken into account for the purposes of calculating the performance fee payable for the Performance Period of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund.

The amount of Performance Fee payable in respect of each Share is a US Dollar amount equivalent to the opening Net Asset Value per Share on the first Business Day of the Performance Period of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund x Percentage Outperformance x 20 per cent. and is payable on the average number of Shares in issue during the Performance Period of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund.

For the purposes of the first calculation of the Performance Fee, the initial offer price in respect of each Share Class was taken as the opening Net Asset Value. The first Performance Period will begin on the date on which the first shares of the relevant share classes are issued and will end on 31 December of the same year.

The Performance Fee accrues and is taken into account in the calculation of the Net Asset Value per Share on a daily basis.

The amount of the Performance Fee will be calculated by the Administrator. The calculation of the Performance Fee shall be verified by the Depositary.

The calculation of the Performance Fee shall also be reviewed by the Auditors as part of the annual audit of the Company.

The Investment Manager may, at its discretion, waive the Performance Fee payable in respect of a Performance Period of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund.

**Performance Fees are payable on net realised and net unrealised gains and losses as at the end of each Performance Period of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund and as a result, Performance Fees may be paid on unrealised gains which may subsequently never be realised.**

Performance Fees may also be payable during a Performance Period of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund where there is a decline in the Net Asset Value per Share.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “**Fees and Expenses**”.

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

### **Distribution Policy**

The Directors intend to declare a dividend in respect of the Classes of Shares of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund set out in the table below (the “**Distributing Share Classes**”).

The Directors intend to declare dividends in accordance with the distribution frequency set out in the table below. Dividends will be declared on the last Business Day of each month.

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Distribution Frequency</b>
Class N (USD) Income	Monthly
Class U1 (GBP) Income	Monthly
Class U2 (GBP) Income	Monthly

It is the intention of the Directors that dividends will be paid from the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund’s net income. As the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund currently charges fees and expenses to capital the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund’s income available for distribution will in practice be a gross rather than net income figure. Gross income shall generally consist of interest, dividends and other investment income less withholding and other taxes or adjustments as applicable.

For Share Classes that are not Distributing Share Classes, the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund’s income and capital gains will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund.

### **Risk Factors**

#### *Risks Associated with the Stock Connects*

The relevant rules and regulations of the Stock Connects are untested and subject to change which may have potential retrospective effect. The programmes are subject to quota limitations which may restrict the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund’s ability to invest in China A Shares through the programmes on a timely basis and where a suspension in the trading through the programmes is effected, the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund’s ability to access the China A Shares market (and

hence to pursue its investment strategy) will be adversely affected. The PRC regulations impose certain restrictions on selling and buying of China A Shares. Hence the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund may not be able to dispose of holdings of China A Shares in a timely manner. Also, a stock may be recalled from the scope of eligible stocks for trading via the Stock Connects. This may adversely affect the investment portfolio or strategies of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund, for example, when the Investment Manager wishes to purchase a stock which is recalled from the scope of eligible stocks. Due to the differences in trading days, the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund may be subject to a risk of price fluctuations in China A Shares on a day that the PRC market is open for trading but the Hong Kong market is closed.

#### *Liquidity Risk of Investing in China A Shares*

China A Shares may be subject to trading bands which restrict increases and decreases in the trading price. The Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund if investing through the Stock Connects will be prevented from trading underlying China A Shares when they hit the “trading band limit”. If this happens on a particular trading day, the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund may be unable to trade China A Shares. As a result, the liquidity of the China A Shares may be adversely affected which in turn may affect the value of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund’s investments.

#### *PRC tax considerations in relation to investment in China A Shares via the Stock Connects*

On 14 November 2014, the Ministry of Finance, the State of Administration of Taxation and the CSRC jointly issued a notice in relation to the taxation rule on the Stock Connects under Caishui 2014 No.81 (“Notice No.81”). Under Notice No.81, corporate income tax and individual income tax will be temporarily exempted on gains derived by Hong Kong and overseas resident investors (including the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund) on the trading of China A Shares through the Stock Connects with effect from 17 November 2014. However, Hong Kong and overseas investors are required to pay tax on dividends and/or bonus shares at the rate of 10% which will be withheld and paid to the relevant authority by the listed companies, unless an applicable double tax treaty could be applied to reduce the dividend withholding tax rate. As a result of Notice No.81, the uncertainty of providing for tax on gains derived from the disposal of Chinese securities now solely relates to investment in other types of Chinese securities (e.g. China B or H Shares).

Based on the prevailing value added tax (“VAT”) regulations, capital gains derived by investors via the Stock Connects are exempted from VAT.

Hong Kong and overseas investors are required to pay stamp duty arising from the trading of China A Shares and the transfer of China A Shares by way of succession or gift in accordance with the existing taxation rules in the PRC.

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed “**Financial Derivative Instruments**” and “**Risk Factors**”.

#### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian Global Emerging Markets Fund:-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL), a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL)

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**Shareholders of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) should note that all or a part of fees and expenses will be charged to the capital at a Fund or Share Class level. This will have the effect of lowering the capital value of your investment.**

**The rate of distributions is neither fixed nor guaranteed and is determined at the discretion of the Directors.**

**For Fixed Distribution Share Classes, shareholders should note that distributions, may be declared out of the capital of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL). Therefore, there is a greater risk that capital may be eroded and distribution will be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth of your investment. This cycle may continue until all capital is depleted. Distributions out of capital may have different tax consequences to distributions of income and it is recommended that you seek appropriate advice in this regard.**

**An investment in the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investor's investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.**

## Investment Objective and Policies

The investment objective of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) is to seek to achieve a total return through a combination of income and capital growth.

The Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing in a diversified portfolio of predominantly (i.e. not less than 70% of its Net Asset Value) equities of issuers worldwide.

The Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) investments shall include securities of issuers in Emerging Markets or of issuers established outside of Emerging Markets, which have a predominant proportion of their assets or business operations in Emerging Markets and which are listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market worldwide.

The Investment Manager will not concentrate investments on any one industry or sector.

The equity and equity-related securities in which the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) may invest include ordinary shares or common stock, preferred stock, ADRs, GDRs, preference shares, rights issues and warrants.

The Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) will not invest more than 10% of its net assets in securities issued by or guaranteed by any single country (including its government, a public or local authority of that country) with a credit rating below investment grade or with no credit rating being assigned by an internationally recognized credit agency (i.e. Standard & Poor's or Moody's).

The Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) may employ investment techniques and instruments which may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives, such as futures (such as currency future contracts) for investment and efficient portfolio management purposes within the limits set forth in Schedule II as described in the section "Investment Techniques and Instruments" and further details of such instruments are described in the section "Financial Derivative Instruments". Futures contracts (including currency futures, equity futures and index futures (for example, indices of equities from global issuers in Regulated Markets)) may be used to hedge against market risk or gain exposure to an underlying market. A currency future is a transferable futures contract that specifies the price at which a currency can be bought or sold at a future date. An equity futures contract is exchange-traded. An index future is a futures contract on a stock or financial index. For each index there may be a different multiple for determining the price of the futures contract. The Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) may also use spot foreign exchange contracts for efficient portfolio management purposes.

The Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) may invest in and have direct access to certain eligible China A Shares listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange and Shenzhen Stock Exchange via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect (as further described in the sub-section headed "**Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect**" below) and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect (as further described in the sub-section headed "**Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect**" below) (collectively, the "**Stock Connects**"). Exposure to China A Shares through the Stock Connects will not be more than 10% of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL)'s Net Asset Value.

The Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) may invest up to 10 per cent of its Net Asset Value in open ended collective investment schemes (including ETFs) whose objective is to invest in any of the foregoing and provide the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) with indirect exposure to global equities. Investment in collective investment schemes shall include both UCITS and alternative investment funds. In particular, any investment in open-ended alternative investment funds will be subject to Regulation 114(6) of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations").

As part of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL)'s emerging markets exposure it may invest part of its net assets in securities traded on domestic Russian markets and any such investment will only be made in securities that are listed/traded on the RTS stock exchange and MICEX. The extent of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL)'s net assets invested in these securities will not typically be

more than 3% higher than Russia's weight in the MSCI All Countries Index. For the avoidance of doubt, this shall mean that if, for example, Russia's weight in the MSCI All Countries Index is 2%, the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) will not invest more than 5% of its net assets in these securities.

The Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) may invest up to 15 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in REITs listed, traded or dealt in on Regulated Markets worldwide.

The Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) may also hold and invest cash in deposits, treasury bills, short-term securities, commercial paper, certificates of deposit and money market funds which are UCITS and which in turn provide exposure to money market instruments. Any such cash or cash equivalents will not be held for speculative purposes but will be ancillary to the primary investment strategy of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL). The treasury bills, short-term securities and debt securities listed above will be listed or traded on a Regulated Market subject to the investment restrictions at paragraph 2.1 of Schedule III in the Prospectus.

All exposure arising through the investment in financial derivative instruments will be covered by the underlying assets of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL). The Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) will use the commitment approach methodology to accurately measure, monitor and manage the "leverage" effect produced by the use of financial derivative instruments and for the calculation of its global exposure. As the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) uses the commitment approach it must ensure that its global exposure does not exceed its total net asset value and the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) may not therefore be leveraged in excess of 100% of its net asset value. In using the commitment approach for the calculation of global exposure, the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) will convert each derivative position into the market value of an equivalent position in the underlying asset of that derivative.

The Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) may use derivatives to acquire synthetic long and synthetic short positions over a variety of time periods (depending on current market conditions and the Investment Manager's view relative to those conditions) in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. The proportion of long to short exposure in the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) will depend on the market conditions at any given time. On this basis the expected range for the long and short positions the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) may take is between 0% to 10% short exposures in combination with 0% to 10% long exposures. This range for derivatives use is not a limit and the exposures can exceed the range in certain circumstances. However, this will remain within the constraints under the commitment approach above.

The Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) is denominated in US Dollar but will hold assets denominated in other currencies.

### **Investment Approach**

The Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager has freedom to select the investments in order to seek to achieve the investment objective of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL). In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) aims to deliver a total return, net of fees, greater than that of the MSCI ACWI (the "**Index**") with net dividends re-invested over rolling 3 year periods.

The Index represents the performance of the large and mid-cap segments of developed markets globally.

The Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) is managed by the Investment Manager adopting a "systematic" investment process, which uses sophisticated computer models to analyse large volumes of data to select investments. This will focus on developing a stock portfolio that is expected to deliver total returns while satisfying the income requirements of investors. In this regard, the Investment Manager's stock selection process looks for a stock portfolio that can offer both attractive dividends as well as capital growth. Stocks are assessed in terms of the attractiveness of their valuation, quality, price trends, stable growth prospects, sentiment and company management. In addition, the Investment



Manager takes other criteria such as expected risk, trading costs and liquidity into consideration when constructing the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL)'s portfolio.

The Index is a representation of the markets in which the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) primarily invests. Although a large proportion of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL)'s investments may be components of the Index, the Investment Manager does not seek to replicate the performance of the Index; it is seeking to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than the Index. In particular, the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) may invest in companies which are not included in the Index and the stock selection and portfolio construction process, as set out above, mean that the number of holdings and weightings of the companies, industries, sectors and countries of the holdings of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) may diverge materially from the Index. Therefore, the risk and return profile of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) will likely be significantly different to that of the Index. As set out above, the portfolio construction of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) involves considering risk, trading costs and liquidity. As part of this portfolio construction process, various controls are in place aiming to ensure risks are not concentrated in any one company, industry, sector or country.

### **Stock Connects**

The Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) may invest in certain eligible China A Shares through the Stock Connects. The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing links program developed by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited ("HKEx"), Shanghai Stock Exchange ("SSE") and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited ("ChinaClear"). The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing links program developed by the HKEx, the Shenzhen Stock Exchange ("SZSE") and ChinaClear. The aim of the Stock Connects is to achieve mutual stock market access between mainland China and Hong Kong.

The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect comprises a Northbound Shanghai Trading Link and a Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link. Under the Northbound Shanghai Trading Link, Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL)), through their Hong Kong brokers, sub-custodians and a securities trading service company established by the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong ("SEHK"), may be able to trade eligible China A Shares listed on the SSE ("SSE securities") by routing orders to SSE. Under the Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link under Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, investors in the People's Republic of China ("PRC") will be able to trade certain stocks listed on the SEHK.

The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect comprises a Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link and a Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link. Under the Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link, Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL)), through their Hong Kong brokers, sub-custodians and a securities trading service company established by SEHK, may be able to trade eligible China A Shares listed on the SZSE ("SZSE securities") by routing orders to SZSE. Under the Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link under Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, investors in the PRC will be able to trade certain stocks listed on the SEHK.

### **Eligible Securities**

#### **(iii) The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect**

Under the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL), through the Hong Kong brokers, may trade SSE securities. These include all the constituent stocks from time to time of the SSE 180 Index and SSE 380 Index, and all the SSE-listed China A Shares that are not included as constituent stocks of the relevant indices but which have corresponding H-Shares listed on the SEHK, except the following:

- (c) SSE-listed shares which are not traded in Renminbi ("RMB"); and
- (d) SSE-listed shares which are under risk alert.

It is expected that the list of eligible securities will be subject to review and may change.

(iv) The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect

Under the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL), through the Hong Kong brokers, may trade SZSE securities. These include all the constituent stocks of the SZSE Component Index and the SZSE Small/Mid Cap Innovation Index which have a market capitalization of not less than RMB 6 billion, and all the SZSE-listed China A shares which have corresponding H-Shares listed on SEHK, except the following:

- c) SZSE-listed shares which are not traded in RMB; and
- d) SZSE-listed shares which are under risk alert or under delisting arrangement.

At the initial stage of the Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link, investors eligible to trade shares that are listed on the ChiNext Board of SZSE under the Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link are limited to institutional professional investors as defined in the relevant Hong Kong rules and regulations.

It is expected that the list of eligible securities will be subject to review and may change.

The term “**China A Shares**” means domestic shares in the PRC incorporated companies listed on either the SSE or the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, the prices of which are quoted in RMB and which are available to such investors as approved by the China Securities Regulatory Commission (“CSRC”).

In addition to those risk factors set out in relation to the PRC investment, a number of the key risks of investing in selective China A Shares listed on the SSE or the SZSE via the Stock Connects are set out in the section entitled “Risk Factors”.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor in the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) is one that is seeking a total return through a combination of income and capital growth over a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderate to high level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRRRI measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Manager**

The Investment Manager of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) is Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is US Dollar for the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL).

### **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL), means a day (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) on which banks and stock exchanges are open for business both in Dublin and in London.

### **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

### **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A, B, C, S and N Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A, B, C, S and N Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Class R Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission, and they are also available to institutional investors subject to minimum investment. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares are offered primarily for direct investment by Institutional Investors. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below and who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U2 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class X Shares are only available to investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager under which Management Fees will be collected directly from the investor. The Class X is not yet available for subscription.

### **Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price**

The initial offer period for any Class of Shares in the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) which is available but not yet launched will close on 31 December, 2020. The Initial Offer Period may also be extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any such extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis. After closing of the Initial Offer Period Shares in the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) will be issued at the Net Asset Value per Share.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, USD 10.00, AUD 10.00, HKD 10.00, SGD 10.00, RMB 10.00, SEK 10.00, ZAR 10.00.

### **Fees and Expenses**

#### **Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts**

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL).

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee
<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR 500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR 500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (HKD) Hedged Income</b>	HKD	HKD 1,000	HKD 500	HKD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Income (F)</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (AUD) Income (F)</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (ZAR) Income (F)</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (AUD) Hedged Income</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (RMB) Hedged Income</b>	RMB	RMB 1,000	RMB 500	RMB 500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (SGD) Hedged Income</b>	SGD	SGD 1,000	SGD 500	SGD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil

<b>A (ZAR)</b> <b>Hedged Income</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>B (USD)</b> <b>Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (USD)</b> <b>Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (RMB)</b> <b>Hedged Income</b>	RMB	RMB 1,000	RMB 500	RMB 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (AUD)</b> <b>Hedged Income</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (ZAR)</b> <b>Hedged Income</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C (USD)</b> <b>Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (USD)</b> <b>Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (RMB)</b> <b>Hedged Income</b>	RMB	RMB 1,000	RMB 500	RMB 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (AUD)</b> <b>Hedged Income</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (ZAR)</b> <b>Hedged Income</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C2 (USD)</b> <b>Income (F)</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 0.50%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C2 (AUD)</b> <b>Income (F)</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 0.50%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C2 (ZAR)</b> <b>Income (F)</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Up to 0.50%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>I (EUR)</b> <b>Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR)</b> <b>Income</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (SEK)</b> <b>Hedged Income</b>	SEK	SEK 10,000	SEK 5,000	SEK 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (SEK)</b> <b>Hedged Accumulation</b>	SEK	SEK 10,000	SEK 5,000	SEK 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil

<b>I (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>S (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>S (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>N (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>N (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>U1 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 100,000,000	USD 50,000,000	USD 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 100,000,000	USD 50,000,000	USD 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 250,000,000	USD 125,000,000	USD 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil

<b>U2 (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 250,000,000	USD 125,000,000	USD 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>X (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 20,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>X (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 20,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

#### Contingent Deferred Sales Charge

A contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on the repurchase of the Class B and Class C Shares of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL). The amount of the contingent deferred sales charge payable will depend on the length of time between the date the Shares were purchased and their repurchase at the rates set out below.

Years since purchase	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid
	Class B Shares	Class C Shares
0 - 1	4.00%	1.00%
1 - 2	3.00%	Nil
2 - 3	2.00%	Nil
3 - 4	1.00%	Nil
4 and thereafter	None	Nil

Any contingent deferred sales charge will be payable to the Manager. The Manager may pay some or all of any contingent deferred sales charge to its delegates as reimbursement for the expense of distribution, intermediary and/or other services rendered to the Manager, the Company and the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL). No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on Shares issued arising as a result of the reinvestment of dividends. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on any increase on the Net Asset Value per Share above the subscription price paid for the Share and no contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on transfers or conversions of Shares. For the purposes of determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge is payable any Shares redeemed shall be deemed to be those first subscribed.

Shareholders of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) should note that all or a portion of Fees and Expenses in respect of Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) may be charged to capital at a Fund or Share Class level. As a result capital may be eroded and income may be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth. Thus, on redemptions of holdings Shareholders of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) income share classes may not receive back the full amount invested due to capital reduction. It is recommended that Shareholders of the Old Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) seek advice in this regard. The rationale for providing for the payment of fees and expenses out of capital is to increase the level of income distributed for income class shareholders.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed "**Fees and Expenses**".

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed "**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**".

#### Establishment Costs

The cost of establishing the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) and the preparation and printing of the relevant Supplement is expected not to exceed €50,000 and will be charged to the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) and amortised over a period of up to three years of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL)'s operation or such other shorter period as the Directors may determine.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “**Fees and Expenses**”.

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

### **Distribution Policy**

Dividend in respect of the Classes of Shares of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) will be distributed in accordance with the distribution frequency set out in the table below (the “**Distributing Share Classes**”).

Dividends will be declared on the last calendar day of each month.

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Distribution Frequency</b>
Class A (USD) Income	Monthly
Class A (GBP) Income	Monthly
Class A (EUR) Income	Monthly
Class A (USD) Income (F)	Monthly
Class A (AUD) Income (F)	Monthly
Class A (ZAR) Income (F)	Monthly
Class A (EUR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (AUD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (RMB) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (SGD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (HKD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (ZAR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class B (USD) Income	Monthly
Class B (AUD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class B (RMB) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class B (ZAR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class C (USD) Income	Monthly
Class C (AUD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class C (RMB) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class C (ZAR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class C2 (USD) Income (F)	Monthly
Class C2 (AUD) Income (F)	Monthly
Class C2 (ZAR) Income (F)	Monthly
Class I (USD) Income	Monthly
Class I (SEK) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class I (EUR) Income	Monthly
Class N (USD) Income	Monthly
Class S (GBP) Income	Monthly
Class R (GBP) Income	Monthly
Class R (GBP) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class U1 (GBP) Income	Monthly
Class U1 (USD) Income	Monthly
Class U2 (GBP) Income	Monthly
Class U2 (USD) Income	Monthly
Class X (GBP) Income	Monthly

Save as outlined below, it is the intention of the Directors that dividends of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) will be paid on a monthly basis.



It is the intention of the Directors that dividends will be paid from the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL)'s net income. In addition, the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) may also pay dividends out of capital for certain share classes. As the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) currently charges fees and expenses to capital the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL)'s net income available for distribution will in practice be a gross rather than net income figure. Gross income shall generally consist of interest, dividends and other investment income less withholding and other taxes or adjustments as applicable. The rationale for providing for the payment of dividends out of capital is to allow the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) the ability to provide a stable and consistent level of distribution to investors seeking income oriented investment solutions.

For Share Classes that are not Distributing Share Classes (i.e. Accumulation Share Classes), the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL)'s income and capital gains will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL).

The Directors may operate an income smoothing mechanism which aims to generate a more stable level of distributions from one month to the next. This may involve reducing the income paid out for a particular month to counter possible shortfalls in the income available for distribution in later months. Any such undistributed income will be paid out in respect of the final month of the annual accounting period.

### **Risk Factors**

It cannot be guaranteed that the performance of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) will generate a return and there may be circumstances where no return is generated or the amount invested is lost.

#### *Risks Associated with the Stock Connects*

The relevant rules and regulations of the Stock Connects are untested and subject to change which may have potential retrospective effect. The programmes are subject to quota limitations which may restrict the Merian Global Equity Income Fund's (IRL)'s ability to invest in China A Shares through the programmes on a timely basis and where a suspension in the trading through the programmes is effected, the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL)'s ability to access the China A Shares market (and hence to pursue its investment strategy) will be adversely affected. The PRC regulations impose certain restrictions on selling and buying of China A Shares. Hence the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) may not be able to dispose of holdings of China A Shares in a timely manner. Also, a stock may be recalled from the scope of eligible stocks for trading via the Stock Connects. This may adversely affect the investment portfolio or strategies of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL), for example, when the Investment Manager wishes to purchase a stock which is recalled from the scope of eligible stocks. Due to the differences in trading days, the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) may be subject to a risk of price fluctuations in China A Shares on a day that the PRC market is open for trading but the Hong Kong market is closed.

#### *Liquidity Risk of Investing in China A Shares*

China A Shares may be subject to trading bands which restrict increases and decreases in the trading price. The Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) if investing through the Stock Connects will be prevented from trading underlying China A Shares when they hit the "trading band limit". If this happens on a particular trading day, the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL) may be unable to trade China A Shares. As a result, the liquidity of the China A Shares may be adversely affected which in turn may affect the value of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL)'s investments.

#### *PRC tax considerations in relation to investment in China A Shares via the Stock Connects*

On 14 November 2014, the Ministry of Finance, the State of Administration of Taxation and the CSRC jointly issued a notice in relation to the taxation rule on the Stock Connects under Caishui 2014 No.81 ("Notice No.81"). Under Notice No.81, corporate income tax and individual income tax will be temporarily exempted on gains derived by Hong Kong and overseas resident investors (including the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL)) on the trading of China A Shares through the Stock Connects

with effect from 17 November 2014. However, Hong Kong and overseas investors are required to pay tax on dividends and/or bonus shares at the rate of 10% which will be withheld and paid to the relevant authority by the listed companies, unless an applicable double tax treaty could be applied to reduce the dividend withholding tax rate. As a result of Notice No.81, the uncertainty of providing for tax on gains derived from the disposal of Chinese securities now solely relates to investment in other types of Chinese securities (e.g. China B or H Shares).

Based on the prevailing value added tax ("VAT") regulations, capital gains derived by investors via the Stock Connects are exempted from VAT.

Hong Kong and overseas investors are required to pay stamp duty arising from the trading of China A Shares and the transfer of China A Shares by way of succession or gift in accordance with the existing taxation rules in the PRC.

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed "**Financial Derivative Instruments**" and "**Risk Factors**".

#### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian Global Equity Income Fund (IRL):-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL), a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL)

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**Shareholders of the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) should note that all or a part of fees and expenses will be charged to the capital at a Fund or Share Class level. This will have the effect of lowering the capital value of your investment.**

**Prospective investors should note that the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) is closed and an application for revocation of authorisation will be submitted to the Central Bank in due course.**

## Investment Objective and Policies

The objective of the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) is to seek to achieve total return through worldwide investment primarily in a diversified portfolio of fixed and variable rate debt securities.

The securities in which the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) may invest shall include, but shall not be limited to, securities issued or guaranteed by any government, state, local authority or other political sub-division of government (including any agency or instrumentality thereof), securities issued by supranational bodies and securities issued by corporate entities. Investment may include, but shall not be limited to, debt securities, including, but not limited to, convertible and non-convertible debt securities, fixed and floating rate bonds, inflation-linked and index-linked bonds, zero coupon and discount bonds, debentures, mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances, commercial paper and treasury bills. Subject to the investment restrictions 2.1 and 2.12 respectively of Schedule III in the Prospectus, the securities shall be listed, traded or dealt in on any Regulated Market worldwide and such securities shall be issued from at least 6 different issues, with securities from any one issue not exceeding 30% of net assets.

The Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) will invest primarily, i.e. at least 70% of its Net Asset Value, in debt securities.

For the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL), security selection is based on a combination of top-down and bottom-up analysis. The top-down analysis focuses on optimising the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL)'s exposure to a range of risk factors such as currency, credit spread, duration and yield. In order to make decisions on the appropriate exposure to these factors, the Investment Manager undertakes an ongoing assessment of the drivers of returns, such as interest rates, the macro-economic outlook, inflation expectations, fiscal and external account balances, and geo-political issues. The bottom-up analysis focuses on assessing an individual debt security's default risk and value relative to similar debt securities in the market. In order to support this analysis, the Investment Manager will evaluate information such as country- or company-specific data and external broker research.

No more than 20 per cent. of the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL)'s Net Asset Value may be invested in securities which are rated below Investment Grade. The Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) will not invest more than 10% of its net assets in securities issued by or guaranteed by any single country (including its government, a public or local authority of that country) with a credit rating below investment grade or with no credit rating being assigned by an internationally recognized credit agency (i.e. Standard & Poor's or Moody's).

No more than 20 per cent. of the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL)'s Net Asset Value may be invested in securities of issuers established outside the OECD member countries.

No more than 20 per cent. of the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL)'s Net Asset Value may be invested in contingent convertible bonds ("CoCos"). CoCos are a form of hybrid subordinated debt security that are intended to either convert into equity or have their principal written down upon the occurrence of certain 'triggers' linked to regulatory capital thresholds or where the issuing banking institution's regulatory authorities question the continued viability of the entity as a going-concern.

The Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) may invest up to 10 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in open-ended collective investment schemes which satisfy the requirements of the Central Bank. Such schemes will be domiciled in the EEA, Jersey, Guernsey or the UK. In particular, any investment in open-ended alternative investment funds will be subject to Regulation 114(6) of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations").

The Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) may invest up to 5 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in REITs listed, traded or dealt in on Regulated Markets that are not considered Emerging Markets.

Up to 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) may be invested in securities (e.g. debt securities) traded on domestic Russian markets and any such investment will only be made in securities that are listed/traded on the Moscow exchange.

The Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) may employ the following investment techniques and instruments which may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives. These techniques and instruments comprise futures (such as bond or currency future contracts), options, options on futures, forward settled transactions, convertible securities, hybrid securities, structured notes (as described below), credit default swaps and swap agreements. The Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) may use the above mentioned derivatives to gain exposure to the asset classes listed in this Supplement. A further detailed description of the relevant derivative instruments and their commercial purpose is set out in the Prospectus under the heading “Financial Derivative Instruments”.

A hybrid security is a security which combines two or more financial instruments. Hybrid securities generally combine a traditional stock or bond with an option or forward contract. In the case of a hybrid security such as a convertible bond, for example, the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) will seek to benefit from a steady income stream, the repayment of principal at maturity, and the potential to share in the upside of the common stock. The security’s yield advantage and finite maturity give the convertible downside price support, or investment value. At the same time, the embedded option derivative component provides participation in higher equity values. Similarly, a structured note is a debt obligation that also contains an embedded derivative component. Structured notes may be issued by banks, brokerage firms, insurance companies and other corporations. These type of notes are also hybrid securities that attempt to change their risk profile by including additional modifying structures, therefore increasing the bond component's potential returns. An investment in a structured note entitles the holder to certain cash payments calculated by reference to the securities to which the structured note is linked and is subject to the terms and conditions imposed by the issuer. It is not an investment directly in the securities themselves. The Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) may invest in structured notes (both leveraged and unleveraged) for which the coupon payment, principal repayment or repayment schedule varies according to pre-agreed conditions relating to fluctuations in unrelated assets such as currencies or stock indices.

The convertible securities, hybrid securities and structured notes in which the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) may invest may embed an option or forward derivative component. However, any additional leverage generated by the derivative will not cause the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) to exceed the leverage limit outlined below. These structured notes will be securitised and capable of free sale and transfer to other investors and will be purchased through recognised regulated dealers and deemed to be transferable securities which are traded on Regulated Markets Exchanges

Such derivative instruments may be used for (i) hedging purposes, (ii) efficient portfolio management, and/or (iii) investment purposes, subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank. The derivatives will assist in achieving the investment objective of the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) by allowing for the implementation of active interest rate, currency or credit exposure positions (which may not be correlated with the underlying securities held by the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL)), the adjustment of risk (including credit, currency and interest rate risk) and for the implementation of trades in a more efficient and cost effective manner.

The Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) will use relative VaR to calculate its global exposure. The risk of loss of the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) will be monitored using a relative VaR model comprising a reference portfolio to ensure that the VaR of the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) shall not exceed twice that of the VaR of the reference portfolio based on a 20 day holding period and a “one-tailed” 99 per cent. confidence interval using a 1 year observation period. The reference portfolio is Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index which is a market capitalisation weighted index of bonds issued worldwide and which has a risk profile similar to that of the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL). The Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) will regularly monitor its leverage and the level of leverage of the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) will not exceed 800 per cent. of the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL)’s Net Asset Value when calculated using the sum of the notionals of the derivatives used. This leverage figure is calculated as the sum of the notionals of the derivatives used as is required by the Regulations and as such does not take into account any netting and hedging arrangements that the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) has in place at any time.

The Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) may use derivatives to acquire synthetic long and synthetic short positions over a variety of time periods (depending on current market conditions and the

Investment Manager's view relative to those conditions) in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. The expected range for the long and short positions the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) may take is between 0% to 400% short exposures in combination with 0% to 400% long exposures of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL). This range for derivatives use is not a limit and the exposures can exceed the range in certain circumstances. However, this will remain within the constraints under the VaR approach set out above. For fixed income funds, derivatives are integral to the management of an active portfolio. A high level of derivative usage, either long or short, does not necessarily mean a high level of risk because derivative exposures may be hedges or offsets used to control the portfolio.

The Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) is denominated in USD but will hold assets denominated in other currencies. Hence, the Net Asset Value may fall and rise purely as a result of exchange rate fluctuations. The Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL)'s normal currency position is unhedged but currency exposure may be hedged on an opportunistic basis.

The Investment Manager may for investment purposes and efficient portfolio management, enter into foreign exchange transactions to hedge against exchange risk, to increase exposure to a currency or to shift exposure to currency fluctuations from one currency to another. Suitable hedging transactions may not be available in all circumstances and there can be no assurance that the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) will engage in such transactions at any given time or from time to time. Such transactions may not be successful and may eliminate any chance for the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) to benefit from favourable fluctuations in relevant foreign currencies.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a lower to moderate level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRRI measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Manager**

The Investment Manager of the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) is Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is USD for the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL).

### **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL), means a day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which retail banks are open for business in Dublin and London.

### **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

### **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A, B, C, N and S Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A, B, C, N or S Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Commencing from the Effective Date (as defined below), Class B Shares, whether purchased before or after the Effective Date, will automatically convert into Shares in the corresponding Class A Shares upon the expiry of 4 years from the date of the initial subscription into the relevant Class B Shares. The Effective Date for these purposes shall be 31 March, 2017 or such later date as is required in order to implement the relevant enhancements necessary to process the automatic conversion.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below and/or investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries and/or investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U2 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

#### **Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price**

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) which is available but not yet launched will close on 30 April, 2020. The initial offer period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, SEK 10.00, USD 10.00.

#### **Fees and Expenses**

##### **Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts**

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL).

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee
<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (SEK) Hedged Accumulation</b>	SEK	SEK 1,000	SEK 500	SEK 500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>B (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.00%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.00%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>I (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil



<b>I (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Accumul ation</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>N (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.00%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>N (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.00%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>R (GBP) Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>S (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Nil	0.90%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.40%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.40%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.45%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.45%	Nil	Nil

<b>U2 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.40%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.40%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.40%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.40%	Nil	Nil

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Shareholders of the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) should note that all or a portion of Fees and Expenses in respect of Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) may be charged to capital at a Fund or Share Class level. As a result capital may be eroded and income may be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth. Thus, on redemptions of holdings Shareholders of the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) income share classes may not receive back the full amount invested due to capital reduction. It is recommended that Shareholders of the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) seek advice in this regard. The rationale for providing for the payment of fees and expenses out of capital is to increase the level of income distributed for income class shareholders.

#### Contingent Deferred Sales Charge

A contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on the repurchase of the Class B and Class C Shares of the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL). The amount of the contingent deferred sales charge payable will depend on the length of time between the date the Shares were purchased and their repurchase at the rates set out below.

<b>Years since purchase</b>	<b>Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid</b>	<b>Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid</b>
	<b>Class B Shares</b>	<b>Class C Shares</b>
0 - 1	4.00%	1.00%
1 - 2	3.00%	Nil
2 - 3	2.00%	Nil
3 - 4	1.00%	Nil
4 and thereafter	None	Nil

Any contingent deferred sales charge will be payable to the Manager. The Manager may pay some or all of any contingent deferred sales charge to its delegates as reimbursement for the expense of distribution, intermediary and/or other services rendered to the Manager, the Company and the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL). No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on Shares issued arising as a result of the reinvestment of dividends. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on any increase on the Net Asset Value per Share above the subscription price paid for the Share and no contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on transfers or conversions of Shares. For the purposes of determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge is payable any Shares redeemed shall be deemed to be those first subscribed.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “**Fees and Expenses**”.

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

**Distribution Policy**

The Directors intend to declare a dividend in respect of the Classes of Shares of the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) set out in the table below (the “**Distributing Share Classes**”).

The Directors intend to declare dividends in accordance with the distribution frequency set out in the table below. Dividends that are declared yearly will be declared on 31 December; dividends that are declared half-yearly will be declared on 30 June and 31 December; dividends that are declared quarterly will be declared on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December; and dividends that are declared monthly will be declared on the last Business Day of each month.

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Distribution Frequency</b>
Class A (USD) Income	Monthly
Class A (EUR) Income	Quarterly
Class A (EUR) Hedged Income	Quarterly
Class A (GBP) Income	Quarterly
Class A (GBP) Hedged Income	Quarterly
Class B (USD) Income	Monthly
Class C (USD) Income	Monthly
Class I (USD) Income	Quarterly
Class I (EUR) Income	Quarterly
Class I (EUR) Hedged Income	Quarterly
Class N (USD) Income	Monthly
Class R (GBP) Income	Quarterly
Class R (GBP) Hedged Income	Quarterly
Class S (GBP) Income	Quarterly
Class U1 (GBP) Income	Quarterly
Class U1 (GBP) Hedged Income	Quarterly
Class U2 (GBP) Income	Quarterly
Class U2 (GBP) Hedged Income	Quarterly

It is the intention of the Directors that dividends will be paid from the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL)’s net income. As the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL) currently charges fees and expenses to capital the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL)’s income available for distribution will in practice be a gross rather than net income figure. Gross income shall generally consist of interest, dividends and other investment income less withholding and other taxes or adjustments as applicable.

For Share Classes that are not Distributing Share Classes, the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL)’s income and capital gains will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL).

**Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed “**Financial Derivative Instruments**” and “**Risk Factors**”.

**Risk associated with Contingent Convertible Bonds**

CoCos are hybrid capital securities that absorb losses when the capital of the issuer falls below a certain level. Upon the occurrence of a predetermined event (known as a trigger event), contingent convertible bonds will be converted into shares of the issuing company (potentially at a discounted price as a result

of the deterioration in the financial condition of the issuing company), or cause the permanent write-down to zero of the principal investment and/or accrued interest such that the principal amount invested may be lost on a permanent or temporary basis. Contingent convertible bonds are risky and highly complex instruments. Coupon payments on contingent convertible bonds are discretionary and may at times also be ceased or deferred by the issuer. Trigger events can vary but these could include the capital ratio of the issuing company falling below a certain level, or the share price of the issuer falling to a particular level for a certain period of time.

### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian Global Strategic Bond Fund (IRL):-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**An investment in any of the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investor's investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.**

**Investment in the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund is not in the nature of a deposit in a bank account and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account.**

**Shareholders of the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund should note that all or a part of fees and expenses will be charged to the capital at a Fund or Share Class level. This will have the effect of lowering the capital value of your investment.**

**The rate of the monthly distribution is neither fixed nor guaranteed and is determined at the discretion of the Directors.**

**For Fixed Distribution Share Classes Shareholders should note that distributions, may be declared out of the capital of the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund. Therefore, there is a greater risk that capital may be eroded and distribution will be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth of your investment. This cycle may continue until all capital is depleted. Distributions out of capital may have different tax consequences to distributions of income and it is recommended that you seek appropriate advice in this regard.**

**Prospective investors should note that the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund is closed and an application for revocation of authorisation will be submitted to the Central Bank in due course.**

## **Investment Objective and Policies**

The objective of the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund is to seek to achieve a total return through a combination of income and capital growth from a well-diversified portfolio predominantly comprising of fixed and variable rate debt securities located worldwide. Dividends in respect of the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund will be declared monthly and distributed on a monthly basis. Please refer to the section headed "Distribution Policy" below for further details on the distribution policy of the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund.

The debt securities in which the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund may invest shall include, but shall not be limited to, securities issued or guaranteed by any government, state, local authority or other political sub-division of government (including any agency or instrumentality thereof), securities issued by supranational bodies and securities issued by corporate entities. Investment may include, but shall not be limited to, debt securities, including, but not limited to, convertible and non convertible debt securities, fixed and floating rate bonds, zero coupon and discount bonds, debentures, mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances, commercial paper and treasury bills. Subject to the investment restrictions 2.1 and 2.12 respectively in Schedule III in the Prospectus, the securities shall be listed, traded or dealt in on any Regulated Market worldwide and that such securities shall be issued from at least 6 different issues, with securities from any one issue not exceeding 30% of net assets.

Up to 100 per cent. of the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund's Net Asset Value will be invested in securities which are rated below Investment Grade. In addition, the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund may invest up to 100 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in the securities of issuers which are economically tied to Emerging Markets.

The Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund may hold equity securities issued by corporates and listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market worldwide from time to time, although this is not expected to be more than 10 per cent. of the net assets of the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund. The Investment Manager does not employ any specific industry or geographic allocation criteria in respect of the equity securities in which the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund may invest.

The Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund may, invest in liquid assets or may invest up to one third of the Net Asset Value for temporary defensive purposes in short-term securities such as commercial paper, bankers' acceptances, certificates of deposit and government securities issued by an OECD member country or by any supranational entity subject to investment restriction 2.1 in Schedule III in the Prospectus and provided that the foregoing securities are denominated in USD, are listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market in an OECD member country and are rated Investment Grade or better.

The Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund may invest up to 10 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in open-ended collective investment schemes whose objective is to invest in any of the foregoing securities. Investment in collective investment schemes shall include both UCITS and alternative investment funds. In particular, any investment in open-ended alternative investment funds will be subject to Regulation 114(6) of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations").

The Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund may employ investment techniques and instruments which may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives, such as futures (such as currency future contracts), options, options on futures, forward settled transactions, convertible securities, hybrid securities, structured notes, credit default swaps and swap agreements. Such derivative instruments may be used for (i) hedging purposes, (ii) efficient portfolio management, and/or (iii) investment purposes, subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank. The derivatives will assist in achieving the investment objective of the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund by allowing for the adjustment of risk (including credit, currency and interest rate risk) and by implementing trades in a more efficient and cost effective manner.

The Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund will regularly monitor its leverage and the level of leverage may range from approximately 200 per cent up to 1500 per cent of the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund's Net Asset Value at any point in time however the average level of leverage of the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund is expected to be approximately 300 per cent. The Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund's leverage is expected to increase to the higher levels, for example, at times when the Investment Manager deems it most appropriate to use financial derivative instruments to alter the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund's interest rate sensitivity. The leverage figure is calculated as the sum of the notionals of the derivatives used as is required by the Regulations. The notional value of the investments varies significantly from their market value which is why the leverage limits are high. These leverage limits do not take into account any netting and hedging arrangements that the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund has in place at any time even though these netting and hedging arrangements are used for risk reduction purposes. There are limitations in using VaR as a statistical measure of risk because it does not directly limit the level of leverage in the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund and only describes the risk of loss in normal market conditions.

As the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund will use an absolute VaR model to measure the global market risk, the VaR limit for the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund will not exceed 4.47 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund. The VaR for the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund will be calculated daily using a one-tailed 99 per cent. confidence level, a one day holding period, and the historical observation period will not be less than one year (250 Business Days) and quarterly data set updates, or more frequent when market prices are subject to material changes.

The Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund may use derivatives to acquire synthetic long and synthetic short positions over a variety of time periods (depending on current market conditions and the Investment Manager's view relative to those conditions) in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. The expected range for the long and short positions the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund may take is between 0% to 300% short exposures in combination with 0% to 300% long exposures. This range for derivatives use is not a limit and the exposures can exceed the range in certain circumstances. However, this will remain within the constraints under the VaR approach set out above. For fixed income funds, derivatives are integral to the management of an active portfolio. A high level of derivative usage, either long or short, does not necessarily mean a high level of risk. Derivative exposures may be hedges or offsets used in an unleveraged sense to control the portfolio.

The Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund is denominated in USD but will hold assets denominated in other currencies. For the purposes of efficient portfolio management the Investment Manager may enter into foreign exchange transactions to hedge against exchange risk. Suitable hedging transactions may not be available in all circumstances. Such transactions may not be successful and may eliminate any chance for the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund to benefit from favourable fluctuations in relevant foreign currencies.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderate level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRRI measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Manager**

The Investment Manager of the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund is Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is USD for the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund.

## **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund, means a day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which retail banks are open for business in Dublin and London.

## **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

## **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A, B, C, C2 and N Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A, B, C, C2 and N Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Commencing from the Effective Date (as defined below), Class B Shares and Class C2 Shares, whether purchased before or after the Effective Date, will automatically convert into Shares in the corresponding Class A Shares upon the expiry of 4 years (Class B Shares), or 2 years (Class C2 Shares) from the date of the initial subscription into the relevant Class B Shares or Class C2 Shares. The Effective Date for these purposes shall be 31 March, 2017 or such later date as is required in order to implement the relevant enhancements necessary to process the automatic conversion.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below and/or investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries and/or investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U2 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.



Class X Shares are only available to investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager under which Management Fees will be collected directly from the investor. The Class X is not yet available for subscription.

### Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund which is available but not yet launched will close on 31 December, 2020. The Initial Offer Period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, AUD 10.00, CHF 10.00, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, RMB 10.00, ZAR 10.00, SGD 10.00, USD 10.00.

### Fees and Expenses

#### Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee
<b>A (CHF) Accumulation</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5.00%	1.25%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.25%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR 500	Up to 5.00%	1.25%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.25%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (CHF) Hedged Accumulation</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5.00%	1.25%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR1,000	EUR 500	EUR 500	Up to 5.00%	1.25%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.25%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (CHF) Income</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5.00%	1.25%	Nil	Nil

<b>A (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.25%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Income (F)</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.25%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR 500	Up to 5.00%	1.25%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.25%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (CHF) Hedged Income</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5.00%	1.25%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR 500	Up to 5.00%	1.25%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.25%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (SGD) Hedged Income</b>	SGD	SGD 1,000	SGD 500	SGD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.25%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (AUD) Hedged Income</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.25%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (AUD) Hedged Income (F)</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.25%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (RMB) Hedged Income</b>	RMB	RMB 1,000	RMB 500	RMB 500	Up to 5.00%	1.25%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (ZAR) Hedged Income</b>	ZAR	ZAR1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Up to 5.00%	1.25%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)</b>	ZAR	ZAR1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Up to 5.00%	1.25%	Nil	Nil
<b>B (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Nil	1.25%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Nil	1.25%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (AUD) Hedged Income</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Nil	1.25%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (RMB) Hedged Income</b>	RMB	RMB 1,000	RMB 500	RMB 500	Nil	1.25%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (ZAR) Hedged Income</b>	ZAR	ZAR1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Nil	1.25%	Nil	Up to 1%

<b>C (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.25%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.25%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (AUD) Hedged Income</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.25%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (RMB) Hedged Income</b>	RMB	RMB 1,000	RMB 500	RMB 500	Up to 1.00%	1.25%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (ZAR) Hedged Income</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Up to 1.00%	1.25%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C2 (USD) Income (F)</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 0.50%	1.25%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C2 (AUD) Hedged Income (F)</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 0.50%	1.25%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C2 (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Up to 0.50%	1.25%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>I (CHF) Accumul ation</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.65%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Accumul ation</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.65%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.65%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (CHF) Hedged Accumula tion</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.65%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.65%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (CHF) Income</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.65%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.65%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.65%	Nil	Nil

<b>I (CHF) Hedged Income</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.65%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.65%	Nil	Nil
<b>N (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3.00%	1.25%	Nil	Up to 1.00%
<b>N (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3.00%	1.25%	Nil	Up to 1.00%
<b>R (GBP) Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.65%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.65%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.65%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.65%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 75,000,000	GBP 37,500,000	GBP 37,500,000	Nil	0.5625%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 75,000,000	USD 37,500,000	USD 37,500,000	Nil	0.5625%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (EUR) Accumul ation</b>	EUR	EUR 75,000,000	EUR 37,500,000	EUR 37,500,000	Nil	0.5625%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 75,000,000	GBP 37,500,000	GBP 37,500,000	Nil	0.5625%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (EUR) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	EUR	EUR 75,000,000	EUR 37,500,000	EUR 37,500,000	Nil	0.5625%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 75,000,000	USD 37,500,000	USD 37,500,000	Nil	0.5625%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 75,000,000	EUR 37,500,000	EUR 37,500,000	Nil	0.5625%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 75,000,000	GBP 37,500,000	GBP 37,500,000	Nil	0.5625%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 75,000,000	EUR 37,500,000	EUR 37,500,000	Nil	0.5625%	Nil	Nil

<b>U1 (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 75,000,000	GBP 37,500,000	GBP 37,500,000	Nil	0.5625%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 250,000,00 0	USD 125,000,00 0	USD 125,000,00 0	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (EUR) Accumul ation</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,00 0	EUR 125,000,00 0	EUR 125,000,00 0	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (EUR) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,00 0	EUR 125,000,00 0	EUR 125,000,00 0	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 250,000,00 0	USD 125,000,00 0	USD 125,000,00 0	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,00 0	EUR 125,000,00 0	EUR 125,000,00 0	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,00 0	EUR 125,000,00 0	EUR 125,000,00 0	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>X (GBP) Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 20,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>X (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 20,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>X (GBP) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 20,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>X (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 20,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Shareholders of the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund should note that all or a portion of Fees and Expenses in respect of Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund may be charged to

capital at a Fund or Share Class level. As a result capital may be eroded and income may be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth. Thus, on redemptions of holdings Shareholders of the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund income share classes may not receive back the full amount invested due to capital reduction. It is recommended that Shareholders of the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund seek advice in this regard. The rationale for providing for the payment of fees and expenses out of capital is to increase the level of income distributed for income class shareholders.

### Distribution Fee

As set out in the Prospectus and in the table above, the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund shall pay a distribution fee to the Investment Manager of up to 1.5per cent. per annum of the average Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to the Class C Shares.

As set out in the table above, the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund shall pay a distribution fee to the Investment Manager of up to 1.0 per cent. per annum of the average Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to the Class C2, Class N and Class B Shares.

### Contingent Deferred Sales Charge

A contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on the repurchase of the Class B, Class C and Class C2 Shares of the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund. The amount of the contingent deferred sales charge payable will depend on the length of time between the date the Shares were purchased and their repurchase at the rates set out below.

Years since purchase	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid
	Class B Shares	Class C Shares	Class C2 Shares
0 - 1	4.00%	1.00%	2.00%
1 - 2	3.00%	Nil	1.00%
2 - 3	2.00%	Nil	Nil
3 - 4	1.00%	Nil	Nil
4 and thereafter	None	Nil	Nil

Any contingent deferred sales charge will be payable to the Manager. The Manager may pay some or all of any contingent deferred sales charge to its delegates as reimbursement for the expense of distribution, intermediary and/or other services rendered to the Manager, the Company and the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on Shares issued arising as a result of the reinvestment of dividends. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on any increase on the Net Asset Value per Share above the subscription price paid for the Share and no contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on transfers or conversions of Shares. For the purposes of determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge is payable any Shares redeemed shall be deemed to be those first subscribed.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “**Fees and Expenses**”.

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

### Distribution Policy

Dividends in respect of the Classes of Shares of the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund will be distributed in accordance with the distribution frequency set out in the table below (the “**Distributing Share Classes**”).

Dividends will be declared on the last Business Day of each month.

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Distribution Frequency</b>
Class A (CHF) Income	Monthly
Class A (USD) Income	Monthly
Class A (USD) Income (F)	Monthly
Class A (EUR) Income	Monthly
Class A (GBP) Income	Monthly
Class A (CHF) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (EUR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (GBP) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (SGD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (AUD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (AUD) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class A (RMB) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (ZAR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class B (USD) Income	Monthly
Class B (AUD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class B (RMB) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class B (ZAR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class C (USD) Income	Monthly
Class C (AUD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class C (RMB) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class C (ZAR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class C2 (USD) Income (F)	Monthly
Class C2 (AUD) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class C2 (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class I (CHF) Income	Monthly
Class I (USD) Income	Monthly
Class I (EUR) Income	Monthly
Class I (CHF) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class I (EUR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class N (USD) Income	Monthly
Class R (GBP) Income	Monthly
Class R (GBP) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class U1 (GBP) Income	Monthly
Class U1 (USD) Income	Monthly
Class U1 (EUR) Income	Monthly
Class U1 (GBP) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class U1 (EUR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class U2 (GBP) Income	Monthly
Class U2 (USD) Income	Monthly
Class U2 (EUR) Income	Monthly
Class U2 (GBP) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class U2 (EUR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class X (GBP) Income	Monthly
Class X (GBP) Hedged Income	Monthly

It is the intention of the Directors that dividends will be paid from the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund's net income. In addition, the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund may also pay dividends out of capital for certain share classes. As the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund currently charges fees and expenses to capital, the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund's net income available for distribution will in practice be a gross rather than net income figure. Gross income shall generally consist of interest, dividends and other investment income less withholding and other

taxes or adjustments as applicable. The rationale for providing for the payment of dividends out of capital is to allow the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund the ability to provide a stable and consistent level of distribution to investors seeking income oriented investment solutions.

Dividends of the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund will be paid on a monthly basis save in extreme circumstances including but not limited to significant downturn in the global economy or global political turmoil resulting in default by a significant number of issuers of the debt securities in which the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund invests. The rate of the monthly distribution is neither fixed nor guaranteed and is determined at the discretion of the Directors.

### **Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed “**Financial Derivative Instruments**” and “**Risk Factors**”.

### **High Yield Risk**

As the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund invests in high yield below Investment Grade securities and unrated securities of similar credit quality (commonly known as “junk bonds”), it may be subject to greater levels of interest rate, credit and liquidity risk than Funds that do not invest in such securities. These securities are considered predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer’s continuing ability to make principal and interest payments. While offering a greater potential opportunity for capital appreciation and higher yields, high yield securities typically entail greater potential price volatility and may be less liquid than higher-rated securities. An economic downturn or period of rising interest rates could adversely affect the market for high yield securities and reduce the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund’s ability to sell its high yield securities. If the issuer of a security is in default with respect to interest or principal payments, the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund may lose its entire investment.

### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund:-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.



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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**An investment in the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investor's investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.**

**Shareholders of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund should note that all or a part of fees and expenses will be charged to the capital at a Fund or Share Class level. This will have the effect of lowering the capital value of your investment.**

**For Fixed Distribution Share Classes, shareholders should note that distributions may be declared out of the capital of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund. Therefore, there is a greater risk that capital may be eroded and distribution will be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth of your investment. This cycle may continue until all capital is depleted. Distributions out of capital may have different tax consequences to distributions of income and it is recommended that you seek appropriate advice in this regard.**

## Investment Objective and Policies

The objective of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund is to seek to achieve asset growth through investment in a well-diversified portfolio of fixed and variable rate debt securities issued in Emerging Markets.

At least two thirds of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund shall be invested in debt securities issued or guaranteed by any government, state, local authority or other political subdivision of government (including any agency or instrumentality thereof) securities issued by supranational bodies and securities issued by corporate entities in the emerging markets of Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and the developing countries of Europe subject to the investment restriction 2.12 of Schedule III in the Prospectus that such securities shall be issued from at least 6 different issues, with securities from any one issue not exceeding 30% of net assets. Investment may include debt securities, including convertible and non-convertible debt securities, fixed and floating rate bonds, inflation-linked bonds and index-linked bonds issued both by governments and corporations, zero coupon and discount bonds, debentures, mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances, commercial paper, treasury bills and loan participation securities that reference bank loans and trade finance loans in these countries. The loan participation securities that Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund may invest in are expected to be in the form of participations in, or assignment of, the loans, which may or may not be securitised ("Participations"). The Participations shall be liquid and will provide for interest rate adjustments at least every 397 days. The Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund may invest up to 10 per cent. of its net assets in Participations and will only purchase such Participations through recognised, regulated dealers.

No more than 85 per cent. of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund's Net Asset Value may be invested in securities which are rated below Investment Grade. The Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund may invest more than 10 per cent. (and up to 30 per cent.) of its Net Asset Value in securities issued or guaranteed by any single country (including its government, a public or local authority or nationalised industry of that country) with a credit rating of BB+ or below by Standard & Poor's or Ba1 or below by Moody's or with no credit rating being assigned by an internationally recognized credit agency. Countries where this may apply are countries included in the J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index, as may be amended from time to time. As of December 2018, such potential sovereigns include Russia, Venezuela and Argentina. However, the ratings of sovereign issuers may change from time to time and the abovementioned sovereigns are named only for reference and is not an exhaustive list and such sovereigns are subject to change from time to time as their ratings change. The Investment Manager considers that such investment is consistent with and may be necessary in order to achieve the overall objective and implement the investment policy of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund.

The Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund is likely to concentrate its investments in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and the developing countries of Europe. Subject to the investment restriction 2.1 of Schedule III in the Prospectus, the securities will be listed, traded or dealt in on any Regulated Market in these countries and in the US or the EU.

The Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund may invest up to 15% of its Net Asset Value in the China Interbank Bond Market including via Bond Connect, as further set out in the sub-section headed "**Bond Connect**" below.

The Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund may invest its liquid assets or may invest up to one third of the Net Asset Value for temporary defensive purposes in short-term securities such as commercial paper, bankers' acceptances, certificates of deposit and government securities issued by an OECD member country or by any supranational entity provided that the foregoing securities are denominated in USD, subject to the investment restriction 2.1 of Schedule III in the Prospectus that the securities are listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market in an OECD member country and are rated Investment Grade or better.

The Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund may invest up to 5 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in open-ended collective investment schemes whose objective is to invest in any of the foregoing. Investment in collective investment schemes shall include both UCITS and alternative investment funds. In

particular, any investment in open-ended alternative investment funds will be subject to Regulation 114(6) of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations").

Up to 5% of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund may be invested in securities traded on domestic Russian markets and any such investment will only be made in securities that are listed/traded on the Moscow Exchange.

The Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund may invest up to 5 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in REITs listed, traded or dealt in on Regulated Markets that are not considered Emerging Markets.

The Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund may employ the following investment techniques and instruments which may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives, futures (such as currency future contracts), options, options on futures, currency forwards, convertible securities, hybrid securities, structured notes including credit-linked notes, credit default swaps and swap agreements (which may include interest rate swaps, currency swaps, cross currency interest rate swaps and total return swaps). Such derivative instruments may be used for (i) hedging purposes, (ii) efficient portfolio management, and/or (iii) investment purposes to implement active interest rate, currency or credit exposure positions (which may not be correlated with the underlying securities held by the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund, subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank.

Swaps (including total/excess return swaps, credit default swaps and interest rate swaps) will be used to achieve profit as well as to hedge existing long positions

Where the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund enters into total return swaps (or invests in other financial derivative instruments with the same characteristics) it will only do so on behalf of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund with counterparties which shall be entities which satisfy the OTC counterparty criteria set down by the Central Bank in the UCITS Regulations and shall specialise in such transactions. Subject to compliance with those conditions, the Investment Manager has full discretion as to the appointment of counterparties when entering into total return swap in furtherance of its investment objective and policies.<sup>1</sup> The failure of a counterparty to a swap transaction may have a negative impact on the return for shareholders. The Investment Manager would seek to minimise counterparty performance risk by only selecting counterparties with a good credit rating and by monitoring any changes in those counterparties' ratings. The counterparty to any total return swap entered into by the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund would not assume any discretion over the composition or management of the investment portfolio of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund or of the underlying securities of the total return swap and would meet the criteria set out in the Prospectus.

Currency hedging activities and currency positions will be implemented using spot and forward foreign exchange contracts, total/excess return swaps and currency futures, options and options on futures.

#### Commitment Approach

In order to manage the risks associated with the use of such financial derivative instruments, the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund will calculate global exposure using the commitment approach. Therefore, the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund must at all times ensure that its global exposure does not exceed its total net asset value and that the maximum level of leverage under the commitment approach will not exceed 100% of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund. Under the commitment approach, the calculation converts each derivative position into the market value of an equivalent position in the underlying asset of that derivative, and takes account of netting and hedging arrangements that the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund has in place at any time. The commitment approach shall be the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund's primary risk measurement methodology.

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<sup>1</sup> It is not possible to comprehensively list in this Supplement all the counterparties as they have not, as of the date of issue of this Supplement, been selected and they may change from time to time.

## Relative VaR

In addition thereto and in order to provide a supplementary risk measurement methodology to help protect Shareholders' interests, the market risk associated with the use of financial derivative instruments will also be monitored using the Value at Risk ("VaR") methodology. VaR is a statistical methodology that predicts, using historical data, the likely maximum daily loss that the fund could lose calculated to a one-tailed 99% confidence level. However there is a 1% statistical chance that the daily VaR number may be exceeded. The VaR approach uses a historical observation period and thus the VaR result may be biased if abnormal market conditions are not prevalent or are omitted from the historical observation period. Accordingly, investors could suffer significant losses in abnormal market conditions. The Investment Manager will attempt to minimize such risks by conducting regular back testing and stress testing of the VaR model in accordance with Central Bank requirements.

Using the Relative VaR model, the VaR of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund's portfolio will not exceed twice the VaR on a comparable benchmark portfolio or reference portfolio (i.e. a similar portfolio with no derivatives) which will reflect the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund's intended investment style. The benchmark portfolio will be the J.P.Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index. The J.P.Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index tracks total returns for United States Dollar denominated debt instruments issued by emerging market sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities. Further details on this index are publicly available or available from the Investment Manager upon request. The holding period shall be 20 days. The historical observation period shall not be less than one year. The measurement and monitoring of all exposures relating to the use of derivative instruments will be performed on at least a daily basis. The Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund's portfolio will be managed so as to comply with applicable limitations under both the commitment and VaR risk methodologies outlined above.

The level of leverage for the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund using the sum of notionals of the financial derivative instruments used is expected to range from 50% to 150% of Net Asset Value rising to a maximum level of 400%. The Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund's leverage may increase to such higher levels, for example, at times when the Investment Manager deems it most appropriate to use derivative instruments to alter the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund's interest rate, currency or credit exposure.

With regard to the differing maximum leverage figures disclosed in the Supplement, this is because one figure is calculated pursuant to the commitment approach and the other is based on the sum of the notionals of the derivatives used. Unlike the commitment approach, leverage calculated using the sum of notionals does not take into account any netting and hedging arrangements that the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund has in place at any time. The Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund is required to disclose the maximum leverage based on the sum of notionals because, in addition to using the commitment approach, it will also measure global exposure using Relative VaR. In this regard, investors should note that when measured under the commitment approach (i.e. when netting and hedging arrangements are taken into account as part of the leverage calculation), the level of leverage will not, as outlined above, exceed 100% of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund.

The Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund may use derivatives to acquire synthetic long and synthetic short positions over a variety of time periods (depending on current market conditions and the Investment Manager's view relative to those conditions) in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. The expected range for the long and short positions the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund may take is between 0% to 150% short exposures in combination with 0% to 150% long exposures. This range for derivatives use is not a limit and the exposures can exceed the range in certain circumstances. However, this will remain within the constraints under the VaR approach set out above. For fixed income funds, derivatives are integral to the management of an active portfolio. A high level of derivative usage, either long or short, does not necessarily mean a high level of risk. Derivative exposures may be hedges or offsets used in an unleveraged sense to control the portfolio.

The Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund will be denominated in USD but may hold assets denominated in other currencies. Consequently the Net Asset Value may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations. The Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund does not propose to hedge routinely the exchange rate exposure arising as a result of currency fluctuations but may do so from time to time. The Investment Manager may enter into foreign exchange transactions to hedge against exchange risk,

to increase exposure to a currency or to shift exposure to currency fluctuations from one currency to another. Suitable hedging transactions may not be available in all circumstances and there can be no assurance that the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund will engage in such transactions at any given time. Such transactions may not be successful and may eliminate any chance for the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund to benefit from favourable fluctuations in relevant foreign currencies.

For the purposes of efficient portfolio management and only in respect of up to one third of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund, the Investment Manager may enter into foreign exchange transactions to hedge against exchange risk, to increase exposure to a currency or to shift exposure to currency fluctuations from one currency to another. Suitable hedging transactions may not be available in all circumstances and there can be no assurance that the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund will engage in such transactions at any given time or from time to time. Such transactions may not be successful and may eliminate any chance for the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund to benefit from favourable fluctuations in relevant foreign currencies.

### **Investment Approach**

The Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager has freedom to select the investments in order to seek to achieve the investment objective of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund. In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund will aim to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than that of the J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index (the “**Index**”) over rolling 3 year periods.

The Index represents the performance of USD debt issued by Emerging Market sovereign and quasi sovereign entities.

For the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund, security selection is based on a combination of top-down and bottom-up analysis. The top-down analysis focuses on optimising the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund’s exposure to a range of risk factors, such as currency, credit spread, duration and yield. In order to make decisions on the appropriate exposure to these factors, the Investment Manager undertakes an ongoing assessment of the return drivers, such as interest rates, the macro-economic outlook, inflationary expectations, fiscal and external account balances, and geo-political issues.

The bottom-up analysis focuses on assessing an individual debt security’s default risk and value relative to similar debt securities in the market. In order to support this analysis, the Investment Manager will evaluate information such as country- or company-specific data or external broker research.

The Index is a broad representation of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund’s investment universe. Although a large proportion of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund’s investments may be components of the Index, the Investment Manager does not seek to replicate the performance of the Index; it is seeking to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than the Index. In particular, the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund may invest in securities which are not included in the Index and the security selection and portfolio construction process, as set out above, mean that the number of holdings and weightings of the issues, issuers, industries, sectors and countries of the holdings of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund may diverge materially from the Index. Therefore, the risk and return profile of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund will likely be significantly different to that of the Index.

### **Bond Connect**

Bond Connect is a mutual bond market access scheme between Mainland China and Hong Kong established by China Foreign Exchange Trade System & National Interbank Funding Centre (“CFETS”), China Central Depository & Clearing Co., Ltd (“CCDCC”), Shanghai Clearing House, and Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and Central Money markets Unit. This scheme allows foreign investors (including a Fund) to invest in the China interbank bond market (“CIBM”) through connection between the related Mainland and Hong Kong financial infrastructure institutions. Bond Connect aims to enhance the efficiency and flexibility of investing in the CIBM. This is accomplished by easing the access requirements to enter the market, the use of the Hong Kong trading infrastructure to connect to CFETS,

removal of the investment quota and bond settlement agent, all which are required to invest in the CIBM directly.

### **Asset Segregation**

Under Bond Connect, assets are distinctly segregated into three levels across the onshore and offshore central depositories (“CSD”). It is mandatory for investors using Bond Connect to hold their bonds in a segregated account at the offshore depository in the name of the end investor. Bond purchased through Bond Connect will be held onshore with the CCDC/SCH in a nominee structure in the name of the CMU. Investors will be the beneficial owners of the bonds via a segregated account structure in the CMU in Hong Kong.

### **Trading Link**

Participants to Bond Connect register with trading platforms including Tradeweb and Bloomberg, the Bond Connect offshore electronic trading platforms which link directly into CFETS. These platforms will allow trading with designated onshore Bond Connect market makers using the Request for Quotation (“RFQ”) protocol. The designated bond connect market makers provide tradable prices through CFETS. The quote will include the full amount with the clean price, yield to maturity and effective period for the response. The market makers can decline to respond to the RFQ and can decline, amend or withdraw the quote as long as it hasn’t been accepted by the potential buyer. Upon acceptance of the quote by the potential buyer, all other quotes automatically become invalid. CFETS will then generate a trade confirmation on which the market maker, buyers, CFETS and depository will use to process the settlement.

### **Transaction Flow for Settlement Process and Link**

Settlement is effected via the settlement link between the CMU in Hong Kong and CCDC in the PRC. For delivery versus payment transactions:

- Settlement instruction must be matched and affirmed in the CCDC system by 10:00 Hong Kong time. Securities are earmarked for the transaction and blocked by the CCDC system.
- Mainland China trading counterparty (the buyer) pays the settlement cash proceeds to CMU by 13:00 Hong Kong time.
- After 17:00 Hong Kong time upon confirmation from CMU that funds have been received, CCDC will deliver the securities to the mainland China bond dealers. This triggers CMU to transfer the settlement cash proceeds to the sub-custodians for further credit to Global Custodian’s account.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderate level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRRI measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Manager**

The Investment Manager of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund is Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is USD for the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund.

### **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund, means a day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which retail banks are open for business in Dublin and London.

## **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

## **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A, B, C, C2 N and S Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A, B, C, C2 N or S Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Commencing from the Effective Date (as defined below), Class B Shares and Class C2 Shares, whether purchased before or after the Effective Date, will automatically convert into Shares in the corresponding Class A Shares upon the expiry of 4 years (Class B Shares), or 2 years (Class C2 Shares) from the date of the initial subscription into the relevant Class B Shares or Class C2 Shares. The Effective Date for these purposes shall be 31 March, 2017 or such later date as is required in order to implement the relevant enhancements necessary to process the automatic conversion.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below and who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U2 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

## **Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price**

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund which is available but not yet launched will close on 31 December, 2020. The initial offer period in respect of any

new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, AUD 10.00, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, SEK 10.00, SGD 10.00, USD 10.00, RMB 10.00, ZAR 10.00.

## Fees and Expenses

### Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee
<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Income (F)</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (SEK) Hedged Accumulation</b>	SEK	SEK 1,000	SEK 500	SEK 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (AUD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (SGD) Hedged Income</b>	SGD	SGD 1,000	SGD 500	SGD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil



<b>A (AUD) Hedged Income</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (AUD) Hedged Income (F)</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (RMB) Hedged Income</b>	RMB	RMB1,000	RMB 500	RMB 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (ZAR) Hedged Income</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>B (USD) Accumula tion</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C (USD) Accumula tion</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C2 (USD) Income (F)</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 0.50%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C2 (AUD) Hedged Income (F)</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 0.50%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C2 (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Up to 0.50%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>I (USD) Accumula tion</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>N (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.5%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>N (USD) Accumula tion</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.5%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>R (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>S (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Nil	1.10%	Nil	Nil

<b>U1 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil

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Shareholders of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund should note that all or a portion of Fees and Expenses in respect of Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund may be charged to capital at a Fund or Share Class level. As a result capital may be eroded and income may be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth. Thus, on redemptions of holdings Shareholders of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund income share classes may not receive back the full amount invested due to capital reduction. It is recommended that Shareholders of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund seek advice in this regard. The rationale for providing for the payment of fees and expenses out of capital is to increase the level of income distributed for income class shareholders.

#### Contingent Deferred Sales Charge

A contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on the repurchase of the Class B, Class C and Class C2 Shares of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund. The amount of the contingent deferred sales charge payable will depend on the length of time between the date the Shares were purchased and their repurchase at the rates set out below.

Years since purchase	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid
	Class B Shares	Class C Shares	Class C2 Shares
0 - 1	4.00%	1.00%	2.00%
1 - 2	3.00%	Nil	1.00%
2 - 3	2.00%	Nil	Nil
3 - 4	1.00%	Nil	Nil
4 and thereafter	None	Nil	Nil

Any contingent deferred sales charge will be payable to the Manager. The Manager may pay some or all of any contingent deferred sales charge to its delegates as reimbursement for the expense of distribution, intermediary and/or other services rendered to the Manager, the Company and the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on Shares issued arising as a result of the reinvestment of dividends. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on any increase on the Net Asset Value per Share above the subscription price paid for the Share and no contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on transfers or conversions of Shares. For the purposes of determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge is payable any Shares redeemed shall be deemed to be those first subscribed.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed "**Fees and Expenses**".

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

### **Distribution Policy**

The Directors intend to declare a dividend in respect of the Classes of Shares of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund set out in the table below (the “**Distributing Share Classes**”).

The Directors intend to declare dividends in accordance with the distribution frequency set out in the table below. Dividends that are declared yearly will be declared on 31 December; dividends that are declared half-yearly will be declared on 30 June and 31 December; dividends that are declared quarterly will be declared on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December; and dividends that are declared monthly will be declared on the last Business Day of each month.

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Distribution Frequency</b>
Class A (USD) Income	Monthly
Class A (USD) Income (F)	Monthly
Class A (SGD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (GBP) Income	Quarterly
Class A (AUD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (AUD) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class A (RMB) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (ZAR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class B (USD) Income	Monthly
Class C (USD) Income	Monthly
Class N (USD) Income	Monthly
Class C2 (USD) Income (F)	Monthly
Class C2 (AUD) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class C2 (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class S (GBP) Income	Quarterly
Class R (GBP) Income	Quarterly
Class U1 (GBP) Income	Quarterly
Class U2 (GBP) Income	Quarterly

It is the intention of the Directors that dividends will be paid from the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund’s net income. In addition, the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund may also pay dividends out of capital for certain share classes. As the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund currently charges fees and expenses to capital, the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund’s income available for distribution will in practice be a gross rather than net income figure. Gross income shall generally consist of interest, dividends and other investment income less withholding and other taxes or adjustments as applicable. The rationale for providing for the payment of dividends out of capital is to allow the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund the ability to provide a stable and consistent level of distribution to investors seeking income oriented investment solutions.

For Share Classes that are not Distributing Share Classes, the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund’s income and capital gains will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund.

### **Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed “**Financial Derivative Instruments**” and “**Risk Factors**”.

### **Risks Associated with China Interbank Bond Market and Bond Connect**

Market volatility and potential lack of liquidity due to low trading volume of certain debt securities in the CIBM may result in prices of certain debt securities traded on such market fluctuating significantly. A Fund investing in the CIBM is therefore subject to liquidity and volatility risks. The bid and offer spreads of the prices of such debt securities may be large, and a Fund may therefore incur significant trading and realisation costs and may even suffer losses when selling such debt securities.

To the extent that a Fund transacts in the CIBM, the Fund may also be exposed to risks associated with settlement procedures and default of counterparties. The counterparty which has entered into a transaction with a Fund may default in its obligation to settle the transaction by delivery of the relevant security or by payment for value.

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

Trading through Bond Connect is performed through newly developed trading platforms and operational systems.

There is no assurance that such systems will function properly or will continue to be adapted to changes and developments in the market. In the event that the relevant systems fail to function properly, trading through Bond Connect may be disrupted. A Fund's ability to trade through Bond Connect (and hence to pursue its investment strategy) may therefore be adversely affected. In addition, where a Fund invests in the CIBM through Bond Connect, it may be subject to risks of delays inherent in the order placing and/or settlement systems.

Investing in the CIBM is also subject to regulatory risks. The relevant rules and regulations on investment in the CIBM are subject to change which may have potential retrospective effect. In the event that the relevant mainland Chinese authorities suspend account opening or trading on the CIBM, a Fund's ability to invest in the CIBM will be limited and, after exhausting other trading alternatives, a Fund may suffer substantial losses as a result. Reforms or changes in macro-economic policies, such as the monetary and tax policies might affect interest rates. Consequently, the price and the yield of the bonds held in a Fund could also be affected.

#### *Clearing and Settlement Risk*

CMU and CCDC have established the clearing links and each has become a participant of the other to facilitate clearing and settlement of cross-boundary trades. For cross-boundary trades initiated in a market, the clearinghouse of that market will on one hand clear and settle with its own clearing participants, and on the other hand undertake to fulfil the clearing and settlement obligations of its clearing participants with the counterparty clearing house.

As the national central counterparty of the PRC's securities market, CCDC operates a comprehensive network of clearing, settlement and bond holding infrastructure. CCDC has established a risk management framework and measures that are approved and supervised by the People's Bank of China ("PBOC"). The chances of CCDC default are considered to be remote. In the remote event of a CCDC default, CMUs liabilities in Bond Connect bonds under its market contracts with clearing participants will be limited to assisting clearing participants in pursuing their claims against CCDC. CMU should in good faith, seek recovery of the outstanding bonds and monies from CCDC through available legal channels or through CCDC's liquidation. In that event, the Fund may suffer delay in the recovery process or may not fully recover its losses from CCDC.

#### *Regulatory Risk*

Bond Connect is a novel concept. The current regulations are untested and there is no certainty as to how they will be applied. In addition, the current regulations are subject to change which may have potential retrospective effects and there can be no assurance that Bond Connect will not be abolished. New regulations may be issued from time to time by the regulators in the PRC and Hong Kong in

connection with operations, legal enforcement and cross border trades under Bond Connect. The Funds of the Company may be adversely affected as a result of such changes.

Reforms or changes in macro-economic policies, such as the monetary and tax policies might affect interest rates.

Consequently, the price and the yield of the bonds held in a Fund could also be affected.

#### *Conversion Risk*

A Fund, whose base currency is not RMB, may also be exposed to currency risk due to the need for the conversion into RMB for investments in CIBM bonds via Bond Connect. During any such conversion, the Funds of the Company may also incur currency conversion costs. The currency exchange rate may be subject to fluctuation and where RMB has depreciated, the Funds of the Company may incur a loss when it converts the sale proceeds of CIBM bonds into its base currency.

#### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian Emerging Market Debt Fund:-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**An investment in the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investor's investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.**

**Investment in the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund is not in the nature of a deposit in a bank account and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account.**

**Shareholders of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund should note that all or a part of fees and expenses will be charged to the capital at a Fund or Share Class level. This will have the effect of lowering the capital value of your investment.**

**For Fixed Distribution Share Classes, Shareholders should note that distributions may be declared out of the capital of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund. Therefore, there is a greater risk that capital may be eroded and distribution will be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth of your investment. This cycle may continue until all capital is depleted. Distributions out of capital may have different tax consequences to distributions of income and it is recommended that you seek appropriate advice in this regard.**

## Investment Objective and Policies

The objective of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund is to seek to achieve total return through investment in a well-diversified portfolio of fixed and variable rate debt securities issued in the Emerging Markets worldwide and which are primarily denominated in the local currency of the issuer.

At least two thirds of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund shall be invested in debt securities issued or guaranteed by any government, state, local authority or other political sub-division of government (including any agency or instrumentality thereof), securities issued by supranational bodies and securities issued by corporate entities in the Emerging Markets of Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and the developing countries of Europe. Subject to investment restriction 2.1 and 2.12 respectively of Schedule III in the Prospectus, these securities will be listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market in these countries and that such securities shall be issued from at least 6 different issues, with securities from any one issue not exceeding 30% of net assets. The Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund may invest up to 20% of its Net Asset Value in the China Interbank Bond Market including via Bond Connect, as further set out in the sub-section headed "**Bond Connect**" below.

The debt securities may include convertible and non-convertible debt securities, fixed and floating rate bonds, inflation-linked bonds and index-linked bonds issued both by governments and corporations, zero coupon and discount bonds, debentures, mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances, commercial paper and treasury bills issued by issuers in these countries.

No more than 85 per cent. of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund may be invested in securities which are rated below Investment Grade. The Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund may invest up to 5 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in open-ended collective investment schemes whose objective is to invest in any of the foregoing. Investment in collective investment schemes shall include both UCITS and alternative investment funds. In particular, any investment in open-ended alternative investment funds will be subject to Regulation 114(6) of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations").

Up to 20% of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund may be invested in securities traded on domestic Russian markets and any such investment will only be made in securities that are listed/traded on the Moscow exchange.

The Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund will be denominated in USD but will principally hold debt securities denominated in the currencies of the issuers in the various Emerging Markets. Consequently the Net Asset Value may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations. The Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund does not propose to hedge routinely the exchange rate exposure arising as a result of currency fluctuations but may do so from time to time. The Investment Manager may enter into foreign exchange transactions to hedge against exchange risk, to increase exposure to a currency or to shift exposure to currency fluctuations from one currency to another. Suitable hedging transactions may not be available in all circumstances and there can be no assurance that the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund will engage in such transactions at any given time. Such transactions may not be successful and may eliminate any chance for the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund to benefit from favourable fluctuations in relevant foreign currencies.

The Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund may employ the following investment techniques and instruments which may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives: futures (such as currency future contracts), options, options on futures, currency forwards, convertible securities, hybrid securities, structured notes including credit-linked notes, credit default swaps and swap agreements (which may include interest rate swaps, currency swaps, cross currency interest rate swaps and total return swaps). Such derivative instruments may be used for (i) hedging purposes, (ii) efficient portfolio management, and/or (iii) investment purposes to implement active interest rate, currency or credit exposure positions (which may not be correlated with the underlying securities held

by the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund, subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank.

Where the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund enters into total return swaps (or invests in other financial derivative instruments with the same characteristics) it will only do so on behalf of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund with counterparties which shall be entities which satisfy the OTC counterparty criteria set down by the Central Bank in the UCITS Notices and shall specialise in such transactions. Subject to compliance with those conditions, the Investment Manager has full discretion as to the appointment of counterparties when entering into total return swap in furtherance of its investment objective and policies. The failure of a counterparty to a swap transaction may have a negative impact on the return for shareholders. The Investment Manager would seek to minimise counterparty performance risk by only selecting counterparties with a good credit rating and by monitoring any changes in those counterparties' ratings. The counterparty to any total return swap entered into by the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund would not assume any discretion over the composition or management of the investment portfolio of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund or of the underlying of the total return swap and would meet the criteria set out in the Prospectus.

The use of derivatives (whether for hedging or investment purposes) will give rise to an additional leveraged exposure. The level of leverage for the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund is expected to range from 50% to 150% of Net Asset Value rising to a maximum expected level of 400%. The Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund's leverage may increase to such higher levels (though not exceed the aforementioned maximum), for example, at times when the Investment Manager deems it most appropriate to use derivative instruments to alter the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund's interest rate, currency or credit exposure. The leverage figure is calculated using the sum of the notionals of the derivatives used as is required by the Central Bank and as such does not take into account any netting and hedging arrangements that the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund has in place at any time.

The market risk associated with the use of derivatives will be covered and will be risk managed using the Value at Risk ("VaR") methodology in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements. VaR is a statistical methodology that predicts, using historical data, the likely maximum daily loss that the fund could lose calculated to a one-tailed 99% confidence level. However there is a 1% statistical chance that the daily VaR number may be exceeded. The VaR approach uses a historical observation period and thus the VaR result may be biased if abnormal market conditions are not prevalent or are omitted from the historical observation period. Accordingly, investors could suffer significant losses in abnormal market conditions. The Investment Manager will attempt to minimize such risks by conducting regular back testing and stress testing of the VaR model in accordance with Central Bank requirements.

The Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund may use derivatives to acquire synthetic long and synthetic short positions over a variety of time periods (depending on current market conditions and the Investment Manager's view relative to those conditions) in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. The expected range for the long and short positions the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund may take is between 0% to 200% short exposures in combination with 0% to 200% long exposures. This range for derivatives use is not a limit and the exposures can exceed the range in certain circumstances. However, this will remain within the constraints under the VaR approach set out above. For fixed income funds, derivatives are integral to the management of an active portfolio. A high level of derivative usage, either long or short, does not necessarily mean a high level of risk. Derivative exposures may be hedges or offsets used in an unleveraged sense to control the portfolio.

The Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund intends to use the Relative VaR model. Accordingly, the VaR of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund's portfolio will not exceed twice the VaR on a comparable benchmark portfolio or reference portfolio (i.e. a similar portfolio with no derivatives) which will reflect the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund's intended investment style. The benchmark portfolio will be the J.P.Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index. The J.P.Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index is a comprehensive, global local Emerging Markets index, and consists of regularly traded, liquid fixed-rate, domestic currency government bonds to which international investors can gain exposure. Further details on this index are publicly available or available from the Investment Manager upon request. The holding period shall be 20 days. The historical



observation period shall not be less than one year. The measurement and monitoring of all exposures relating to the use of derivative instruments will be performed on at least a daily basis.

### **Investment Approach**

The Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager has freedom to select the investments in order to seek to achieve the investment objective of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund. In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund will aim to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than that of the J.P. Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index (the “**Index**”) over rolling 3 year periods.

The Index represents the performance of local currency denominated government debt issued in Emerging Markets.

For the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund, stock selection is based on a combination of top-down and bottom up analysis. The top-down analysis focuses on optimising the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund’s exposure to a range of risk factors, such as currency, credit spread, duration and yield. In order to make decisions on the appropriate exposure to these factors, the Investment Manager undertakes an ongoing assessment of the drivers of returns, such as interest rates, the macro-economic outlook, inflation expectations, fiscal and external account balances and geo-political issues.

The bottom-up analysis focuses on assessing an individual debt security’s default risk and value relative to similar securities in the market. In order to support this analysis, the Investment Manager will evaluate information such as country- or company-specific data and external broker research.

The Index is a broad representation of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund’s investment universe. Although a large proportion of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund’s investments may be components of the Index, the Investment Manager does not seek to replicate the performance of the Index; it is seeking to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than the Index. In particular, the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund may invest in securities which are not included in the Index and the security selection and portfolio construction process, as set out above, mean that the number of holdings and weightings of the issues, issuers, industries, sectors and countries of the holdings of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund may diverge materially from the Index. Therefore, the risk and return profile of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund will likely be significantly different to that of the Index.

### **Bond Connect**

Bond Connect is a mutual bond market access scheme between Mainland China and Hong Kong established by China Foreign Exchange Trade System & National Interbank Funding Centre (“CFETS”), China Central Depository & Clearing Co., Ltd (“CCDC”), Shanghai Clearing House, and Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and Central Money markets Unit. This scheme allows foreign investors (including a Fund) to invest in the China interbank bond market (“CIBM”) through connection between the related Mainland and Hong Kong financial infrastructure institutions. Bond Connect aims to enhance the efficiency and flexibility of investing in the CIBM. This is accomplished by easing the access requirements to enter the market, the use of the Hong Kong trading infrastructure to connect to CFETS, removal of the investment quota and bond settlement agent, all which are required to invest in the CIBM directly.

### **Asset Segregation**

Under Bond Connect, assets are distinctly segregated into three levels across the onshore and offshore central depositories (“CSD”). It is mandatory for investors using Bond Connect to hold their bonds in a segregated account at the offshore depository in the name of the end investor. Bond purchased through Bond Connect will be held onshore with the CCDC/SCH in a nominee structure in the name of the CMU.

Investors will be the beneficial owners of the bonds via a segregated account structure in the CMU in Hong Kong.

### **Trading Link**

Participants to Bond Connect register with trading platforms including Tradeweb and Bloomberg, the Bond Connect offshore electronic trading platforms which link directly into CFETS. These platforms will allow trading with designated onshore Bond Connect market makers using the Request for Quotation (“RFQ”) protocol. The designated bond connect market makers provide tradable prices through CFETS. The quote will include the full amount with the clean price, yield to maturity and effective period for the response. The market makers can decline to respond to the RFQ and can decline, amend or withdraw the quote as long as it hasn’t been accepted by the potential buyer. Upon acceptance of the quote by the potential buyer, all other quotes automatically become invalid. CFETS will then generate a trade confirmation on which the market maker, buyers, CFETS and depository will use to process the settlement.

### **Transaction Flow for Settlement Process and Link**

Settlement is effected via the settlement link between the CMU in Hong Kong and CCDC in the PRC. For delivery versus payment transactions:

- Settlement instruction must be matched and affirmed in the CCDC system by 10:00 Hong Kong time. Securities are earmarked for the transaction and blocked by the CCDC system.
- Mainland China trading counterparty (the buyer) pays the settlement cash proceeds to CMU by 13:00 Hong Kong time.
- After 17:00 Hong Kong time upon confirmation from CMU that funds have been received, CCDC will deliver the securities to the mainland China bond dealers. This triggers CMU to transfer the settlement cash proceeds to the sub-custodians for further credit to Global Custodian’s account.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderate to high level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRRI measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Manager**

The Investment Manager of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund is Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is USD for the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund.

### **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund, means a day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which retail banks are open for business in Dublin and London.

### **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

## **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A, B, C, C2 and N Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A, B, C, C2 and N Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Commencing from the Effective Date (as defined below), Class B Shares and Class C2 Shares, whether purchased before or after the Effective Date, will automatically convert into Shares in the corresponding Class A Shares upon the expiry of 4 years (Class B Shares), or 2 years (Class C2 Shares) from the date of the initial subscription into the relevant Class B Shares or Class C2 Shares. The Effective Date for these purposes shall be 31 March, 2017 or such later date as is required in order to implement the relevant enhancements necessary to process the automatic conversion.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below and who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U2 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U3 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager and/or investors who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U3 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

## **Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price**

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund which is available but not yet launched will close on 31 December, 2020. The initial offer period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, SGD 10.00, USD 10.00, AUD 10.000, RMB 10.00, ZAR 10.00.

## Fees and Expenses

### Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee
<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Income (F)</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (SGD) Hedged Income</b>	SGD	SGD 1,000	SGD 500	SGD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (AUD) Hedged Income (F)</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (RMB) Hedged Income</b>	RMB	RMB 1,000	RMB 500	RMB 500	Up to 5.00%	1.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Up to 5.00%	1.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>B (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Nil	1.75%	Nil	Up to 1%

<b>B (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Nil	1.75%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (AUD) Hedged Income</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Nil	1.75%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (AUD) Hedged Income (F)</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Nil	1.75%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (RMB) Hedged Income</b>	RMB	RMB 1,000	RMB 500	RMB 500	Nil	1.75%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (ZAR) Hedged Income</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Nil	1.75%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Nil	1.75%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.75%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.75%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (AUD) Hedged Income</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.75%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (RMB) Hedged Income</b>	RMB	RMB 1,000	RMB 500	RMB 500	Up to 1.00%	1.75%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C2 (USD) Income (F)</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 0.50%	1.75%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C2 (AUD) Hedged Income (F)</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 0.50%	1.75%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C2 (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Up to 0.50%	1.75%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C (ZAR) Hedged Income</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Up to 1.00%	1.75%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>I (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.85%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Hedged</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.85%	Nil	Nil

<b>Accumulation</b>								
<b>I (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.85%	Nil	Nil
<b>N (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.75%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>N (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.75%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>R (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.875%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.875%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.7875%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 100,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	Nil	0.7875%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 100,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	Nil	0.7875%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.7875%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.70%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.70%	Nil	Nil
<b>U3 (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 300,000,000	EUR 150,000,000	EUR 150,000,000	Nil	0.65%	Nil	Nil
<b>U3 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 300,000,000	USD 150,000,000	USD 150,000,000	Nil	0.65%	Nil	Nil
<b>W (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.70%	Nil	Nil

Shareholders of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund should note that all or a portion of Fees and Expenses in respect of Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund may be charged to capital at a Fund or Share Class level. As a result capital may be eroded and income may be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth. Thus, on redemptions of holdings

Shareholders of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund income share classes may not receive back the full amount invested due to capital reduction. It is recommended that Shareholders of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund seek advice in this regard. The rationale for providing for the payment of fees and expenses out of capital is to increase the level of income distributed for income class shareholders.

### Contingent Deferred Sales Charge

A contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on the repurchase of the Class B, Class C and Class C2 Shares of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund. The amount of the contingent deferred sales charge payable will depend on the length of time between the date the Shares were purchased and their repurchase at the rates set out below.

Years since purchase	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid
	Class B Shares	Class C Shares	Class C2 Shares
0 - 1	4.00%	1.00%	2.00%
1 - 2	3.00%	Nil	1.00%
2 - 3	2.00%	Nil	Nil
3 - 4	1.00%	Nil	Nil
4 and thereafter	None	Nil	Nil

Any contingent deferred sales charge will be payable to the Manager. The Manager may pay some or all of any contingent deferred sales charge to its delegates as reimbursement for the expense of distribution, intermediary and/or other services rendered to the Manager, the Company and the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on Shares issued arising as a result of the reinvestment of dividends. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on any increase on the Net Asset Value per Share above the subscription price paid for the Share and no contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on transfers or conversions of Shares. For the purposes of determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge is payable any Shares redeemed shall be deemed to be those first subscribed.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed "**Fees and Expenses**".

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed "**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**".

### Distribution Policy

The Directors intend to declare a dividend in respect of the Classes of Shares of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund set out in the table below (the "**Distributing Share Classes**").

The Directors intend to declare dividends in accordance with the distribution frequency set out in the table below. Dividends that are declared yearly will be declared on 31 December; dividends that are declared half-yearly will be declared on 30 June and 31 December; dividends that are declared quarterly will be declared on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December; and dividends that are declared monthly will be declared on the last Business Day of each month.

CLASS	Distribution Frequency
Class A (USD) Income	Monthly
Class A (USD) Income (F)	Monthly
Class A (SGD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (AUD) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class A (RMB) Hedged Income	Monthly

Class A (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class A (GBP) Income	Quarterly
Class B (USD) Income	Monthly
Class B (AUD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class B (AUD) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class B (RMB) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class B (ZAR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class B (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class C (USD) Income	Monthly
Class C (AUD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class C (RMB) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class C (ZAR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class C2 (USD) Income (F)	Monthly
Class C2 (AUD) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class C2 (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class N (USD) Income	Monthly
Class R (GBP) Income	Quarterly
Class U1 (GBP) Income	Quarterly
Class U2 (GBP) Income	Quarterly
Class U1 (EUR) Hedged Income	Quarterly

It is the intention of the Directors that dividends will be paid from the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund's net income. In addition, the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund may also pay dividends out of capital. As the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund currently charges fees and expenses to capital, the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund's income available for distribution will in practice be a gross rather than net income figure. Gross income shall generally consist of interest, dividends and other investment income less withholding and other taxes or adjustments as applicable. The rationale for providing for the payment of dividends out of capital is to allow the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund the ability to provide a stable and consistent level of distribution to investors seeking income oriented investment solutions.

For Share Classes that are not Distributing Share Classes, the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund's income and capital gains will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund.

## **Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed "**Financial Derivative Instruments**" and "**Risk Factors**".

### **Risks Associated with China Interbank Bond Market and Bond Connect**

Market volatility and potential lack of liquidity due to low trading volume of certain debt securities in the CIBM may result in prices of certain debt securities traded on such market fluctuating significantly. A Fund investing in the CIBM is therefore subject to liquidity and volatility risks. The bid and offer spreads of the prices of such debt securities may be large, and a Fund may therefore incur significant trading and realisation costs and may even suffer losses when selling such debt securities.

To the extent that a Fund transacts in the CIBM, the Fund may also be exposed to risks associated with settlement procedures and default of counterparties. The counterparty which has entered into a transaction with a Fund may default in its obligation to settle the transaction by delivery of the relevant security or by payment for value.

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



Trading through Bond Connect is performed through newly developed trading platforms and operational systems.

There is no assurance that such systems will function properly or will continue to be adapted to changes and developments in the market. In the event that the relevant systems fail to function properly, trading through Bond Connect may be disrupted. A Fund's ability to trade through Bond Connect (and hence to pursue its investment strategy) may therefore be adversely affected. In addition, where a Fund invests in the CIBM through Bond Connect, it may be subject to risks of delays inherent in the order placing and/or settlement systems.

Investing in the CIBM is also subject to regulatory risks. The relevant rules and regulations on investment in the CIBM are subject to change which may have potential retrospective effect. In the event that the relevant mainland Chinese authorities suspend account opening or trading on the CIBM, a Fund's ability to invest in the CIBM will be limited and, after exhausting other trading alternatives, a Fund may suffer substantial losses as a result. Reforms or changes in macro-economic policies, such as the monetary and tax policies might affect interest rates. Consequently, the price and the yield of the bonds held in a Fund could also be affected.

#### *Clearing and Settlement Risk*

CMU and CCDC have established the clearing links and each has become a participant of the other to facilitate clearing and settlement of cross-boundary trades. For cross-boundary trades initiated in a market, the clearinghouse of that market will on one hand clear and settle with its own clearing participants, and on the other hand undertake to fulfil the clearing and settlement obligations of its clearing participants with the counterparty clearing house.

As the national central counterparty of the PRC's securities market, CCDC operates a comprehensive network of clearing, settlement and bond holding infrastructure. CCDC has established a risk management framework and measures that are approved and supervised by the People's Bank of China ("PBOC"). The chances of CCDC default are considered to be remote. In the remote event of a CCDC default, CMUs liabilities in Bond Connect bonds under its market contracts with clearing participants will be limited to assisting clearing participants in pursuing their claims against CCDC. CMU should in good faith, seek recovery of the outstanding bonds and monies from CCDC through available legal channels or through CCDC's liquidation. In that event, the Fund may suffer delay in the recovery process or may not fully recover its losses from CCDC.

#### *Regulatory Risk*

Bond Connect is a novel concept. The current regulations are untested and there is no certainty as to how they will be applied. In addition, the current regulations are subject to change which may have potential retrospective effects and there can be no assurance that Bond Connect will not be abolished. New regulations may be issued from time to time by the regulators in the PRC and Hong Kong in connection with operations, legal enforcement and cross border trades under Bond Connect. The Funds of the Company may be adversely affected as a result of such changes.

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Consequently, the price and the yield of the bonds held in a Fund could also be affected.

#### *Conversion Risk*

A Fund, whose base currency is not RMB, may also be exposed to currency risk due to the need for the conversion into RMB for investments in CIBM bonds via Bond Connect. During any such conversion, the Funds of the Company may also incur currency conversion costs. The currency exchange rate may be subject to fluctuation and where RMB has depreciated, the Funds of the Company may incur a loss when it converts the sale proceeds of CIBM bonds into its base currency.

#### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund:-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

### **Total Return Swaps**

As set out under Investment Objective and Policies, the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund may engage in total return swaps.

The maximum exposure of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund in respect of total return swaps shall be 20% of the Net Asset Value. However, the Investment Manager does not anticipate that the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund's exposure to total return swaps will exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value. In any case the most recent semi-annual and annual report of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund will express as an absolute amount and as a percentage of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund's assets the amount of Fund assets subject to total return swaps.

The collateral supporting will be valued daily at mark-to-market prices and daily variation margin used if the value of collateral falls below coverage requirements.

In respect of total return swaps, a counterparty selected will be either an investment firm, authorised in accordance with the EU MiFID Directive (2004/39/EC) or a group company of an entity issued with a bank holding company licence from the Federal Reserve of the United States of America where that group company is subject to bank holding company consolidated supervision by that Federal Reserve or an "Approved Credit Institution". An Approved Credit Institution is:

- (i) a credit institution authorised in the EEA; or
- (ii) a credit institution authorised within a signatory state, other than a Member State of the EEA, to the Basle Capital Convergence Agreement of July 1988 (Switzerland, Canada, Japan, United States); or
- (iii) a credit institution authorised in Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Australia or New Zealand.

Counterparties to a total return swap will have a minimum credit rating of A-2 or equivalent or have been deemed by the Company (or the Investment Manager) to have an implied rating of A-2. Alternatively, an unrated counterparty may be acceptable where the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund is indemnified or guaranteed against losses suffered as a result of a failure by the counterparty by an entity which has and maintains a rating of A-2 or equivalent.

In respect of total return swaps, collateral received other than cash, will be highly liquid and traded on a regulated market or multilateral trading facility with transparent pricing in order that it can be sold quickly at a price that is close to pre-sale valuation. Collateral received will be issued by an entity that is independent from the counterparty and is not expected to display a high correlation with the performance of the counterparty. Collateral will be sufficiently diversified in terms of country, markets and issuers with a maximum exposure to a given issuer of 20% of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund's Net Asset Value. If the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund is exposed to different counterparties, the different baskets of collateral will be aggregated to calculate the 20% limit of exposure to a single issuer. Furthermore, the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund may be fully collateralised in different transferable securities and Money Market Instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State, one or more of its local authorities, a third country, or a public international body to which one or more Member State belongs, as set out in Schedule III Section 2.12 of the Prospectus. In this instance, the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund will receive securities from at least 6 different issuers, but securities from any single issuer will not account for more than 30 per cent of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund's Net Asset Value.

## **Collateral**

In accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, the Investment Manager employs a collateral management policy in respect of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund in relation to collateral received in respect of OTC financial derivative transactions whether used for investment or for efficient portfolio management purposes. Any collateral and/or assets received by the Company for and on behalf of the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund on a title transfer basis shall be held in safekeeping by the Depositary. For other types of collateral arrangements, the collateral will be held with a third party custodian which is subject to prudential supervision and which is unrelated to the collateral provider.

Where necessary, the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund will accept collateral from its counterparties in order to reduce counterparty risk exposure generated through the use of over the counter derivative instruments and efficient portfolio management techniques. The Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund may receive cash collateral, high quality government bonds, other government-backed securities of varying maturity and equities to the extent deemed necessary by the Investment Manager in respect of over-the-counter derivative transactions, provided however that such collateral and its re-use must comply with the requirements of the Central Bank and the conditions for the receipt of eligible collateral set out in Schedule II of the Prospectus.

The level of collateral required to be posted may vary by counterparty with which the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund trades and shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. A documented haircut policy is in place for the Company detailing the policy in respect of each class of assets received and which takes into account the characteristics of the assets and the results of any stress tests conducted as required. The haircut policy applied to posted collateral will be negotiated on a counterparty basis and will vary depending on the class of asset received by the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund, taking into account the characteristics of the assets received as collateral such as the credit standing or the price volatility and the outcome of any liquidity stress testing policy. Any re-investment of cash collateral shall be diversified in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank and the conditions for reinvesting collateral set out in Schedule II of the Prospectus. Re-invested cash collateral exposes the Company to certain risks such as the risk of a failure or default of the issuer of the relevant security in which the cash collateral has been invested.

## **Counterparty Procedures**

The Investment Manager approves the counterparties used for dealing, establishes counterparty credit limits for them and monitors them on an on-going basis.

The Investment Manager selects counterparties on the basis of their ability to supply liquidity and competitive pricing to the Merian Local Currency Emerging Market Debt Fund. This is subject to the minimum credit rating requirements and legal status requirements specified in the Regulations and set out in this Supplement in the section headed "Total Return Swaps".

The Investment Manager's counterparty approval process reviews the financial strength, internal controls and general reputation of the counterparty in question, as well as the legal, regulatory and political environment in the relevant markets. Counterparty exposure is monitored and reported to the Investment Manager on a regular basis. Any broker counterparty selected must be appropriately registered and meet operational efficiency requirements of the Investment Manager.

Investors should consult the "Risk Factors" of the Prospectus for information on counterparty risk and credit risk in this regard.

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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**Investment in the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund is not in the nature of a deposit in a bank account and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account.**

**Shareholders of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund should note that all or a part of fees and expenses will be charged to the capital at a Fund or Share Class level. This will have the effect of lowering the capital value of your investment.**

**For Fixed Distribution Share Classes, shareholders should note that distributions, may be declared out of the capital of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund. Therefore, there is a greater risk that capital may be eroded and distribution will be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth of your investment. This cycle may continue until all capital is depleted. Distributions out of capital may have different tax consequences to distributions of income and it is recommended that you seek appropriate advice in this regard.**

## Investment Objective and Policies

The objective of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund is to seek to maximise total return consistent with preservation of capital and prudent investment management.

The Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund may invest at least two thirds of its assets in a diversified portfolio of fixed-income securities of varying maturities. The Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund is a global fund insofar as its investments are not confined or concentrated in any particular geographic region or market, however the Investment Manager intends, under normal circumstances, to employ various hedging techniques in an attempt to limit exposure to currencies other than USD, to no more than one third of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank and as described in Schedule II. The Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund may invest up to 20 per cent. of its assets in fixed-income securities that are rated lower than Baa by Moody's or lower than BBB by Standard & Poor's, but rated at least B by Moody's or Standard & Poor's at the time of purchase (or, if unrated, determined by the Investment Manager to be of comparable quality). The Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund will not invest more than 10% of its net assets in securities issued by or guaranteed by any single country (including its government, a public or local authority of that country) with a credit rating below investment grade or with no credit rating being assigned by an internationally recognized credit agency (i.e. Standard & Poor's or Moody's). Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund portfolio holdings will be concentrated in areas of the bond market (based on quality, sector, coupon or maturity) which the Investment Manager believes to be relatively undervalued.

The securities in which the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund may invest shall include all kinds of fixed-income securities and such securities include, but are not limited to, securities issued or guaranteed by governments, their sub-divisions, municipalities, agencies or instrumentalities; corporate debt securities including convertible securities and corporate commercial paper; mortgage-backed and other asset-backed securities which are transferable securities that are collateralised by receivables or other assets; inflation-indexed bonds issued both by governments and corporations; bank certificates of deposit and bankers' acceptances and securities of international agencies or supranational entities, subject to the investment restriction 2.12 of Schedule III in the Prospectus that such securities shall be issued from at least 6 different issues, with securities from any one issue not exceeding 30% of net assets. The fixed-income securities may have fixed, variable, or floating rates of interest, including rates of interest that vary inversely at a multiple of a designated or floating rate, or that vary according to changes in relative values of currencies. The Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund may invest up to 15% of its Net Asset Value in the China Interbank Bond Market including via Bond Connect, as further set out in the sub-section headed "**Bond Connect**" below.

At least 80 per cent. of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund's assets will be invested in securities which are listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market in the OECD. The Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund will invest no more than 10 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in any single non-OECD Regulated Market. The Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund may also invest in equity securities for temporary defensive purposes.

The Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund may invest no more than 30% of its Net Asset Value in instruments with loss-absorption features (e.g. contingent convertible bonds ("CoCos"), senior non preferred debt and certain Additional Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital instruments) out of which no more than 10% of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund's Net Asset Value may be invested in CoCos. CoCos are a form of hybrid subordinated debt security that are intended to either convert into equity or have their principal written down upon the occurrence of certain 'triggers' linked to regulatory capital thresholds or where the issuing banking institution's regulatory authorities question the continued viability of the entity as a going-concern. Additional Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital instruments are debt instruments which may have write-down features which are triggered when the issuers' regulatory capital ratio falls to a certain level.

A hybrid security is a security which combines two or more financial instruments. Hybrid securities generally combine a traditional stock or bond with an option or forward contract. In the case of a hybrid security such as a convertible bond, for example, the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund will seek to

benefit from a steady income stream, the repayment of principal at maturity, and the potential to share in the upside of the common stock. The security's yield advantage and finite maturity give the convertible downside price support, or investment value. At the same time, the embedded option derivative component provides participation in higher equity values. Similarly, a structured note is a debt obligation that also contains an embedded derivative component. Structured notes may be issued by banks, brokerage firms, insurance companies and other corporations. These type of notes are also hybrid securities that attempt to change their risk profile by including additional modifying structures, therefore increasing the bond component's potential returns. An investment in a structured note entitles the holder to certain cash payments calculated by reference to the securities to which the structured note is linked and is subject to the terms and conditions imposed by the issuer. It is not an investment directly in the securities themselves. The Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund may invest in structured notes (both leveraged and unleveraged) for which the coupon payment, principal repayment or repayment schedule varies according to pre-agreed conditions relating to fluctuations in unrelated assets such as currencies or stock indices.

The convertible securities, hybrid securities and structured notes in which the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund may invest may embed an option or forward derivative component. However, any additional leverage generated by the derivative will not cause the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund to exceed the leverage limit outlined below. These structured notes will be securitised and capable of free sale and transfer to other investors and will be purchased through recognised regulated dealers and deemed to be transferable securities which are traded on Regulated Markets or Exchanges

Up to 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund may be invested in securities (e.g. debt securities) traded on domestic Russian markets and any such investment will only be made in securities that are listed/traded on the Moscow exchange.

The Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund may invest up to 5 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in REITs listed, traded or dealt in on Regulated Markets that are not considered Emerging Markets.

The Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund may invest up to 10 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in open-ended collective investment schemes whose objective is to invest in any of the foregoing. Investment in collective investment schemes shall include both UCITS and alternative investment funds. In particular, any investment in open-ended alternative investment funds will be subject to Regulation 114(6) of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations").

The Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund may employ investment techniques and instruments which may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives, such as futures (such as currency future contracts), options, options on futures, forward settled transactions, convertible securities, hybrid securities, structured notes, credit default swaps and swap agreements. In addition to credit default swaps, the underlying assets of swaps may include interest rates, currency rates, fixed income securities financial indices and options. Such derivative instruments may be used for (i) hedging purposes, (ii) efficient portfolio management, and/or (iii) investment purposes, subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank. The derivatives will assist in achieving the investment objective of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund by allowing for the implementation of active interest rate, currency or credit exposure positions (which may not be correlated with the underlying securities held by the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund), the adjustment of risk (including credit, currency and interest rate risk) and for the implementation of trades in a more efficient and cost effective manner.

In order to protect Shareholders' interests, the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund will use VaR as a risk measurement technique to identify and monitor and manage risks. The Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund will use absolute VaR to calculate its global exposure on a daily basis. The risk of loss of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund will be monitored using an absolute VaR model to ensure that the VaR of the Fund shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund, based on a 20 day holding period and a "one-tailed" 99 per cent. confidence interval using a 1 year observation period.

The Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund will regularly monitor its leverage and the level of leverage will typically range from approximately 100 per cent up to 400 per cent of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund's Net Asset Value at any point in time however the average level of leverage of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund is expected to be approximately 300 per cent and the level of leverage will not exceed 800 per cent of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund's Net Asset Value. The leverage figure is calculated as the sum of the notionals of the derivatives used as is required by the Regulations and does not take into account any netting or hedging arrangements that the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund has in place at any time even though these netting and hedging arrangements are used for risk reduction purposes. The level of leverage using the sum of the notional approach is expressed as a ratio between the aggregate of the notional values of all financial derivatives entered into by the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund (including financial derivative instruments that are used for investment purposes and/or for hedging purposes) and its Net Asset Value. There are limitations in using VaR as a statistical measure of risk because it does not directly limit the level of leverage in the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund and only describes the risk of loss in normal market conditions.

The Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund may use derivatives to acquire synthetic long and synthetic short positions over a variety of time periods (depending on current market conditions and the Investment Manager's view relative to those conditions) in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. The expected range for the long and short positions the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund may take is between 0% to 400% short exposures in combination with 0% to 400% long exposures. This range for derivatives use is not a limit and the exposures can exceed the range in certain circumstances. However, this will remain within the constraints under the VaR approach set out above i.e. the VaR of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Fund based on a 20 day holding period and a "one-tailed" 99 per cent. confidence interval using a 1 year observation period. For fixed income funds, derivatives are integral to the management of an active portfolio. A high level of derivative usage, either long or short, does not necessarily mean a high level of risk. Derivative exposures may be hedges or offsets used in an unleveraged sense to control the portfolio.

The Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund is denominated in USD.

The Investment Manager may, for investment purposes and efficient portfolio management, in seeking to achieve the investment objective, enter into foreign exchange transactions to hedge against foreign exchange risk, to increase exposure to a currency or to shift exposure to currency fluctuations from one currency to another or as a substitute for taking a position in the underlying bond or asset. The currency positioning of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund will be based on the Investment Manager's assessment of the drivers of market returns, such as interest rates, the macroeconomic outlook, inflation expectations and the geo-political economic outlook. Suitable hedging transactions may not be available in all circumstances and there can be no assurance that the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund will engage in such transactions at any given time or from time to time. Such transactions may not be successful and may eliminate any chance for the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund to benefit from favourable fluctuations in relevant foreign currencies. Derivatives, including synthetic shorts, may be used to implement the Investment Manager's views on currency, credit, duration and yield through outright long or short positions or positions hedging or adjusting the exposure of existing physical or synthetic positions. Synthetic short positions may be taken where the Investment Manager expects the value of an investment to decline either in absolute terms or relative to another investment. Synthetic short positions may also be taken to hedge or reduce risk. To implement synthetic short positions the Fund may use derivatives such as futures, options, forwards and swaps.

### **Investment Approach**

The Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager has freedom to select the investments in order to seek to achieve the investment objective of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund. In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund will aim to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than that of the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index (USD Hedged) (the "**Index**") over rolling 3 year periods.

The Index represents a broad universe of global bonds.

For the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund, security selection is based on a combination of top-down and bottom-up analysis. The top-down analysis focuses on optimising the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund's exposure to a range of risk factors such as currency, credit spread, duration and yield. In order to make decisions on the appropriate exposure to these factors, the Investment Manager undertakes an ongoing assessment of the drivers of returns, such as interest rates, the macro-economic outlook, inflation expectations, fiscal and external account balances, and geo-political issues. The bottom-up analysis focuses on assessing an individual debt security's default risk and value relative to similar debt securities in the market. In order to support this analysis, the Investment Manager will evaluate information such as country and company data including GDP, interest and inflation rates, credit ratings, revenue and profitability, industry and market positioning, track record, operational efficiency, and also external broker research.

The Index is a broad representation of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund's investment universe. Although a large proportion of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund's investments may be components of the Index, the Investment Manager does not seek to replicate the performance of the Index; it is seeking to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than the Index. In particular, the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund may invest in securities which are not included in the Index and the security selection and portfolio construction process, as set out above, mean that the number of holdings and weightings of the issues, issuers, industries, sectors and countries of the holdings of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund may diverge materially from the Index. Therefore, the risk and return profile of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund will likely be significantly different to that of the Index.

## **Bond Connect**

Bond Connect is a mutual bond market access scheme between Mainland China and Hong Kong established by China Foreign Exchange Trade System & National Interbank Funding Centre ("CFETS"), China Central Depository & Clearing Co., Ltd ("CCDCC"), Shanghai Clearing House, and Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and Central Money markets Unit. This scheme allows foreign investors (including a Fund) to invest in the China interbank bond market ("CIBM") through connection between the related Mainland and Hong Kong financial infrastructure institutions. Bond Connect aims to enhance the efficiency and flexibility of investing in the CIBM. This is accomplished by easing the access requirements to enter the market, the use of the Hong Kong trading infrastructure to connect to CFETS, removal of the investment quota and bond settlement agent, all which are required to invest in the CIBM directly.

## **Asset Segregation**

Under Bond Connect, assets are distinctly segregated into three levels across the onshore and offshore central depositories ("CSD"). It is mandatory for investors using Bond Connect to hold their bonds in a segregated account at the offshore depository in the name of the end investor. Bond purchased through Bond Connect will be held onshore with the CCDCC/SCH in a nominee structure in the name of the CMU. Investors will be the beneficial owners of the bonds via a segregated account structure in the CMU in Hong Kong.

## **Trading Link**

Participants to Bond Connect register with trading platforms including Tradeweb and Bloomberg, the Bond Connect offshore electronic trading platforms which link directly into CFETS. These platforms will allow trading with designated onshore Bond Connect market makers using the Request for Quotation ("RFQ") protocol. The designated bond connect market makers provide tradable prices through CFETS. The quote will include the full amount with the clean price, yield to maturity and effective period for the response. The market makers can decline to respond to the RFQ and can decline, amend or withdraw the quote as long as it hasn't been accepted by the potential buyer. Upon acceptance of the quote by the potential buyer, all other quotes automatically become invalid. CFETS will then generate a trade confirmation on which the market maker, buyers, CFETS and depository will use to process the settlement.



## **Transaction Flow for Settlement Process and Link**

Settlement is effected via the settlement link between the CMU in Hong Kong and CCDC in the PRC. For delivery versus payment transactions:

- Settlement instruction must be matched and affirmed in the CCDC system by 10:00 Hong Kong time. Securities are earmarked for the transaction and blocked by the CCDC system.
- Mainland China trading counterparty (the buyer) pays the settlement cash proceeds to CMU by 13:00 Hong Kong time.
- After 17:00 Hong Kong time upon confirmation from CMU that funds have been received, CCDC will deliver the securities to the mainland China bond dealers. This triggers CMU to transfer the settlement cash proceeds to the sub-custodians for further credit to Global Custodian's account.

## **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a lower to moderate level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRRM measurement of volatility.

## **Investment Manager**

The Investment Manager of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund is Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited.

## **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is USD for the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund.

## **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund, means a day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which retail banks are open for business in Dublin and London.

## **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

## **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A, B, C, C2 and N Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A, B, C, C2 and N Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Commencing from the Effective Date (as defined below), Class B Shares and Class C2 Shares, whether purchased before or after the Effective Date, will automatically convert into Shares in the corresponding Class A Shares upon the expiry of 4 years (Class B Shares), or 2 years (Class C2 Shares) from the date of the initial subscription into the relevant Class B Shares or Class C2 Shares. The Effective Date for these purposes shall be 31 March, 2017 or such later date as is required in order to implement the relevant enhancements necessary to process the automatic conversion.

Class I Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below and who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U2 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

### **Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price**

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund which is available but not yet launched will close on 31 December, 2020. The initial offer period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, AUD 10.00, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, SEK 10.00, SGD 10.00, USD 10.00.

### **Fees and Expenses**

#### **Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts**

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee

<b>A (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Income (F)</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Accumul ation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (SEK) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	SEK	SEK 1,000	SEK 500	SEK 500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (SGD) Hedged Income</b>	SGD	SGD 1,000	SGD 500	SGD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (AUD) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (AUD) Hedged Income</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (AUD) Hedged Income (F)</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (ZAR) Hedged Income</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>B (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (AUD) Hedged Income</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Up to 1%

<b>B (ZAR) Hedged Income</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.00%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.00%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (AUD) Hedged Income</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.00%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (ZAR) Hedged Income</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Up to 1.00%	1.00%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C2 (USD) Income (F)</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 0.50%	1.00%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C2 (AUD) Hedged Income (F)</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 0.50%	1.00%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C2 (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)</b>	ZAR	ZAR 1,000	ZAR 500	ZAR 500	Up to 0.50%	1.00%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>I (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>N (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.00%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>N (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.00%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>R (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.45%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.45%	Nil	Nil

<b>U2 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.40%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.40%	Nil	Nil

Shareholders of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund should note that all or a portion of Fees and Expenses in respect of Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund may be charged to capital at a Fund or Share Class level. As a result capital may be eroded and income may be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth. Thus, on redemptions of holdings Shareholders of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund income share classes may not receive back the full amount invested due to capital reduction. It is recommended that Shareholders of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund seek advice in this regard. The rationale for providing for the payment of fees and expenses out of capital is to increase the level of income distributed for income class shareholders.

### Contingent Deferred Sales Charge

A contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on the repurchase of the Class B and Class C Shares of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund. The amount of the contingent deferred sales charge payable will depend on the length of time between the date the Shares were purchased and their repurchase at the rates set out below.

Years since purchase	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid
	Class B Shares	Class C Shares	Class C2 Shares
0 - 1	4.00%	1.00%	2.00%
1 - 2	3.00%	Nil	1.00%
2 - 3	2.00%	Nil	Nil
3 - 4	1.00%	Nil	Nil
4 and thereafter	None	Nil	Nil

Any contingent deferred sales charge will be payable to the Manager. The Manager may pay some or all of any contingent deferred sales charge to its delegates as reimbursement for the expense of distribution, intermediary and/or other services rendered to the Manager, the Company and the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on Shares issued arising as a result of the reinvestment of dividends. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on any increase on the Net Asset Value per Share above the subscription price paid for the Share and no contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on transfers or conversions of Shares. For the purposes of determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge is payable any Shares redeemed shall be deemed to be those first subscribed.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed "**Fees and Expenses**".

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed "**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**".

### Distribution Policy

The Directors intend to declare a dividend in respect of the Classes of Shares of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund set out in the table below (the "**Distributing Share Classes**").

The Directors intend to declare dividends in accordance with the distribution frequency set out in the table below. Dividends that are declared yearly will be declared on 31 December; dividends that are declared half-yearly will be declared on 30 June and 31 December; dividends that are declared quarterly will be declared on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December; and dividends that are declared monthly will be declared on the last Business Day of each month.

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Distribution Frequency</b>
Class A (USD) Income	Monthly
Class A (USD) Income (F)	Monthly
Class A (GBP) Income	Quarterly
Class A (AUD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (AUD) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class A (SGD) Hedged Income	Quarterly
Class A (ZAR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class B (AUD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class B (USD) Income	Monthly
Class B (ZAR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class B (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class C (AUD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class C (USD) Income	Monthly
Class C (ZAR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class C2 (USD) Income (F)	Monthly
Class C2 (AUD) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class C2 (ZAR) Hedged Income (F)	Monthly
Class N (USD) Income	Monthly
Class R (GBP) Income	Quarterly
Class U1 (GBP) Income	Quarterly
Class U2 (GBP) Income	Quarterly

It is the intention of the Directors that dividends will be paid from the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund's net income. In addition, the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund may also pay dividends out of capital for certain share classes. As the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund currently charges fees and expenses to capital, the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund's income available for distribution will in practice be a gross rather than net income figure. Gross income shall generally consist of interest, dividends and other investment income less withholding and other taxes or adjustments as applicable. The rationale for providing for the payment of dividends out of capital is to allow the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund the ability to provide a stable and consistent level of distribution to investors seeking income oriented investment solutions.

For Share Classes that are not Distributing Share Classes, the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund's income and capital gains will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund.

### **Risk Factors**

It cannot be guaranteed that the performance of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund will generate a return and there may be circumstances where no return is generated and the amount invested is lost.

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed "**Financial Derivative Instruments**" and "**Risk Factors**".

### **Risks Associated with China Interbank Bond Market and Bond Connect**

Market volatility and potential lack of liquidity due to low trading volume of certain debt securities in the CIBM may result in prices of certain debt securities traded on such market fluctuating significantly. A

Fund investing in the CIBM is therefore subject to liquidity and volatility risks. The bid and offer spreads of the prices of such debt securities may be large, and a Fund may therefore incur significant trading and realisation costs and may even suffer losses when selling such debt securities.

To the extent that a Fund transacts in the CIBM, the Fund may also be exposed to risks associated with settlement procedures and default of counterparties. The counterparty which has entered into a transaction with a Fund may default in its obligation to settle the transaction by delivery of the relevant security or by payment for value.

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

Trading through Bond Connect is performed through newly developed trading platforms and operational systems.

There is no assurance that such systems will function properly or will continue to be adapted to changes and developments in the market. In the event that the relevant systems fail to function properly, trading through Bond Connect may be disrupted. A Fund's ability to trade through Bond Connect (and hence to pursue its investment strategy) may therefore be adversely affected. In addition, where a Fund invests in the CIBM through Bond Connect, it may be subject to risks of delays inherent in the order placing and/or settlement systems.

Investing in the CIBM is also subject to regulatory risks. The relevant rules and regulations on investment in the CIBM are subject to change which may have potential retrospective effect. In the event that the relevant mainland Chinese authorities suspend account opening or trading on the CIBM, a Fund's ability to invest in the CIBM will be limited and, after exhausting other trading alternatives, a Fund may suffer substantial losses as a result. Reforms or changes in macro-economic policies, such as the monetary and tax policies might affect interest rates. Consequently, the price and the yield of the bonds held in a Fund could also be affected.

#### *Clearing and Settlement Risk*

CMU and CCDC have established the clearing links and each has become a participant of the other to facilitate clearing and settlement of cross-boundary trades. For cross-boundary trades initiated in a market, the clearinghouse of that market will on one hand clear and settle with its own clearing participants, and on the other hand undertake to fulfil the clearing and settlement obligations of its clearing participants with the counterparty clearing house.

As the national central counterparty of the PRC's securities market, CCDC operates a comprehensive network of clearing, settlement and bond holding infrastructure. CCDC has established a risk management framework and measures that are approved and supervised by the People's Bank of China ("PBOC"). The chances of CCDC default are considered to be remote. In the remote event of a CCDC default, CMUs liabilities in Bond Connect bonds under its market contracts with clearing participants will be limited to assisting clearing participants in pursuing their claims against CCDC. CMU should in good faith, seek recovery of the outstanding bonds and monies from CCDC through available legal channels or through CCDC's liquidation. In that event, the Fund may suffer delay in the recovery process or may not fully recover its losses from CCDC.

#### *Regulatory Risk*

Bond Connect is a novel concept. The current regulations are untested and there is no certainty as to how they will be applied. In addition, the current regulations are subject to change which may have potential retrospective effects and there can be no assurance that Bond Connect will not be abolished. New regulations may be issued from time to time by the regulators in the PRC and Hong Kong in connection with operations, legal enforcement and cross border trades under Bond Connect. The Funds of the Company may be adversely affected as a result of such changes.

Reforms or changes in macro-economic policies, such as the monetary and tax policies might affect interest rates.

Consequently, the price and the yield of the bonds held in a Fund could also be affected.

#### *Conversion Risk*

A Fund, whose base currency is not RMB, may also be exposed to currency risk due to the need for the conversion into RMB for investments in CIBM bonds via Bond Connect. During any such conversion, the Funds of the Company may also incur currency conversion costs. The currency exchange rate may be subject to fluctuation and where RMB has depreciated, the Funds of the Company may incur a loss when it converts the sale proceeds of CIBM bonds into its base currency.

#### **Risk associated with Contingent Convertible Bonds**

CoCos are hybrid capital securities that absorb losses when the capital of the issuer falls below a certain level. Upon the occurrence of a predetermined event (known as a trigger event), contingent convertible bonds will be converted into shares of the issuing company (potentially at a discounted price as a result of the deterioration in the financial condition of the issuing company), or cause the permanent write-down to zero of the principal investment and/or accrued interest such that the principal amount invested may be lost on a permanent or temporary basis. Contingent convertible bonds are risky and highly complex instruments. Coupon payments on contingent convertible bonds are discretionary and may at times also be ceased or deferred by the issuer. Trigger events can vary but these could include the capital ratio of the issuing company falling below a certain level, or the share price of the issuer falling to a particular level for a certain period of time.

#### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund:-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.



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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**Investment in the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund is not in the nature of a deposit in a bank account and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account.**

**Shareholders of the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund should note that all or a part of fees and expenses will be charged to the capital at a Fund or Share Class level. This will have the effect of lowering the capital value of your investment.**

**Prospective investors should note that the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund is closed and an application for revocation of authorisation will be submitted to the Central Bank in due course.**



## Investment Objective and Policies

The objective of the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund is to seek to achieve income and capital growth predominantly through investment in a well-diversified portfolio of credit securities rated Investment Grade.

The securities in which the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund may invest shall include securities issued by commercial entities, including for example mortgage and/or commercial mortgage backed securities, asset-backed securities, corporate and real estate investment trust debt, credit-linked, index-linked, capital securities, preferred and convertible securities as well as other types of debt securities, both fixed and floating-rate. At least 70 per cent. of the securities in which the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund will invest will be those issued by corporate issuers. The Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund may hold private placements, including those issued pursuant to Rule 144A Securities and/or Regulation S Securities and transferable securities, such as loan participation securities, that reference bank loans or trade finance loans. The Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund's investments in bank loans and trade finance loans will be limited to 10 per cent. of its net assets. The Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund may also invest in securities issued by any governmental or supranational entities including, for example, the US Treasury, the Federal Republic of Germany, the World Bank and the European Investment Bank.

The Investment Manager screens the entire universe of issuers using quantitative tools, the purpose of which is to identify and remove potentially negative credit events. The Investment Manager looks for the most attractive companies by analysing their business position (industry/market position, management strategy, track record, philosophy, operating efficiency and ownership structure). The Investment Manager evaluates a company's ability to service all of its debt obligations by reviewing its financial position (accounting policies, net worth, leverage, profitability, cash flow and debt repayment profile). The Investment Manager also analyses historic spreads, liquidity and factors such as maturity, ratings and features. Concurrently, the Investment Manager seeks to identify the most attractive sectors, countries and currencies through its macro-economic analysis.

The Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund will generally be diversified by country, currency and issuer but may hold concentrated positions from time to time. Investments will be drawn from a broad credit spectrum, although the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund's weighted average credit quality, including cash and cash equivalents will typically be rated Investment Grade.

The Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund may invest its liquid assets in short-term securities such as commercial paper, bankers' acceptances, certificates of deposit and government securities issued by an OECD member country or by any supranational entity provided that the foregoing securities are denominated in USD, subject to the investment restrictions 2.1 and 2.12 respectively of Schedule III in the Prospectus that the securities are listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market in an OECD member country and are rated Investment Grade or better and that such securities shall be issued from at least 6 different issues, with securities from any one issue not exceeding 30% of net assets.

The Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund may invest up to 5 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in open-ended collective investment schemes whose objective is to invest in any one of the foregoing. Investment in collective investment schemes shall include both UCITS and alternative investment funds. In particular, any investment in open-ended alternative investment funds will be subject to Regulation 114(6) of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations").

The Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund may use currency forwards for hedging exposure to securities denominated in currencies other than USD. Suitable hedging transactions may not be available in all circumstances and there can be no assurance that the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund will engage in such transactions at any given time or from time to time. Such transactions may not be successful and may eliminate any chance for the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund to benefit from favourable fluctuations in relevant foreign currencies.

The Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund may employ investment techniques and instruments which may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives, such as futures (such as currency future contracts), options, options on futures, forward settled transactions, convertible securities, hybrid securities, structured notes, credit default swaps and swap agreements. Such derivative instruments may be used for (i) hedging purposes, (ii) efficient portfolio management, and/or (iii) investment purposes, subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank. The derivatives will assist in achieving the investment objective of the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund by allowing for the adjustment of risk (including credit, currency and interest rate risk) and by implementing trades in a more efficient and cost-effective manner. The Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund may buy and sell exchange-traded and over-the-counter derivative instruments, including: interest rate, credit, index, and currency futures; currency, interest rate, total rate of return, and credit default swaps; currency, bond, and swap options; deliverable and non-deliverable currency forward contracts; and “to-be-announced” (TBA) securities.

The Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund may use derivatives to acquire synthetic long and synthetic short positions over a variety of time periods (depending on current market conditions and the Investment Manager’s view relative to those conditions) in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. The expected range for the long and short positions the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund may take is between 0% to **200** % short exposures in combination with 0% to **200** % long exposures. This range for derivatives use is not a limit and the exposures can exceed the range in certain circumstances. However, this will remain within the constraints under the VaR approach set out below. For fixed income funds, derivatives are integral to the management of an active portfolio. A high level of derivative usage, either long or short, does not necessarily mean a high level of risk. Derivative exposures may be hedges or offsets used in an unleveraged sense to control the portfolio

The Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund will use relative VaR to calculate its global exposure. The risk of loss of the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund will be monitored using a relative VaR model comprising a reference portfolio to ensure that the VaR of the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund shall not exceed twice that of the relative VaR of the reference portfolio based on a 20 day holding period and a “one-tailed” 99 per cent. confidence interval. The reference portfolio is Barclays Capital Global Aggregate Credit - Corporate Bond Index which is a market capitalisation weighted index of bonds issued worldwide and which has a risk profile similar to that of the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund. Although the use of derivatives for hedging purposes will give rise to an additional leveraged exposure, the expected level of leverage for Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund is typically expected to range from 100% to 400% of Net Asset Value (this leverage figure is calculated using the sum of the notionals of the derivatives used as is required by the Central Bank and as such does not take into account any netting and hedging arrangements that the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund has in place at any time). The Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund’s leverage may increase to higher levels, for example, at times when the Investment Manager deems it most appropriate to use derivative instruments to alter the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund’s interest rate, currency or credit exposure. The Regulations provide that where VaR is used as a risk methodology it can also be supplemented with a leverage calculation using the commitment approach. If the commitment approach is used to calculate the leverage of the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund the level of leverage will not exceed 100 per cent. of the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund’s Net Asset Value. This is because the calculation using the commitment approach converts each derivatives position into the market value of an equivalent position in the underlying asset and this calculation takes account of netting and hedging arrangements. As a consequence the commitment approach calculation provides a more comprehensive description of the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund’s actual leverage position.

The Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund is denominated in USD.

## **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a lower level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRRI measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Manager**

The Investment Manager of the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund is Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is USD for the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund.

### **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund, means a day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which retail banks are open for business in Dublin and London.

### **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

### **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A, B, C, C2, N and S Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A, B, C, C2, N or S Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Commencing from the Effective Date (as defined below), Class B Shares and Class C2 Shares, whether purchased before or after the Effective Date, will automatically convert into Shares in the corresponding Class A Shares upon the expiry of 4 years (Class B Shares), or 2 years (Class C2 Shares) from the date of the initial subscription into the relevant Class B Shares or Class C2 Shares. The Effective Date for these purposes shall be 31 March, 2017 or such later date as is required in order to implement the relevant enhancements necessary to process the automatic conversion.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below and/or investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries and/or investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U2 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

### Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund which is available but not yet launched will close on 30 April, 2020. The initial offer period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, CHF 10.00, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, SEK 10.00, USD 10.00.

### Fees and Expenses

#### Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee
<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (SEK) Hedged Accumulation</b>	SEK	SEK 1,000	SEK 500	SEK 500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (CHF) Hedged Accumulation</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil

<b>A (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>B (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.00%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C2 (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 0.50%	1.00%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>I (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>N (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.00%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>N (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.00%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>R (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>S (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Nil	0.90%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,00 0	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.45%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,00 0	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.45%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	Nil	0.40%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	Nil	0.40%	Nil	Nil

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A contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on the repurchase of the Class B, Class C and Class C2 Shares of the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund. The amount of the contingent deferred sales charge payable will depend on the length of time between the date the Shares were purchased and their repurchase at the rates set out below.

Years since purchase	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid
	Class B Shares	Class C Shares	Class C2 Shares
0 - 1	4.00%	1.00%	2.00%
1 - 2	3.00%	Nil	1.00%
2 - 3	2.00%	Nil	Nil
3 - 4	1.00%	Nil	Nil
4 and thereafter	None	Nil	Nil

Any contingent deferred sales charge will be payable to the Manager. The Manager may pay some or all of any contingent deferred sales charge to its delegates as reimbursement for the expense of distribution, intermediary and/or other services rendered to the Manager, the Company and the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on Shares issued arising as a result of the reinvestment of dividends. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on any increase on the Net Asset Value per Share above the subscription price paid for the Share and no contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on transfers or conversions of Shares. For the purposes of determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge is payable any Shares redeemed shall be deemed to be those first subscribed.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “**Fees and Expenses**”.

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

### Distribution Policy

The Directors intend to declare a dividend in respect of the Classes of Shares of the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund set out in the table below (the “**Distributing Share Classes**”).

The Directors intend to declare dividends in accordance with the distribution frequency set out in the table below. Dividends that are declared yearly will be declared on 31 December; dividends that are declared half-yearly will be declared on 30 June and 31 December; dividends that are declared quarterly will be declared on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December; and dividends that are declared monthly will be declared on the last Business Day of each month.

CLASS	Distribution Frequency
Class A (USD) Income	Quarterly
Class A (EUR) Hedged Income	Quarterly
Class A (GBP) Hedged Income	Quarterly
Class B (USD) Income	Monthly
Class C2 (USD) Income	Monthly
Class N (USD) Income	Monthly
Class R (GBP) Hedged Income	Quarterly
Class S (GBP) Hedged Income	Quarterly



Class U1 (GBP) Hedged Income	Quarterly
Class U2 (GBP) Hedged Income	Quarterly

It is the intention of the Directors that dividends will be paid from the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund's net income. As the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund currently charges fees and expenses to capital the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund's income available for distribution will in practice be a gross rather than net income figure. Gross income shall generally consist of interest, dividends and other investment income less withholding and other taxes or adjustments as applicable.

For Share Classes that are not Distributing Share Classes, the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund income and capital gains will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund.

### **Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed "**Financial Derivative Instruments**" and "**Risk Factors**".

### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund:-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian European Best Ideas Fund, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian European Best Ideas Fund

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**An investment in the Merian European Best Ideas Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investor's investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.**

**Shareholders of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund should note that all or a part of fees and expenses will be charged to the capital at a Fund or Share Class level. This will have the effect of lowering the capital value of your investment.**

**Prospective investors should note that the Merian European Best Ideas Fund is closed and an application for revocation of authorisation will be submitted to the Central Bank in due course.**

## Investment Objective and Policies

The objective of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund is to seek to achieve asset growth through investment in a well-diversified portfolio of equities or equity-related securities of European issuers or of issuers established outside Europe which have a predominant proportion of their assets and/or business operations in Europe.

The securities in which Merian European Best Ideas Fund may invest shall include ordinary shares or common stock, ADRs, GDRs, preference shares and warrants, provided that any investment in warrants shall not comprise more than 5 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund.

At least 75 per cent. of the securities in which the Merian European Best Ideas Fund invests will comprise securities of companies listed on Regulated Markets within the countries of the MSCI Europe Index which is a general index for pan-European equities covering 16 countries. Subject to the investment restriction 2.1 of Schedule III in the Prospectus, the securities will principally be listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market in the European Union or the United Kingdom. At least two thirds of the total assets of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund will at all times be invested in securities issued or guaranteed by companies domiciled in or which exercise the predominant part of their economic activity in Europe or which, as holding companies, hold the predominant portion of their participations in companies having their registered office in Europe.

For the Merian European Best Ideas Fund, stock selection shall be based on a bottom-up approach, with each Investment Sub-Adviser believing that the best investment returns are achieved by buying companies whose share prices do not accurately reflect their fundamental merits. In choosing such investments, each Investment Adviser will typically assess a company's liquidity profile, as well as considering a company's income statement, cash flow statement, balance sheet and prospects. Sector and country exposures are of secondary importance.

The Merian European Best Ideas Fund may invest up to 25 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in securities of companies which are listed on internationally-recognised exchanges outside of countries within the MSCI Europe Index, which derive the majority of their revenues from within the countries in the MSCI Europe Index or are listed in countries within MSCI Emerging Markets Europe Index (such as the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Russia and Turkey).

The Merian European Best Ideas Fund may invest its liquid assets or may invest up to 25 per cent. of its Net Asset Value for temporary defensive purposes in short-term securities such as commercial paper, bankers' acceptances, certificates of deposit and government securities issued by an OECD member country or by any supranational entity provided that the foregoing securities are denominated in Euro, subject to the investment restriction 2.1 of Schedule III in the Prospectus, are listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market in an OECD member country and are rated Investment Grade or better.

The Merian European Best Ideas Fund will not invest in other collective investment schemes.

The Merian European Best Ideas Fund may invest up to 5 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in REITs listed, traded or dealt in on Regulated Markets that are not considered Emerging Markets.

The Merian European Best Ideas Fund may employ investment techniques and instruments which may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives, such as futures (such as currency future contracts), options, options on futures, forward settled transactions, convertible securities, hybrid securities, structured notes, credit default swaps and swap agreements. Such derivative instruments may be used for (i) hedging purposes, (ii) efficient portfolio management, and/or (iii) investment purposes, subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank. The use of such financial derivative instruments will result in minimal leverage of up to 10 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund under the commitment approach.

The Merian European Best Ideas Fund may use derivatives to acquire synthetic long and synthetic short positions over a variety of time periods (depending on current market conditions and the Investment Adviser's view relative to those conditions) in accordance with the requirements of the

Central Bank. The expected range for the long and short positions the Merian European Best Ideas Fund may take is between 0% to 10 % short exposures in combination with 0% to 10% long exposures.

The Merian European Best Ideas Fund is denominated in Euro. The Merian European Best Ideas Fund does not propose to hedge routinely the currency exchange rate exposure arising as a result of fluctuations between the Euro and the currency in which investments of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund are made but may do so from time to time. An Investment Sub-Adviser may enter into foreign exchange transactions to hedge against exchange risk, to increase exposure to a currency or to shift exposure to currency fluctuations from one currency to another. Suitable hedging transactions may not be available in all circumstances and there can be no assurance that the Merian European Best Ideas Fund will engage in such transactions at any given time. Such transactions may not be successful and may eliminate any chance for the Merian European Best Ideas Fund to benefit from favourable fluctuations in relevant foreign currencies.

The Merian European Best Ideas Fund is a multi-manager fund and the investment management of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund will be carried out by a number of investment sub-advisers which number shall not exceed ten at any one time, each managing an agreed proportion of the assets of the Merian European Best Ideas as determined by the Directors or their delegate (the "Investment Sub-Advisers").

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderate to high level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRRI measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Manager, Investment Adviser and Investment Sub-Advisers**

The Investment Manager of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund is Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited. The Investment Manager has appointed Quilter Investors Ltd to act as Investment Adviser in relation to the assets of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund ("Quilter").

Quilter was formed in the United Kingdom in February 2002 and is regulated by the FCA. As at 23 April, Quilter had assets under management of GBP 17 billion. Quilter's registered address is Millennium Bridge House, 2 Lambeth Hill, London, EC4V 4AJ.

The Merian European Best Ideas Fund is a multi-manager fund whereby Quilter selects one or more experienced managers to serve as Investment Sub-Advisers, each of whom will manage a portion of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund's assets in accordance with the Merian European Best Ideas Fund's investment objective and policy. As part of Quilter's appointment, both the Investment Manager and Quilter have each been selected to manage a portion of the assets of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund and as such reference to the Investment Sub-Advisers herein will include both the Investment Manager and Quilter.

The following entities are the Investment Sub-Advisers to the Merian European Best Ideas Fund:

- Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited.
- Quilter Investors Limited.
- Liontrust Investment Partners LLP, which was incorporated in England and Wales in 2010 and is regulated by the FCA. As at 3 April 2017 it had assets under management of approximately USD 9.1 billion. Liontrust Investment Partners LLP's registered address is 2 Savoy Court, London WC2R 0EZ, England.
- Wellington Management International Ltd which is a private limited company incorporated in England and Wales. Wellington Management International Ltd is authorised and regulated by

the Financial Conduct Authority. As at June 2015 it had assets under management of approximately USD 1 trillion. Wellington Management International Ltd's registered address is Cardinal Place, 80 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 5JL.

- Odey Asset Management LLP, which was incorporated in England and Wales in 2002 and is regulated by the FCA. As at 31 May 2017 it had assets under management of approximately USD 6.16 billion. Odey Asset Management LLP's registered address is 12 Upper Grosvenor Square, London W1K 2ND, England.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is Euro for the Merian European Best Ideas Fund.

### **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund, means a day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which retail banks are open for business in Dublin and London.

### **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

### **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian European Best Ideas Fund are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A, C, C2 and N Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A, C, C2 and N Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Commencing from the Effective Date (as defined below), Class C2 Shares, whether purchased before or after the Effective Date, will automatically convert into Shares in the corresponding Class A Shares upon the expiry of 4 years (Class B Shares), or 2 years (Class C2 Shares) from the date of the initial subscription into the relevant Class B Shares or Class C2 Shares. The Effective Date for these purposes shall be 31 March, 2017 or such later date as is required in order to implement the relevant enhancements necessary to process the automatic conversion.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below and/or investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries and/or investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U2 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

### Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian European Best Ideas Fund which is available but not yet launched will close on 30 April, 2020. The initial offer period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, SGD 10.00, USD 10.00.

### Fees and Expenses

#### Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian European Best Ideas Fund.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee
<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (SGD) Hedged</b>	SGD	SGD 1,000	SGD 500	SGD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil

<b>Accumulation</b>								
<b>C (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (USD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C2 (USD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 0.50%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>I (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (USD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>N (USD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>N (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>R (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 75,000,000	GBP 37,500,000	GBP 37,500,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 75,000,000	GBP 37,500,000	GBP 37,500,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil

Shareholders of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund should note that all or a portion of Fees and Expenses in respect of Merian European Best Ideas Fund may be charged to capital at a Fund or Share Class level. As a result capital may be eroded and income may be achieved by foregoing the potential

for future capital growth. Thus, on redemptions of holdings Shareholders of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund income share classes may not receive back the full amount invested due to capital reduction. It is recommended that Shareholders of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund seek advice in this regard. The rationale for providing for the payment of fees and expenses out of capital is to increase the level of income distributed for income class shareholders.

In respect of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund the fees payable to the Investment Sub-Advisers shall not be paid out of the Management Fee but shall be payable out of assets of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund and such fees shall not exceed in total 1 per cent. per annum of its Net Asset Value and shall be charged to the Merian European Best Ideas Fund in addition to the Management Fee payable to the Investment Manager as disclosed above.

### Contingent Deferred Sales Charge

A contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on the repurchase of the Class B, Class C and Class C2 Shares of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund. The amount of the contingent deferred sales charge payable will depend on the length of time between the date the Shares were purchased and their repurchase at the rates set out below.

Years since purchase	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid
	Class B Shares	Class C Shares	Class C2 Shares
0 – 1	4.00%	1.00%	2.00%
1 – 2	3.00%	Nil	1.00%
2 – 3	2.00%	Nil	Nil
3 – 4	1.00%	Nil	Nil
4 and thereafter	None	Nil	Nil

Any contingent deferred sales charge will be payable to the Manager. The Manager may pay some or all of any contingent deferred sales charge to its delegates as reimbursement for the expense of distribution, intermediary and/or other services rendered to the Manager, the Company and the Merian European Best Ideas Fund. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on Shares issued arising as a result of the reinvestment of dividends. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on any increase on the Net Asset Value per Share above the subscription price paid for the Share and no contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on transfers or conversions of Shares. For the purposes of determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge is payable any Shares redeemed shall be deemed to be those first subscribed.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “**Fees and Expenses**”.

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian European Best Ideas Fund please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

### Distribution Policy

The Directors intend to declare a dividend in respect of the Classes of Shares of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund set out in the table below (the “**Distributing Share Classes**”).

The Directors intend to declare dividends in accordance with the distribution frequency set out in the table below. Dividends that are declared yearly will be declared on 31 December; dividends that are declared half-yearly will be declared on 30 June and 31 December; dividends that are declared quarterly will be declared on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December; and dividends that are declared monthly will be declared on the last Business Day of each month.



<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Distribution Frequency</b>
Class A (GBP) Income	Half-Yearly
Class U1 (GBP) Income	Half-Yearly
Class U2 (GBP) Income	Half-Yearly

It is the intention of the Directors that dividends will be paid from the Merian European Best Ideas Fund's net income. As the Merian European Best Ideas Fund currently charges fees and expenses to capital the Merian European Best Ideas Fund's income available for distribution will in practice be a gross rather than net income figure. Gross income shall generally consist of interest, dividends and other investment income less withholding and other taxes or adjustments as applicable.

For Share Classes that are not Distributing Share Classes, the Merian European Best Ideas Funds' income and capital gains will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund.

### **Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed "**Financial Derivative Instruments**" and "**Risk Factors**".

### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund:-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

The Investment Advisory agreement dated 15 June, 2018 between the Investment Manager and Quilter Investors Limited, pursuant to which the latter acts as investment adviser in relation to the assets of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund.

The amended and novated Investment Advisory Agreement dated 19 April, 2013 between the Investment Manager and Liontrust Investment Partners LLP, as novated to Quilter by way of a Novation Agreement dated 15 June, 2018 pursuant to which the latter acts as investment adviser to the Company in relation to the assets of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund.

The amended and novated Investment Advisory Agreement dated 19 April, 2013 between the Investment Manager and Odey Asset Management LLP as novated to Quilter by way of a Novation Agreement dated 15 June, 2018 pursuant to which the latter acts as investment adviser to the Company in relation to the assets of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund.

The Novation Agreement dated 17 December 2014 (effective 1 January 2015), to the Investment Advisory Agreement dated 2 December 2011, between Wellington Management Company, LLP, Wellington Management International Ltd and the Investment Manager, as novated to Quilter by way of a Novation Agreement dated 15 June, 2018 pursuant to which Wellington Management International Ltd acts as investment adviser to the Company in relation to the assets of the Merian European Best Ideas Fund.

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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund

27 November 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

## **Investment Objective and Policies**

Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund aims to provide capital growth from investing primarily in an equity portfolio of UK smaller companies. Smaller companies are defined for this purpose as those companies which are quoted on a regulated market and which have a market capitalisation no greater than the largest company in the Numis Smaller Companies Index at the time of initial investment. The Numis Smaller Companies Index is designed to monitor the performance of the smaller companies sector.

Typically, the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund will hold at least 80 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in smaller companies. In accordance with the aforementioned minimum, assets which are not invested in smaller companies may be invested in other equity securities including those of companies with a larger market capitalisation.

The equities in which Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund invests will primarily be listed or traded on Regulated Markets in the European Union and the UK. The Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in transferable securities which are not listed or traded on Regulated Markets.

Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund will normally be fully invested except for operational liquidity. Liquidity will under normal circumstances not exceed 10 per cent. Instruments held for liquidity may include cash deposits, treasury bills and short-term money market instruments within the meaning of the UCITS Regulations

The Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund may invest up to 10 per cent of its Net Asset Value in open ended collective investment schemes whose objective is to invest in any of the foregoing. Investment in collective investment schemes shall include both UCITS and alternative investment funds. Such schemes will be domiciled in the EEA, Jersey, Guernsey or the UK. In particular, any investment in open-ended alternative investment funds will be subject to Regulation 114(6) of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations") and will be compatible with the investment objective of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund.

At the date of this Prospectus, derivatives or instruments and techniques for the purposes of efficient portfolio management are not currently used for the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund. If this policy changes, prior approval of the Shareholders and the Central Bank will be sought and a risk management process will be cleared in advance by the Central Bank in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.

All exposure arising through the investment in financial derivative instruments will be covered by the underlying assets of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund. The Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund will use the commitment approach methodology to accurately measure, monitor and manage the "leverage" effect produced by the use of financial derivative instruments and for the calculation of its global exposure. As the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund uses the commitment approach it must ensure that its global exposure does not exceed its total net asset value and the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund may not therefore be leveraged in excess of 100% of its net asset value. In using the commitment approach for the calculation of global exposure, the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund will convert each derivative position into the market value of an equivalent position in the underlying asset of that derivative.

The Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund is denominated in Sterling.

## **Investment Approach**

The Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager has freedom to select the investments in order to seek to achieve the investment objective of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund. In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund will aim to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than that of

the Numis Smaller Companies Index excluding Investment Companies (the “**Index**”) over rolling 3 year periods.

The Index represents the performance of the bottom tenth by value of the main UK equity market, excluding investment companies.

The Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund adopts a flexible investment approach, which is considered by the Investment Manager to be paramount as no one rigid style of investment can accommodate all stages of the economic and business cycle. The investment approach aims to take account of and is responsive to anticipated changes in economic and market conditions. In order to achieve its investment objective the Investment Manager aims to blend top down and bottom up analysis and will be prepared to hold in the securities of both value and growth orientated companies as appropriate in order to generate consistent returns.

Top down analysis is used by the Investment Manager to help to set the general positioning of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund 's portfolio. This analysis, which includes considerations such as the likely direction of interest rates, which industries the Investment Manager believes are likely to perform better or worse than the economy as a whole and whether there are any particularly significant economic events that should influence the positioning of the portfolio (such as currency weakness/strength or oil price movements) is particularly relevant when deciding relative exposure of stocks and sectors in the portfolio.

With regard to bottom up analysis, the Investment Manager believes that the best investment returns are achieved by buying attractively valued companies. In choosing such investments, the Investment Manager will assess a company's prospects by taking into account factors such as its market position, its exposure to the economic cycle and its likely long term growth potential determined by revenue and profit growth. The Investment Manager will also consider the company's financial position and ability to finance its growth plans and make an assessment of whether the company is likely to meet, beat or fall short of current market profit expectations which are assessed based on commercially available market data and broker forecasts.

The Index is a broad representation of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund's investment universe. Although a large proportion of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund's investments may be components of the Index, the Investment Manager does not seek to replicate the performance of the Index; it is seeking to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than the Index. In particular, the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund may invest in companies which are not included in the Index and the stock selection and portfolio construction process, as set out above, mean that the number and weightings of the companies, industries, sectors and countries of the holdings of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund may diverge materially from the Index. Therefore, the risk and return profile of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund will likely be significantly different to that of the Index.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderate to high level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRRI measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Manager**

The Investment Manager of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund is Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is GBP/Sterling for the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund.

## **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund, means a day (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) on which banks and stock exchanges are open for business both in Dublin and in London.

## **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

## **Dealing Deadline**

Unlike all other funds of the Company and as set out in greater detail below in “Subscription and Redemption Procedures in respect of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund”, the Dealing Deadline for the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund is **4.30 p.m.**

## **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager’s reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager’s reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below and who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class X Shares are only available to investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager under which Management Fees will be collected directly from the investor. The Class X is not yet available for subscription.

## **Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price**

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund which is available but not yet launched will close on 31 March, 2020. The initial offer period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, GBP 10.00, USD 10.00.

## **Subscription and Redemption Procedures in respect of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund**

In respect of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund, all initial applications for Shares must be made by way of a properly completed application form to be received by the Administrator prior to **4.30 p.m.** (Irish time) on a Dealing Day. Cleared funds for applications from Retail Investors must be received by 5.00 p.m. (Irish time) on the Business Day prior to the relevant Dealing Day. Any such application will, if accepted, be dealt with at the subscription price calculated on the relevant Dealing Day. Applications received by the Administrator after **4.30 p.m.** (Irish time) on a Dealing Day will be carried over to the next Dealing Day, unless, in exceptional circumstances, the Directors in their discretion otherwise determine provided that the application in question was received prior to the time at which the Net Asset Value of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund is calculated.

Repurchase orders received by the Administrator prior to **4.30 p.m.** (Irish time) on a Dealing Day will, if accepted, be dealt with at the Net Asset Value per Share calculated on that Dealing Day. Repurchase orders received by the Administrator after **4.30 p.m.** (Irish time) on a Dealing Day will be carried over to the next Dealing Day, unless, in exceptional circumstances, the Directors in their discretion otherwise determine provided that the application in question was received prior to the time at which the Net Asset Value of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund is calculated.

The Directors may, in their sole and absolute discretion, close some or all of the Share classes in the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund to subscriptions from existing and/or new Shareholders if the assets attributable to the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund are at a level, above which, as determined by the Directors, it is not in the best interests of Shareholders to accept further subscriptions – for instance where the size of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund may constrain the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the investment objective. However, notwithstanding such closure the Directors reserve the right to accept any application for Shares at their discretion.

## **Determination of Net Asset Value in respect of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund**

Notwithstanding the provisions of the section headed “Determination of Net Asset Value” in the Prospectus, the Administrator shall determine the Net Asset Value per Share in the Base Currency of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund at the close of business on the relevant market on the relevant Dealing Day, provided always that the valuation point is after the dealing deadline, in accordance with the Articles of Association.

Each security which is traded on a Regulated Market will be valued on the Regulated Market which is normally the principal market for such security. Notwithstanding the provisions of the section headed “Determination of Net Asset Value” in the Prospectus, in the case of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund, the valuation shall be the last traded price on that Regulated Market.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the section headed “Determination of Net Asset Value” in the Prospectus, forward foreign exchange contracts shall be valued at the price at which a new forward contract of the same size and maturity could be undertaken as of the close of business on the relevant market in the case of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund on the Dealing Day.

## **Fees and Expenses**

### **Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts**

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee
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<b>A (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>X (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 20,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil

### Performance Fee

With respect to the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund, the Investment Manager may be entitled to a performance fee out of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund's assets. With respect to the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund, the performance fee is only applicable to the following share classes: Class A (GBP) Income Shares, Class R (GBP) Income Shares and Class U1 (GBP) Income Shares.

The Performance Fee will be calculated and accrued daily and will be payable annually in arrears in respect of each Performance Period ("**Performance Period of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund**"). A Performance Period of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund will comprise of each successive twelve month period ending on 31 December.

"**The Index**" is the Numis Smaller Companies Index excluding Investment Companies (TICKER: NSCXEITR).

"**The Index Performance**" in respect of a Performance Period of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund is the difference between the opening level of the Index on the first Business Day and on the closing level of the Index on the last Business Day of the Performance Period of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund, expressed as a percentage.

The "**Fund Performance**" in respect of a Performance Period of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund is the difference between the opening Net Asset Value per Share on the first Business Day of the relevant Performance Period of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund, which reflects the charging of a Performance Fee, if any, in respect of the previous Performance Period of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund, and the Net Asset Value per Share (before the deduction of any unrealised Performance Fee) on the last Business Day of the relevant Performance Period of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund, expressed as a percentage.

In calculating the Net Asset Value per Share for Performance Fee purposes no deduction is made on account of Performance Fees accrued in the Performance Period of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund and any net income distributed to Shareholders in respect of the period is added back.

The "**Percentage Outperformance**" in respect of Performance Periods of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund where Fund Performance is greater than Index Performance is the arithmetical difference between Fund Performance and Index Performance, expressed as a percentage. In respect of Performance Periods of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund where Fund Performance is less than Index Performance, such underperformance, being the arithmetical difference between Fund Performance and Index Performance expressed in percentage points, will be carried forward and no Performance Fee will be payable in any subsequent Performance Period of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund unless Fund Performance measured against Index Performance has recovered any accumulated percentage underperformance for previous Performance Periods of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund. In the Performance Period of the Merian UK Smaller

Companies Focus Fund in which any accumulated percentage underperformance is recovered, only that part of the Percentage Outperformance for such period as exceeds the accumulated percentage underperformance carried forward is taken into account for the purposes of calculating the performance fee payable for the Performance Period of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund.

The amount of Performance Fee payable in respect of each Share is a Sterling amount equivalent to the opening Net Asset Value per Share on the first Business Day of the Performance Period of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund x Percentage Outperformance x 10 per cent. and is payable on the average number of Shares in issue during the Performance Period of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund.

Furthermore the amount of Performance Fee payable in respect of a Performance Period of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund is subject to a maximum amount (the “**Cap**”). The Cap is a Sterling amount equivalent to the opening Net Asset Value per Share on the first Business Day of the Performance Period of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund x opening number of Shares in issue on the first Business Day of the Performance Period of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund x 1.50 per cent.

The Performance Fee accrues and is taken into account in the calculation of the Net Asset Value per Share on a daily basis.

The amount of the Performance Fee will be calculated by the Administrator. The calculation of the Performance Fee shall be verified by the Depositary.

The calculation of the Performance Fee shall also be reviewed by the Auditors as part of the annual audit of the Company.

The Investment Manager may, at its discretion, waive the Performance Fee payable in respect of a Performance Period of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund.

**Performance Fees are payable on net realised and net unrealised gains and losses as at the end of each Performance Period of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund and as a result, Performance Fees may be paid on unrealised gains which may subsequently never be realised.**

Performance Fees may also be payable during a Performance Period of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund where there is a decline in the Net Asset Value per Share.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “**Fees and Expenses**”.

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

#### **Distribution Policy**

The Directors intend to declare a dividend in respect of the Classes of Shares of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund set out in the table below (the “**Distributing Share Classes**”).

The Directors intend to declare dividends in accordance with the distribution frequency set out in the table below. Dividends that are declared yearly will be declared on 31 December; dividends that are declared half-yearly will be declared on 30 June and 31 December; dividends that are declared quarterly will be declared on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December; and dividends that are declared monthly will be declared on the last Business Day of each month.

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Distribution Frequency</b>
Class A (GBP) Income	Yearly
Class R (GBP)Income	Yearly
Class U1 (GBP)Income	Yearly



Class X (GBP)Income	Yearly
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It is the intention of the Directors that dividends will be paid from the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund's net income.

For Share Classes that are not Distributing Share Classes, the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund's income and capital gains will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund.

### **Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed "**Financial Derivative Instruments**" and "**Risk Factors**".

### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus Fund:-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**Investment in the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund is not in the nature of a deposit in a bank account and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account.**

**Due to the higher than average degree of risk because of its ability to invest in financial derivative instruments for investment purposes which may increase the volatility of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund, an investment in the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.**

## Investment Objective and Policies

The investment objective of Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund is to achieve capital appreciation by taking long and short positions principally in UK equities outside the FTSE 100 Index.

Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund will aim to achieve its investment objective by investing primarily in equities listed on Regulated Markets. Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund may also invest in equity-related securities (including preferred stocks and convertible bonds) and other collective investment schemes (including money market funds) each of which are consistent with the investment objective and policy of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund and comply with the requirements of the Central Bank. Investment in other collective investment schemes will not exceed 10 per cent. The Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in transferable securities which are not listed or traded on Regulated Markets.

As per the investment objective, stock selection is principally from UK equities outside the FTSE 100 Index. No formal sector rules or market capitalisation parameters apply but the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund will typically be diversified across a range of sectors. Limits are employed in terms of position size, with regard to both short and long positions. Net and gross market exposure of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund are maintained within predetermined limits and monitored regularly by the Investment Manager.

The Investment Manager will also use derivatives for investment purposes including contracts for differences, index options and equity related futures. A description of the derivative instruments and their commercial purpose is set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Financial Derivative Instruments". Short positions will only be generated through the use of derivatives. Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund will adopt a structurally long position at all times. The magnitude of this position will be determined by market conditions and the availability of both long and short opportunities. Under normal market conditions and depending on the shorting opportunities in the markets, the Investment Manager expects that the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund's short exposure will normally be less than 30% of Net Asset Value. Under normal market conditions, the Investment Manager expects that the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund's long exposure will not normally exceed 100% of Net Asset Value. Accordingly, under normal market conditions the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund's net exposure to investment markets is likely to be in the range of +30% to +100% of Net Asset Value. Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund may be leveraged through the use of derivatives which may result in the Net Asset Value of Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund having a high volatility. The extent of this leverage at any one time will not exceed 130%. Of the Net Asset Value of Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund.\*

\*The 130 per cent. leverage is calculated as the sum of the notional value of Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund's long positions and the absolute notional value of Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund's synthetic short positions, with no differentiation made as to whether instruments are used for investment or hedging purposes and no netting, even in respect of underlying positions, is allowed. However, should leverage be calculated on a supplementary basis using the so called commitment approach, the leverage limit may be reduced.

As Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund will use a relative VaR model to measure Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund market risk, the VaR limit for Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund is twice the VaR of the relevant benchmark which is the FTSE 250 Index Excluding Investment Trusts. The VaR for Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund and the benchmark will be calculated daily using a one-tailed 99 per cent. confidence level, a one day holding period and the historical period will not be less than one year (250 Business Days) and quarterly data set updates, or more frequent when market prices are subject to material changes.

From time to time a substantial portion of Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund may be held in cash deposits, treasury bills or short-term money market instruments as understood by reference to the UCITS Regulations and in money market funds (subject to the aggregate limit of 10 per cent. in collective investment schemes) ("Liquid Assets"). Investment to such extent in Liquid Assets may be made where this is considered to be in the best interests of Shareholders of Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund, for example, to mitigate Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund's exposure to market risk.

The Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund is denominated in Sterling.

### **Investment Approach**

The Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager has freedom to select the investments in order to seek to achieve the investment objective of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund. In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund will aim to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than that of the FTSE 250 ex Investment Trust Index (the “**Index**”) over rolling 3 year periods.

The Index represents the performance of mid-cap stocks traded on the London Stock Exchange.

The Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund adopts a flexible investment approach, which is considered by the Investment Manager to be paramount as no one rigid style of investment can accommodate all stages of the economic and business cycle. The investment approach aims to take account of and is responsive to anticipated changes in economic and market conditions. In order to achieve its investment objective the Investment Manager aims to blend top down and bottom up analysis and will be prepared to hold long or short positions (through the use of derivatives where appropriate or required) in the securities of both value and growth orientated companies as appropriate in order to generate consistent returns.

Top down analysis is used by the Investment Manager to help to set the general positioning of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund's portfolio. This analysis, which includes considerations such as the likely direction of interest rates, which industries the Investment Manager believes are likely to perform better or worse than the economy as a whole and whether there are any particularly significant economic events that should influence the positioning of the portfolio (such as currency weakness/strength or oil price movements) is particularly relevant when deciding relative exposure of stocks and sectors in the portfolio.

With regard to bottom up analysis, the Investment Manager believes that the best investment returns are achieved by buying attractively valued companies. In choosing such investments, the Investment Manager will assess a company's prospects by taking into account factors such as its market position, its exposure to the economic cycle and its likely long term growth potential determined by revenue and profit growth. The Investment Manager will also consider the company's financial position and ability to finance its growth plans and make an assessment of whether the company is likely to meet, beat or fall short of current market profit expectations which are assessed based on commercially available market data and broker forecasts.

The Index is a broad representation of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund's investment universe. Although a large proportion of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund's investments may be components of the Index, the Investment Manager does not seek to replicate the performance of the Index; it is seeking to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than the Index. In particular, the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund may invest in companies which are not included in the Index and the stock selection and portfolio construction process, as set out above, mean that the number and weightings of the companies, industries, sectors and countries of the holdings of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund may diverge materially from the Index. Therefore, the risk and return profile of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund will likely be significantly different to that of the Index.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderate to high level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRRI measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Manager**

The Investment Manager of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund is Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is Sterling/GBP for the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund.

### **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund, means a day (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) on which banks and stock exchanges are open for business both in Dublin and in London.

### **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

### **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class X Shares are only available to investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager under which Management Fees will be collected directly from the investor. The Class X is not yet available for subscription.

The Directors may, in their sole and absolute discretion, close some or all of the Share classes in the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund to subscriptions from existing and/or new Shareholders if the assets attributable to the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund are at a level, above which, as determined by the Directors, it is not in the best interests of Shareholders to accept further subscriptions – for instance where the size of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund may constrain the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the investment objective. However, notwithstanding such closure the Directors reserve the right to accept any application for Shares at their discretion.

### **Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price**

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund which is available but not yet launched will close on 31 December, 2020. The initial offer period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, USD 10.00.

## Fees and Expenses

### Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee
<b>A (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>X (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 20,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>X (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 20,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

## Performance Fee

With respect to the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund, the Investment Manager may be entitled to a performance fee out of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund's assets. With respect to the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund, the performance fee is only applicable to the following share classes: Class I(EUR) Hedged Accumulation Shares, Class A (GBP) Income Shares and Class R (GBP) Income Shares.

The Performance Fee will be calculated and accrued daily and will be payable annually in arrears in respect of each Performance Period ("**Performance Period of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund**"). A Performance Period of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund will comprise of each successive twelve month period ending on 31 December.

"**The Index**" is the FTSE 250 Index Excluding Investment Trusts (TICKER: MCIXM).

"**The Index Performance**" in respect of a Performance Period of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund, the Index Performance is the difference between the level of the Index calculated at the Valuation Point on the last Business Day of the previous Performance Period of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund and the level of the Index calculated at the Valuation Point on the last Business Day of the relevant Performance Period of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund, expressed as a percentage.

The "Fund Performance" in respect of the first Performance Period of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund is the difference between the opening Net Asset Value per Share and the Net Asset Value per Share at the Valuation Point on the last Business Day of the Performance Period of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund, expressed as a percentage. For each Performance Period of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund thereafter, the Fund Performance is the difference between the Net Asset Value per Share at the Valuation Point on the last Business Day of the previous Performance Period of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund and the Net Asset Value per Share at the Valuation Point on the last Business Day of the relevant Performance Period of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund, expressed as a percentage.

In calculating the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class for Performance Fee purposes no deduction is made on account of Performance Fees accrued in the Performance Period of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund and any net income distributed to Shareholders in respect of the Performance Period of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund is added back.

The "Percentage Outperformance" in respect of Performance Periods of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund where Fund Performance is greater than Index Performance is the arithmetical difference between Fund Performance and Index Performance, expressed as a percentage. In respect of Performance Periods of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund where Fund Performance is less than Index Performance, such underperformance, being the arithmetical difference between Fund Performance and Index Performance expressed in percentage points, will be carried forward and no Performance Fee will be payable in any subsequent Performance Period of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund unless Fund Performance measured against Index Performance has recovered any accumulated percentage underperformance for previous periods. In the Performance Period of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund in which any accumulated percentage underperformance is recovered, only that part of the Percentage Outperformance for such period as exceeds the accumulated percentage underperformance carried forward is taken into account for the purposes of calculating the performance fee payable for the Performance Period of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund.

The amount of Performance Fee payable in respect of each Share is a Sterling amount equivalent to the opening Net Asset Value per Share on the first Business Day of the Performance Period of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund x Percentage Outperformance x 20 per cent. and is payable on the average number of Shares in issue during the Performance Period of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund.

For the purposes of the first calculation of the Performance Fee, the initial offer price in respect of each Share Class was taken as the opening Net Asset Value.

The Performance Fee accrues and is taken into account in the calculation of the Net Asset Value per Share on a daily basis.

The amount of the Performance Fee will be calculated by the Administrator. The calculation of the Performance Fee shall be verified by the Depositary.

The calculation of the Performance Fee shall also be reviewed by the Auditors as part of the annual audit of the Company.

The Investment Manager may, at its discretion, waive the Performance Fee payable in respect of a Performance Period of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund.

**Performance Fees are payable on net realised and net unrealised gains and losses as at the end of each Performance Period of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund and as a result, Performance Fees may be paid on unrealised gains which may subsequently never be realised.**

Performance Fees may also be payable during a Performance Period of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund where there is a decline in the Net Asset Value per Share.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “**Fees and Expenses**”.

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

#### **Distribution Policy**

The Directors intend to declare a dividend in respect of the Classes of Shares of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund set out in the table below (the “**Distributing Share Classes**”).

The Directors intend to declare dividends in accordance with the distribution frequency set out in the table below. Dividends that are declared yearly will be declared on 31 December; dividends that are declared half-yearly will be declared on 30 June and 31 December; dividends that are declared quarterly will be declared on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December; and dividends that are declared monthly will be declared on the last Business Day of each month.

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Distribution Frequency</b>
Class A (GBP) Income	Yearly
Class R (GBP) Income	Yearly
Class X (GBP) Income	Yearly

It is the intention of the Directors that dividends will be paid from the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund’s net income.

For Share Classes that are not Distributing Share Classes, the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund’s income and capital gains will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund.

#### **Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed “**Financial Derivative Instruments**” and “**Risk Factors**”.

#### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund:-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

#### **Total Return Swaps**

In the absence of regulatory guidance or a developed market practice which requires CFDs to be treated as Total Return Swaps for the purposes of SFTR, the Merian UK Dynamic Equity Fund has not included any SFTR disclosures in this Supplement in respect of CFDs. In the event that such regulatory guidance or developed market practice emerges, this Supplement will be updated to address the disclosure requirements of SFTR.



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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**Investment in the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund is not in the nature of a deposit in a bank account and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account.**

**Due to the higher than average degree of risk because of its ability to invest in financial derivative instruments for investment purposes which may increase the volatility of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund, an investment in the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.**

## Investment Objective and Policies

The objective of Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund is capital appreciation while closely controlling risk. In addition, Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund intends to deliver absolute returns that have a low correlation with equity and bond markets.

Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund aims to achieve its investment objective by investing primarily in a portfolio of equity securities of companies located worldwide and listed or traded on Regulated Markets and by pursuing the strategy detailed below. It is not proposed to concentrate investments in any one geographical region or sector.

Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund aims to deliver an absolute return over rolling 12 month periods, in other words, at any one time the portfolio of Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund will typically be constructed with reference to an investment horizon of no greater than 12 months.

Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund will be structured as a market neutral portfolio. A universe of major market, large capitalisation global equity stocks will be assessed, and long positions taken in the stocks determined most likely to deliver a positive relative return, and short positions taken in the stocks determined most likely to deliver a negative relative return. The total value of the long positions will be approximately matched by the total value of the short positions. Under normal market conditions and depending on the shorting opportunities in the markets, the Investment Manager expects that the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund's short exposure will normally be less than 125% of Net Asset Value. Under normal market conditions, the Investment Manager expects that the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund's long exposure will not normally exceed 125% of Net Asset Value. Accordingly, under normal market conditions the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund's net exposure to investment markets is likely to be in the range of -5% to +5% of Net Asset Value.

Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund may also invest in equity-related securities such as preferred stocks, convertible bonds (usually unrated), American and Global Depository Receipts, and collective investment schemes (including money market funds) which comply with the Central Bank's requirements. Investment in other collective investment schemes will not exceed 10 per cent.

Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund may invest in and have direct access to certain eligible China A Shares listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange and Shenzhen Stock Exchange via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect (as further described in the sub-section headed "**Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect**" below) and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect (as further described in the sub-section headed "Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect" below) (collectively, the "**Stock Connects**"). Exposure to China A Shares through the Stock Connects will not be more than 10% of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund's Net Asset Value.

Not less than **51%** of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund will be invested directly in equities and equity related securities.

The Investment Manager will also use derivatives for investment purposes including contracts for difference, index options and equity related futures. A description of derivative instruments and their commercial purposes is set out under the heading "Financial Derivative Instruments" in the Prospectus. Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund may be leveraged through the use of derivatives which may result in the Net Asset Value of Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund having a high volatility. The extent of this leverage is not expected to exceed 250 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund though there is the possibility of higher leverage levels.\*

\*The 250 per cent. leverage is calculated as the sum of the notional value of Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund's long positions and the absolute notional value of Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund's synthetic short positions, with no differentiation made as to whether instruments are used for investment or hedging purposes and no netting, even in respect of underlying positions, is allowed. Synthetic short positions are positions which are in economic terms equivalent to short positions and will be implemented through the use of financial derivative instruments in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements.

As Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund will use an absolute VaR model to measure the global market risk, the VaR limit for Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund cannot be greater than 4.47 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund. The VaR for Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund will be calculated daily using a one-tailed 99 per cent. confidence level, a one day holding period and the historical period will not be less than one year (250 Business Days) and quarterly data set updates, or more frequent when market prices are subject to material changes.

From time to time a substantial portion or all of the assets of Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund may be held in cash deposits, investment grade treasury bills or short-term money market instruments as understood by reference to the UCITS Regulations and in money market funds (subject to the aggregate limit of 10 per cent. in collective investment schemes) ("Liquid Assets"). Investment to such extent in Liquid Assets may be made where this is considered to be in the best interests of Shareholders of the Sub-Fund; for example, to mitigate Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund's exposure to market risk. The Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund will not invest in below Investment Grade debt securities.

Stock selection focuses primarily on liquid equities listed on Regulated Markets. Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund is diversified across a range of industries and stocks. Limits are employed in terms of position size. Net market exposure is maintained at a minimum level. Gross market exposure of Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund is maintained within predetermined limits. Position sizes and market exposure are monitored regularly by the Investment Manager.

The Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund is denominated in US Dollars.

### **Investment Approach**

The Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager has freedom to select the investments in order to seek to achieve the investment objective of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund. The Investment Manager does not manage the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund to, or control the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund's risk relative to, any market index.

In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund will aim to deliver a return, net of fees, in excess of the Federal Reserve Funds Target Rate over rolling 3 year periods. For performance measurement purposes, the cash benchmark will differ for non-base currency classes.

The Federal Reserve Funds Target Rate is the interest rate target for US financial institutions borrowing and lending to one another on an unsecured overnight basis. It is set by the central bank of the United States; the Federal Reserve.

The Investment Manager seeks to exploit market inefficiencies by employing quantitative research, based on fundamental investment insights and objective evidence, to identify "return factors" that predict stock price movements. This uses sophisticated computer models to analyse large volumes of data to select investments. Stocks are assessed in terms of the attractiveness of their valuation, quality, price trends, stable growth prospects, sentiment and company management. In addition, the Investment Manager takes other criteria, such as expected risk, trading costs and liquidity into consideration when constructing the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund's portfolio. The investment process focuses equally on risk and return and aims to generate a highly diversified market neutral portfolio with favourable risk return characteristics, selecting long and short positions (through the use of derivatives where appropriate or required) from major global equity markets.

### **Stock Connects**

The Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund may invest in certain eligible China A Shares through the Stock Connects. The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing links program developed by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (“**HKEx**”), Shanghai Stock Exchange (“**SSE**”) and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited (“**ChinaClear**”). The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing links program developed by the HKEx, the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (“**SZSE**”) and ChinaClear. The aim of the Stock Connects is to achieve mutual stock market access between mainland China and Hong Kong.

The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect comprises a Northbound Shanghai Trading Link and a Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link. Under the Northbound Shanghai Trading Link, Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund), through their Hong Kong brokers, sub-custodians and a securities trading service company established by the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong (“**SEHK**”), may be able to trade eligible China A Shares listed on the SSE (“**SSE securities**”) by routing orders to SSE. Under the Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link under Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, investors in the People’s Republic of China (“**PRC**”) will be able to trade certain stocks listed on the SEHK.

The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect comprises a Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link and a Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link. Under the Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link, Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund), through their Hong Kong brokers, sub-custodians and a securities trading service company established by SEHK, may be able to trade eligible China A Shares listed on the SZSE (“**SZSE securities**”) by routing orders to SZSE. Under the Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link under Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, investors in the PRC will be able to trade certain stocks listed on the SEHK.

#### **Eligible Securities**

##### (i) The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect

Under the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund, through the Hong Kong brokers, may trade SSE securities. These include all the constituent stocks from time to time of the SSE 180 Index and SSE 380 Index, and all the SSE-listed China A Shares that are not included as constituent stocks of the relevant indices but which have corresponding HShares listed on the SEHK, except the following:

- (a) SSE-listed shares which are not traded in Renminbi (“RMB”); and
- (b) SSE-listed shares which are under risk alert.

It is expected that the list of eligible securities will be subject to review and may change.

##### (ii) The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect

Under the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund, through the Hong Kong brokers, may trade SZSE securities. These include all the constituent stocks of the SZSE Component Index and the SZSE Small/Mid Cap Innovation Index which have a market capitalization of not less than RMB 6 billion, and all the SZSE-listed China A shares which have corresponding H-Shares listed on SEHK, except the following:

- a) SZSE-listed shares which are not traded in RMB; and
- b) SZSE-listed shares which are under risk alert or under delisting arrangement.

At the initial stage of the Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link, investors eligible to trade shares that are listed on the ChiNext Board of SZSE under the Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link are limited to institutional professional investors as defined in the relevant Hong Kong rules and regulations.

It is expected that the list of eligible securities will be subject to review and may change.

The term “China A Shares” means domestic shares in the PRC incorporated companies listed on either the SSE or the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, the prices of which are quoted in RMB and which are available to such investors as approved by the China Securities Regulatory Commission

("CSRC").

In addition to those risk factors set out in relation to the PRC investment, a number of the key risks of investing in selective China A Shares listed on the SSE or the SZSE via the Stock Connects are set out in the section entitled "Risk Factors".

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderate level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRRRI measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Manager**

The Investment Manager of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund is Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is USD for the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund.

### **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund, means a day (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) on which banks and stock exchanges are open for business both in Dublin and in London.

### **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

### **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A, A2, B, C, C2 and N Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A, A2, B, C, C2 and N Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Commencing from the Effective Date (as defined below), Class B Shares and Class C2 Shares, whether purchased before or after the Effective Date, will automatically convert into Shares in the corresponding Class A Shares upon the expiry of 4 years (Class B Shares), or 2 years (Class C2 Shares) from the date of the initial subscription into the relevant Class B Shares or Class C2 Shares. The Effective Date for these purposes shall be 31 March, 2017 or such later date as is required in order to implement the relevant enhancements necessary to process the automatic conversion.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below and who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U2 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class X Shares are only available to investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager under which Management Fees will be collected directly from the investor. The Class X is not yet available for subscription.

The Directors may, in their sole and absolute discretion, close some or all of the Share classes in the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund to subscriptions from existing and/or new Shareholders if the assets attributable to the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund are at a level, above which, as determined by the Directors, it is not in the best interests of Shareholders to accept further subscriptions – for instance where the size of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund may constrain the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the investment objective. However, notwithstanding such closure the Directors reserve the right to accept any application for Shares at their discretion.

### **Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price**

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund which is available but not yet launched will close on 31 December, 2020. The initial offer period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, AUD 10.00, CHF 10.00, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, RMB 10.00, SEK 10.00, SGD 10.00, USD 10.00.

### **Fees and Expenses**

#### **Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts**

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee
<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (AUD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (CHF) Hedged Accumulation</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A2 (CHF) Hedged Accumulation</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (SGD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	SGD	SGD 1,000	SGD 500	SGD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (RMB) Hedged Accumulation</b>	RMB	RMB 1,000	RMB 500	RMB 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (CHF) Hedged Income</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>B (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>B (RMB) Hedged Accumulation</b>	RMB	RMB 1,000	RMB 500	RMB 500	Nil	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (RMB) Hedged Accumulation</b>	RMB	RMB 1,000	RMB 500	RMB 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C2 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 0.50%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>I (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD ,5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil

<b>I (CHF)</b> <b>Hedged Accumulation</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR)</b> <b>Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (USD)</b> <b>Income Shares</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (CHF)</b> <b>Hedged Income</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR)</b> <b>Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (SEK)</b> <b>Hedged Accumulation</b>	SEK	SEK 10,000	SEK 5,000	SEK 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (SGD)</b> <b>Hedged Accumulation</b>	SGD	SGD 10,000	SGD 5,000	SGD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>N (USD)</b> <b>Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>N (USD)</b> <b>Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>R (GBP)</b> <b>Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP)</b> <b>Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>X (GBP)</b> <b>Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 20,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP)</b> <b>Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP)</b> <b>Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP)</b> <b>Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP)</b> <b>Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil

### Contingent Deferred Sales Charge



A contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on the repurchase of the Class B, Class C and Class C2 Shares of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund. The amount of the contingent deferred sales charge payable will depend on the length of time between the date the Shares were purchased and their repurchase at the rates set out below.

Years since purchase	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid
	Class B Shares	Class C Shares	Class C2 Shares
0 - 1	4.00%	1.00%	2.00%
1 - 2	3.00%	Nil	1.00%
2 - 3	2.00%	Nil	Nil
3 - 4	1.00%	Nil	Nil
4 and thereafter	None	Nil	Nil

Any contingent deferred sales charge will be payable to the Manager. The Manager may pay some or all of any contingent deferred sales charge to its delegates as reimbursement for the expense of distribution, intermediary and/or other services rendered to the Manager, the Company and the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on Shares issued arising as a result of the reinvestment of dividends. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on any increase on the Net Asset Value per Share above the subscription price paid for the Share and no contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on transfers or conversions of Shares. For the purposes of determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge is payable any Shares redeemed shall be deemed to be those first subscribed.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “**Fees and Expenses**”.

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

### **Distribution Policy**

The Directors intend to declare a dividend in respect of the Classes of Shares of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund set out in the table below (the “**Distributing Share Classes**”).

The Directors intend to declare dividends in accordance with the distribution frequency set out in the table below. Dividends that are declared yearly will be declared on 31 December; dividends that are declared half-yearly will be declared on 30 June and 31 December; dividends that are declared quarterly will be declared on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December; and dividends that are declared monthly will be declared on the last Business Day of each month.

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Distribution Frequency</b>
Class A (USD) Income	Yearly
Class A (CHF) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class A (EUR) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class A (GBP) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class I (USD) Income	Yearly
Class I (CHF) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class I (EUR) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class N (USD) Income	Yearly
Class R (GBP) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class U1 (GBP) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class U2 (GBP) Hedged Income	Yearly

It is the intention of the Directors that dividends will be paid from the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund's net income.

For Share Classes that are not Distributing Share Classes, the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund's income and capital gains will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund.

### **Performance Fee**

With respect to the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund, the Investment Manager may be entitled to a performance fee out of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund's assets. The Performance Fee is applicable to all Share Classes with the exception of: Class A (CHF) Hedged Accumulation Shares and Class X (GBP) Hedged Accumulation Shares.

The Performance Fee will accrue on a daily basis and the accrual will be reflected in the Net Asset Value and will be payable annually in arrears in respect of each Performance Period which will comprise of each successive twelve month period ending on 31 December (a "**Performance Period of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund**").

The Performance Fee as at the end of each Performance Period of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund shall be equal in aggregate to 20 per cent. of the amount by which any increase in the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class during the Performance Period of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund exceeds the "Hurdle Rate", subject to the Net Asset Value High Water Mark (as defined below), multiplied by the weighted average number of total Shares in issue of each Class on each Dealing Day during the Performance Period of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund.

The Hurdle Rate will be the average (1) Bank of England Base Rate for the GBP Share Classes, (2) ECB Main Refinancing Operations Rate for the EUR Share Classes, (3) Federal Reserve Funds Target Rate for the USD Share Classes, (4) 3 month Swiss franc (CHF) LIBOR interest rate for the CHF Share Classes, (5) Riksbank Repo rate for the SEK Share Classes, (6) Singapore Overnight Rate Average for the SGD Share Classes, and (7) People's Bank of China one-year loan prime rate for the RMB Share Classes during the Performance Period of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund

The initial issue price as set out above in the section of the Supplement headed "**Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price**" was the starting price for the calculation of the first performance fee payable of any share class to which a performance fee is applicable. The first Performance Period for each new share class will begin on the date on which the first shares of the class are issued and will end on 31 December of the same year.

In calculating the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class for Performance Fee purposes, no deduction is made on account of Performance Fees accrued in the Performance Period of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund and any net income distributed to Shareholders in respect of the period is added back.

The Performance Fee is only payable when the increase in the Net Asset Value of each Class exceeds the Hurdle Rate accrued during the relevant Performance Period. If, during a performance fee period, the performance of the Shares does not exceed the Hurdle Rate, no Performance Fee is payable.

All Performance Fee payments shall be subject to the restriction that in paying a Performance Fee, the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class at the relevant Performance Period of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund shall not be less than the Net Asset Value per Share Class on the last day that a Performance Fee was paid (the "**Net Asset Value High Water Mark**"). The Performance Fee is only payable on the increase in the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class during the Performance Period of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund over the Net-Asset Value High Water Mark and the relevant Hurdle Rate during the Performance Period of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund.

The amount of the Performance Fee will be calculated by the Administrator. The calculation of the Performance Fee shall be verified by the Depositary.

The calculation of the Performance Fee shall also be reviewed by the Auditors as part of the annual audit of the Company.

The Investment Manager may, at its discretion, waive the Performance Fee payable in respect of a Performance Period of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund.

**Performance Fees are payable on net realised and net unrealised gains and losses as at the end of each Performance Period of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund and as a result, Performance Fees may be paid on unrealised gains which may subsequently never be realised.**

Performance Fees may be payable on net realised and net unrealised gains and losses attributable to both the performance of the Investment Manager and market movements in general.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “**Fees and Expenses**”.

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

## **Risk Factors**

### *Risks Associated with the Stock Connects*

The relevant rules and regulations of the Stock Connects are untested and subject to change which may have potential retrospective effect. The programmes are subject to quota limitations which may restrict the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund’s ability to invest in China A Shares through the programmes on a timely basis and where a suspension in the trading through the programmes is effected, the Merian Pacific Equity Fund’s ability to access the China A Shares market (and hence to pursue its investment strategy) will be adversely affected. The PRC regulations impose certain restrictions on selling and buying of China A Shares. Hence the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund may not be able to dispose of holdings of China A Shares in a timely manner. Also, a stock may be recalled from the scope of eligible stocks for trading via the Stock Connects. This may adversely affect the investment portfolio or strategies of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund, for example, when the Investment Manager wishes to purchase a stock which is recalled from the scope of eligible stocks. Due to the differences in trading days, the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund may be subject to a risk of price fluctuations in China A Shares on a day that the PRC market is open for trading but the Hong Kong market is closed.

### *Liquidity Risk of Investing in China A Shares*

China A Shares may be subject to trading bands which restrict increases and decreases in the trading price. The Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund if investing through the Stock Connects will be prevented from trading underlying China A Shares when they hit the “trading band limit”. If this happens on a particular trading day, the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund may be unable to trade China A Shares. As a result, the liquidity of the China A Shares may be adversely affected which in turn may affect the value of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund’s investments.

### *PRC tax considerations in relation to investment in China A Shares via the Stock Connects*

On 14 November 2014, the Ministry of Finance, the State of Administration of Taxation and the CSRC jointly issued a notice in relation to the taxation rule on the Stock Connects under Caishui 2014 No.81 (“Notice No.81”). Under Notice No.81, corporate income tax and individual income tax will be temporarily exempted on gains derived by Hong Kong and overseas resident investors (including the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund) on the trading of China A Shares through the Stock Connects with effect from 17 November 2014. However, Hong Kong and overseas investors are required to pay tax on dividends and/or bonus shares at the rate of 10% which will be withheld and paid to the relevant authority by the listed companies, unless an applicable double tax treaty could be applied

to reduce the dividend withholding tax rate. As a result of Notice No.81, the uncertainty of providing for tax on gains derived from the disposal of Chinese securities now solely relates to investment in other types of Chinese securities (e.g. China B or H Shares). Based on the prevailing value added tax ("VAT") regulations, capital gains derived by investors via the Stock Connects are exempted from VAT. Hong Kong and overseas investors are required to pay stamp duty arising from the trading of China A Shares and the transfer of China A Shares by way of succession or gift in accordance with the existing taxation rules in the PRC.

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed "**Financial Derivative Instruments**" and "**Risk Factors**".

### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund:-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

### **Total Return Swaps**

In the absence of regulatory guidance or a developed market practice which requires CFDs to be treated as Total Return Swaps for the purposes of SFTR, the Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund has not included any SFTR disclosures in this Supplement in respect of CFDs. In the event that such regulatory guidance or developed market practice emerges, this Supplement will be updated to address the disclosure requirements of SFTR.

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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**Investment in the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund is not in the nature of a deposit in a bank account and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account.**

**An investment in the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investor's investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.**

## Investment Objective and Policies

The objective of Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund is to seek to deliver positive total returns on a rolling twelve month basis with stable levels of volatility uncorrelated to bond and equity market conditions.

Investors should be aware that their capital is at risk and that there is no guarantee that the positive total returns will be achieved over the rolling twelve months or any time period.

Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund shall seek to achieve its investment objective by investing primarily in a portfolio of debt securities both directly and by taking exposure to them indirectly (both long and short) through the use of financial derivative instruments. Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund is a global fund insofar as its investments are not confined or concentrated in any particular geographic region or market, subject to relevant regulatory restrictions, and minimum credit rating criteria as stated below.

Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund will invest primarily in a portfolio which includes (but is not limited to) debt or debt-related securities, denominated in local or foreign currencies, issued by governments, government related issuers, supranational institutions and corporations. Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund may utilise the full spectrum of debt securities including, but not limited to, fixed, inflation-linked, variable and floating rate bonds, and asset-backed, mortgage-backed and convertible securities, Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund may utilise money market instruments to manage cash, including, but not limited to deposits, certificates of deposit, discount notes issued by government and/or corporate bodies and treasury bills. These investments are not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account. As a result, prospective investors should note that there is a risk that the value of their investment in the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund may fluctuate. The Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund may invest up to 15% of its Net Asset Value in the China Interbank Bond Market including via Bond Connect, as further set out in the sub-section headed "**Bond Connect**" below.

Subject to the investment restriction 2.12 of Schedule III in the Prospectus such securities shall be issued from at least 6 different issues, with securities from any one issue not exceeding 30% of net assets. No more than 20 per cent. of Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund may be invested in securities which are rated below Investment Grade which have a minimum rating of B- by Standard & Poor's or B3 by Moody's, or an equivalent rating by another recognised rating agency. The Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund will not invest in below Investment Grade credit-linked notes or asset-backed securities. Unrated securities may be purchased where the Investment Manager has come to the conclusion that the debt securities are of comparable quality. If a security held by the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund is downgraded during the holding period to a rating below B- by Standard & Poor's or B3 by Moody's or an equivalent rating by another recognised rating agency, the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund will have up to six months to dispose of the security.

Merian Strategic Absolute Return Fund may invest in hybrid securities and structured notes. A hybrid security is a security which combines two or more financial instruments. Hybrid securities generally combine a traditional stock or bond with an option or forward contract. In the case of a hybrid security such as a convertible bond, for example, the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund will seek to benefit from a steady income stream, the repayment of principal at maturity, and the potential to share in the upside of the common stock. The security's yield advantage and finite maturity give the convertible downside price support, or investment value. At the same time, the embedded option derivative component provides participation in higher equity values. Contingent convertible bonds ("**CoCos**") are a form of hybrid subordinated debt security that are intended to either convert into equity or have their principal written down upon the occurrence of certain 'triggers' linked to regulatory capital thresholds or where the issuing banking institution's regulatory authorities question the continued viability of the entity as a going-concern. No more than 20 per cent. of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund's Net Asset Value may be invested in CoCos. A structured note is a debt obligation that also contains an embedded derivative component. Structured notes may be issued by banks, brokerage firms, insurance companies and other corporations. These types of notes are also hybrid

securities that attempt to change their risk profile by including additional modifying structures, therefore increasing the bond component's potential returns. An investment in a structured note entitles the holder to certain cash payments calculated by reference to the securities to which the structured note is linked and is subject to the terms and conditions imposed by the issuer. It is not an investment directly in the securities themselves. The Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund may invest in structured notes (both leveraged and unleveraged) for which the coupon payment, principal repayment or repayment schedule varies according to pre-agreed conditions relating to fluctuations in unrelated assets such as currencies or stock indices.

Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund may also invest in collective investment schemes (including money market funds) which comply with the Central Bank's requirements up to an aggregate limit of 10 per cent. of Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund's Net Asset Value.

Up to 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund may be invested in securities traded on domestic Russian markets and any such investment will only be made in securities that are listed/traded on the Moscow exchange.

Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund may employ the following investment techniques and instruments which may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives. These techniques and instruments comprise futures (such as bond or currency future contracts), options, options on futures, forward settled transactions, swap agreements (such as credit default swaps and interest rate swaps), convertible or hybrid securities and structured notes (described above). The Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund may use the above mentioned derivatives to gain exposure to the asset classes listed in this Supplement. A further detailed description of the relevant derivative instruments and their commercial purpose is set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Financial Derivative Instruments".

Such derivative instruments may be used for (i) hedging purposes, (ii) efficient portfolio management, and/or (iii) investment purposes, subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank. The derivatives will assist in achieving the investment objective of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund by allowing for the implementation of active interest rate, currency or credit exposure positions (which may not be correlated with the underlying securities held by the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund), the adjustment of risk (including credit, currency and interest rate risk) and for the implementation of trades in a more efficient and cost effective manner.

Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund may invest in futures and options on a range of different underlying asset types, specifically bonds, interest rates and foreign exchange rates. Such futures and options will be traded on Regulated Markets or over the counter. The uses of these instruments differ depending upon the specific underlying asset type, as outlined below,

Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund may invest in bond futures and options on bond futures for the purpose of changing the duration of Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund. Duration is a measure of the sensitivity of a portfolio to changes in interest rates. There is no formal limit on the duration of the debt instruments held by Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund and there are no limits with regard to the maximum maturity of the securities. The expectation is that the duration will be broadly neutral over the longer term, although the Investment Manager may move the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund's duration either positive or negative in the short to medium term in order to aim to generate positive returns over a 12 month rolling period. A portfolio with aggregate long duration will have a positive sensitivity to changes in the yield curve, with the effect that in a period of rising interest rates the capital value of the bonds in the portfolio will fall, and in a period of falling interest rates, the capital value of the bonds in the portfolio will rise. In contrast, a portfolio with aggregate negative duration will have a negative sensitivity to changes in the yield curve such that in a period of rising interest rates the capital value of the bonds in the portfolio will rise and in a period when interest rates fall, the capital value of the bonds will also fall. Through the use of futures and options on futures, the inherent duration of the portfolio can be changed so as to better reflect the Investment Manager's market expectations. That is, in the case of bond or bond futures as underlying assets, a purchased call option or a sold put option may be used to increase the duration of the fund, and a sold call option or a purchased put option may be used to decrease the duration of Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund.

Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund may invest in foreign exchange forwards, futures and options to hedge underlying currency exposure or to assist in achieving its investment objective by allowing for the implementation of active currency positions which may not be correlated with the portfolio's underlying securities.

Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund may enter into swap agreements (and options on those swap agreements) which reference a range of underlying asset types, specifically debt securities, interest rates and currencies. Such instruments may be used to protect Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund against adverse changes in the value of the underlying market factors, being bond prices, interest rates or foreign exchange rates. In addition, Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund may use these instruments to take positions and gain exposure to a particular security or market, either in addition to, or instead of investing directly in the underlying security or market.

Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund may utilise credit default swaps ("CDS"), which it may buy and/or sell, in order to take an outright or hedged credit position on an issuer or index of issuers. This could be in the form of synthetic long positions (in addition to, or as a more efficient alternative to, physical long positions) or short positions on indices such as iTraxx and CDX, or single issuers. iTraxx® and CDX® are indices of credit default swaps. Each of the iTraxx® and the CDX® indices cover specific characteristics such as geographic region, sector or credit quality. iTraxx® and CDX® indices are administered by IHS Markit Limited and are available at [www.markit.com](http://www.markit.com). CDS on these indices are standardized, tradable instruments in their own right. At present trading in both iTraxx® and CDX® CDS contracts is limited to the over-the-counter (OTC) market.

Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund may be either the buyer or seller in a CDS transaction. The "buyer" in CDS is obligated to pay the "seller" dependent on market conditions, levels and spread, a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract provided that no event of default on an underlying reference obligation has occurred. If a credit event (failure to pay, restructuring, bankruptcy, repudiation, moratorium, obligation acceleration, obligation default) occurs, the seller must pay the buyer the full notional value, or "par value", of the reference obligation in exchange for the reference obligation. The seller will receive the full notional value of the reference obligation that may have little or no value. Ultimately, the buyer is "made whole" for the difference between the market value and par value of the bond from the seller. The seller receives a fixed rate of income throughout the term of the contract, which typically is between six months and ten years, provided that there is no event of default.

The convertible securities, hybrid securities and structured notes in which the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund may invest may embed an option or forward derivative component. However, any additional leverage generated by the derivative will not cause the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund to exceed the leverage limit outlined below. These structured notes will be securitised and capable of free sale and transfer to other investors and will be purchased through recognised regulated dealers and deemed to be transferable securities which are traded on Regulated Markets Exchanges.

The Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund will use absolute VaR to calculate its global exposure on a daily basis. The risk of loss of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund will be monitored using an absolute VaR model to ensure that the VaR of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund shall not exceed 20 per cent of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund, based on a 20 day holding period and a "one-tailed" 99 per cent. confidence interval using a 1 year observation period. The Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund will regularly monitor its leverage and the level of leverage of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund will not exceed 800 per cent. of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund's Net Asset Value when calculated using the sum of the notionals of the derivatives used. This leverage figure is calculated as the sum of the notionals of the derivatives used as is required by the Regulations and as such does not take into account any netting and hedging arrangements that the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund has in place at any time.

The Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund may use derivatives to acquire synthetic long and synthetic short positions over a variety of time periods (depending on current market conditions and the Investment Manager's view relative to those conditions) in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. The expected range for the long and short positions the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund may take is between 0% to 400 % short exposures in combination with 0% to 400 % long



exposures of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund. This range for derivatives use is not a limit and the exposures can exceed the range in certain circumstances. For fixed income funds, derivatives are integral to the management of an active portfolio. A high level of derivative usage, either long or short, does not necessarily mean a high level of risk because derivative exposures may be hedges or offsets used to control the portfolio.

From time to time a substantial portion or all of the assets of Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund may be held in cash deposits, treasury bills or short-term money market instruments as understood by reference to the UCITS Regulations and in money market funds (subject to the aggregate limit of 10 per cent. in collective investment schemes) ("Liquid Assets"). Investment to such extent in Liquid Assets may be made where this is considered to be in the best interests of Shareholders of Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund; for example, to mitigate Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund's exposure to market risk. The Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund is denominated in US Dollars.

### **Investment approach**

The Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager has freedom to select the investments in order to seek to achieve the investment objective of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond. The Investment Manager does not manage the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond to, or control the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond's risk relative to, any market index.

In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond will aim to deliver a return, net of fees, in excess of the Federal Funds Effective Overnight Rate over rolling 3 year periods. For performance measurement purposes, the cash benchmark will differ for non-base currency classes.

The Federal Funds Effective Overnight Rate represents the interest rate at which US financial institutions borrow and lend to one another on an unsecured overnight basis.

For the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund, security selection is based on a combination of top-down and bottom-up analysis. The top-down analysis focuses on optimising the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund's exposure to a range of risk factors such as currency, credit spread, duration and yield. In order to make decisions on the appropriate exposure to these factors, the Investment Manager undertakes an ongoing assessment of the drivers of returns, such as interest rates, the macro-economic outlook, inflation expectations, fiscal and external account balances, and geo-political issues. The bottom-up analysis focuses on assessing an individual debt security's default risk and value relative to similar debt securities in the market. In order to support this analysis, the Investment Manager will evaluate information such as country- or company-specific data and external broker research.

### **Bond Connect**

Bond Connect is a mutual bond market access scheme between Mainland China and Hong Kong established by China Foreign Exchange Trade System & National Interbank Funding Centre ("CFETS"), China Central Depository & Clearing Co., Ltd ("CCDCC"), Shanghai Clearing House, and Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and Central Money markets Unit. This scheme allows foreign investors (including a Fund) to invest in the China interbank bond market ("CIBM") through connection between the related Mainland and Hong Kong financial infrastructure institutions. Bond Connect aims to enhance the efficiency and flexibility of investing in the CIBM. This is accomplished by easing the access requirements to enter the market, the use of the Hong Kong trading infrastructure to connect to CFETS, removal of the investment quota and bond settlement agent, all which are required to invest in the CIBM directly.

### **Asset Segregation**

Under Bond Connect, assets are distinctly segregated into three levels across the onshore and offshore central depositories (“CSD”). It is mandatory for investors using Bond Connect to hold their bonds in a segregated account at the offshore depository in the name of the end investor. Bond purchased through Bond Connect will be held onshore with the CCDC/SCH in a nominee structure in the name of the CMU. Investors will be the beneficial owners of the bonds via a segregated account structure in the CMU in Hong Kong.

### **Trading Link**

Participants to Bond Connect register with trading platforms including Tradeweb and Bloomberg, the Bond Connect offshore electronic trading platforms which link directly into CFETS. These platforms will allow trading with designated onshore Bond Connect market makers using the Request for Quotation (“RFQ”) protocol. The designated bond connect market makers provide tradable prices through CFETS. The quote will include the full amount with the clean price, yield to maturity and effective period for the response. The market makers can decline to respond to the RFQ and can decline, amend or withdraw the quote as long as it hasn’t been accepted by the potential buyer. Upon acceptance of the quote by the potential buyer, all other quotes automatically become invalid. CFETS will then generate a trade confirmation on which the market maker, buyers, CFETS and depository will use to process the settlement.

### **Transaction Flow for Settlement Process and Link**

Settlement is effected via the settlement link between the CMU in Hong Kong and CCDC in the PRC. For delivery versus payment transactions:

- Settlement instruction must be matched and affirmed in the CCDC system by 10:00 Hong Kong time. Securities are earmarked for the transaction and blocked by the CCDC system.
- Mainland China trading counterparty (the buyer) pays the settlement cash proceeds to CMU by 13:00 Hong Kong time.
- After 17:00 Hong Kong time upon confirmation from CMU that funds have been received, CCDC will deliver the securities to the mainland China bond dealers. This triggers CMU to transfer the settlement cash proceeds to the sub-custodians for further credit to Global Custodian’s account.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderate level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRRI measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Manager**

The Investment Manager of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund is Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is USD for the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund.

### **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund, means a day (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) on which banks and stock exchanges are open for business both in Dublin and in London.

### **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

## **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A, C2 and N Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A, C2 and N Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Commencing from the Effective Date (as defined below), Class C2 Shares, whether purchased before or after the Effective Date, will automatically convert into Shares in the corresponding Class A Shares upon the expiry of 2 years from the date of the initial subscription into the Class C2 Shares. The Effective Date for these purposes shall be 31 March, 2017 or such later date as is required in order to implement the relevant enhancements necessary to process the automatic conversion.

Class F2 Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. Class F1 Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below.

The Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund does not intend to issue more than \$200,000,000 (or its currency equivalent) of Class F1 and Class F2 Shares, however the Directors may, in their sole and absolute discretion, increase this limit.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below and who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U2 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U3 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager and/or investors who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out in the relevant Supplement for each Fund. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U3 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class X Shares are only available to investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager under which Management Fees will be collected directly from the investor. The Class X is not yet available for subscription.

### Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund which is available but not yet launched will close on 31 December, 2020. The initial offer period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, CHF 10.00, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, USD 10.00.

### Fees and Expenses

#### Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee	Performance Fee
<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00 %	0.80%	Nil	Nil	10% above the Hurdle Rate below
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00 %	0.80%	Nil	Nil	10% above the Hurdle Rate below

<b>A (GBP) Hedged Accumulati on</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00 %	0.80%	Nil	Nil	10% above the Hurdle Rate below
<b>A (CHF) Hedged Accumulati on</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5.00 %	0.80%	Nil	Nil	10% above the Hurdle Rate below
<b>C (USD) Accumulati on</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00 %	0.80%	Nil	Up to 1.50%	10% above the Hurdle Rate below
<b>C2 (USD) Accumulati on</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 0.50 %	0.80%	Nil	Up to 1%	10% above the Hurdle Rate below
<b>F1 (USD) Accumulati on</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>F1 (EUR) Hedged Accumulati on</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>F2 (GBP) Hedged Accumulati on</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>F2 (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Hedged Accumulati on</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.40%	Nil	Nil	10% above the Hurdle Rate below
<b>I (EUR) Hedged Accumulati on</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.40%	Nil	Nil	10% above the Hurdle

									Rate below
<b>I (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.40%	Nil	Nil	10% above the Hurdle Rate below
<b>I (CHF) Hedged Accumulation</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.40%	Nil	Nil	10% above the Hurdle Rate below
<b>N (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	0.80%	Nil	Up to 1%	10% above the Hurdle Rate below
<b>L2 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 5,000,000	USD 2,500,000	USD 2,500,000	Nil	0.70%	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>L2 (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 5,000,000	GBP 2,500,000	GBP 2,500,000	Nil	0.70%	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>L2 (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 5,000,000	EUR 2,500,000	EUR 2,500,000	Nil	0.70%	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 100,000,000	USD 50,000,000	USD 50,000,000	Nil	0.36%	Nil	Nil	10% above the Hurdle Rate below
<b>U1 (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 100,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	Nil	0.36%	Nil	Nil	10% above the Hurdle Rate below
<b>U1 (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.36%	Nil	Nil	10% above the Hurdle Rate below

<b>U2 (USD) Accumulati on</b>	USD	USD 250,000,0 00	USD 125,000,0 00	USD 125,000,0 00	Nil	0.32%	Nil	Nil	10% above the Hurdle Rate below
<b>U2 (EUR) Hedged Accumulati on</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,0 00	EUR 125,000,0 00	EUR 125,000,0 00	Nil	0.32%	Nil	Nil	10% above the Hurdle Rate below
<b>U2 (GBP) Hedged Accumulati on</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,0 00	GBP 125,000,0 00	GBP 125,000,0 00	Nil	0.32%	Nil	Nil	10% above the Hurdle Rate below
<b>U3 (EUR) Hedged Accumulati on</b>	EUR	EUR 300,000,0 00	EUR 150,000,0 00	EUR 150,000,0 00	Nil	0.25%	Nil	Nil	10% above the Hurdle Rate below
<b>U3 (GBP) Hedged Accumulati on</b>	GBP	GBP 300,000,0 00	GBP 150,000,0 00	GBP 150,000,0 00	Nil	0.25%	Nil	Nil	10% above the Hurdle Rate below
<b>U3 (USD) Accumulati on</b>	USD	USD 300,000,0 00	USD 150,000,0 00	USD 150,000,0 00	Nil	0.25%	Nil	Nil	10% above the Hurdle Rate below
<b>X (GBP) Hedged Accumulati on</b>	GBP	GBP 20,000,00 0	GBP 10,000,00 0	GBP 10,000,00 0	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “**Fees and Expenses**”.

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

#### **Performance Fee**

With respect to the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund, the Investment Manager may be entitled to a performance fee out of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund's assets. The Performance Fee is applicable to all Share Classes with the exception of: Class X, Class F1, Class F2 and Class L2.

The Performance Fee will accrue on a daily basis and the accrual will be reflected in the Net Asset Value and will be payable annually in arrears in respect of each Performance Period (a "**Performance Period of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund**"). A Performance Period of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund will comprise of each successive twelve month period ending on 31 December..

The Performance Fee as at the end of each Performance Period of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund shall be equal in aggregate to 10 per cent. of the amount by which any increase in the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class during the Performance Period of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund exceeds the "Hurdle Rate", subject to the Net Asset Value High Water Mark (as defined below), multiplied by the weighted average number of total Shares in issue of each Class on each Dealing Day during the Performance Period of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund.

The Hurdle Rate will be the average (1) Sterling Overnight Interbank Average Rate for the GBP Share Classes, (2) Euro Overnight Index Average Rate for the EUR Share Classes, (3) Federal Funds Effective Overnight Rate for the USD Share Classes, and (4) Swiss Average Overnight Rate for the CHF Share Classes, for the relevant Class currency during the Performance Period of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund

The initial issue price as set out above in the section of the Supplement headed "**Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price**" was the starting price for the calculation of the first performance fee payable of any share class to which a performance fee is applicable. The first Performance Period for each Class will begin on the date on which the first Shares of the relevant Class are issued and will end on 31 December in that year.

In calculating the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class for Performance Fee purposes, no deduction is made on account of Performance Fees accrued in the Performance Period of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund and any net income distributed to Shareholders in respect of the period is added back.

The Performance Fee is only payable when the increase in the Net Asset Value of each Class exceeds the Hurdle Rate accrued during the relevant Performance Period. If, during a performance fee period, the performance of the Shares does not exceed the Hurdle Rate, no Performance Fee is payable.

All Performance Fee payments shall be subject to the restriction that in paying/accruing a Performance Fee, the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class at the relevant Performance Period of Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund shall not be less than the Net Asset Value per Share Class on the last day that a Performance Fee was paid (or the initial subscription price if higher) (the "**Net Asset Value High Water Mark**"). The Performance Fee is only payable on the increase in the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class during the Performance Period of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund in excess of the Net Asset Value High Water Mark and the relevant Hurdle Rate during the Performance Period of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund.

The amount of the Performance Fee will be calculated by the Administrator. The Depositary shall verify the calculation of the Performance Fee as at each performance Period of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund.

The calculation of the Performance Fee shall also be reviewed by the Auditors as part of the annual audit of the Company.

The Investment Manager may, at its discretion, waive the Performance Fee payable in respect of a Performance Period of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund.



**Performance Fees are payable on net realised and net unrealised gains and losses as at the end of each Performance Period of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund and as a result, Performance Fees may be paid on unrealised gains which may subsequently never be realised.**

Performance Fees may be payable on net realised and net unrealised gains and losses attributable to both the performance of the Investment Manager and market movements in general.

### **Distribution Policy**

The Directors intend to declare a dividend in respect of the Classes of Shares of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund set out in the table below (the “**Distributing Share Classes**”).

The Directors intend to declare dividends in accordance with the distribution frequency set out in the table below. Dividends that are declared yearly will be declared on 31 December; dividends that are declared half-yearly will be declared on 30 June and 31 December; dividends that are declared quarterly will be declared on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December; and dividends that are declared monthly will be declared on the last Business Day of each month.

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Distribution Frequency</b>
Class F2 (GBP) Hedged Income	Quarterly

It is the intention of the Directors that dividends will be paid from the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund’s net income.

For Share Classes that are not Distributing Share Classes, the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund’s income and capital gains will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund.

### **Contingent Deferred Sales Charge**

A contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on the repurchase of the Class C2 Shares of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund. The amount of the contingent deferred sales charge payable will depend on the length of time between the date the Shares were purchased and their repurchase at the rates set out below.

<b>Years since purchase</b>	<b>Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid</b>	<b>Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid</b>
	<b>Class C Shares</b>	<b>Class C2 Shares</b>
0 - 1	1.00%	2.00%
1 - 2	Nil	1.00%
2 - 3	Nil	Nil
3 - 4	Nil	Nil
4 and thereafter	Nil	Nil

### **Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed “**Financial Derivative Instruments**” and “**Risk Factors**”.

### **Risks Associated with China Interbank Bond Market and Bond Connect**

Market volatility and potential lack of liquidity due to low trading volume of certain debt securities in the CIBM may result in prices of certain debt securities traded on such market fluctuating significantly. A Fund investing in the CIBM is therefore subject to liquidity and volatility risks. The bid and offer spreads of the prices of such debt securities may be large, and a Fund may therefore incur significant trading and realisation costs and may even suffer losses when selling such debt securities.

To the extent that a Fund transacts in the CIBM, the Fund may also be exposed to risks associated with settlement procedures and default of counterparties. The counterparty which has entered into a transaction with a Fund may default in its obligation to settle the transaction by delivery of the relevant security or by payment for value.

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

Trading through Bond Connect is performed through newly developed trading platforms and operational systems.

There is no assurance that such systems will function properly or will continue to be adapted to changes and developments in the market. In the event that the relevant systems fail to function properly, trading through Bond Connect may be disrupted. A Fund's ability to trade through Bond Connect (and hence to pursue its investment strategy) may therefore be adversely affected. In addition, where a Fund invests in the CIBM through Bond Connect, it may be subject to risks of delays inherent in the order placing and/or settlement systems.

Investing in the CIBM is also subject to regulatory risks. The relevant rules and regulations on investment in the CIBM are subject to change which may have potential retrospective effect. In the event that the relevant mainland Chinese authorities suspend account opening or trading on the CIBM, a Fund's ability to invest in the CIBM will be limited and, after exhausting other trading alternatives, a Fund may suffer substantial losses as a result. Reforms or changes in macro-economic policies, such as the monetary and tax policies might affect interest rates. Consequently, the price and the yield of the bonds held in a Fund could also be affected.

#### *Clearing and Settlement Risk*

CMU and CCDC have established the clearing links and each has become a participant of the other to facilitate clearing and settlement of cross-boundary trades. For cross-boundary trades initiated in a market, the clearinghouse of that market will on one hand clear and settle with its own clearing participants, and on the other hand undertake to fulfil the clearing and settlement obligations of its clearing participants with the counterparty clearing house.

As the national central counterparty of the PRC's securities market, CCDC operates a comprehensive network of clearing, settlement and bond holding infrastructure. CCDC has established a risk management framework and measures that are approved and supervised by the People's Bank of China ("PBOC"). The chances of CCDC default are considered to be remote. In the remote event of a CCDC default, CMUs liabilities in Bond Connect bonds under its market contracts with clearing participants will be limited to assisting clearing participants in pursuing their claims against CCDC. CMU should in good faith, seek recovery of the outstanding bonds and monies from CCDC through available legal channels or through CCDC's liquidation. In that event, the Fund may suffer delay in the recovery process or may not fully recover its losses from CCDC.

#### *Regulatory Risk*

Bond Connect is a novel concept. The current regulations are untested and there is no certainty as to how they will be applied. In addition, the current regulations are subject to change which may have potential retrospective effects and there can be no assurance that Bond Connect will not be abolished. New regulations may be issued from time to time by the regulators in the PRC and Hong Kong in connection with operations, legal enforcement and cross border trades under Bond Connect. The Funds of the Company may be adversely affected as a result of such changes.

Reforms or changes in macro-economic policies, such as the monetary and tax policies might affect interest rates.

Consequently, the price and the yield of the bonds held in a Fund could also be affected.

#### *Conversion Risk*

A Fund, whose base currency is not RMB, may also be exposed to currency risk due to the need for the conversion into RMB for investments in CIBM bonds via Bond Connect. During any such conversion, the Funds of the Company may also incur currency conversion costs. The currency exchange rate may be subject to fluctuation and where RMB has depreciated, the Funds of the Company may incur a loss when it converts the sale proceeds of CIBM bonds into its base currency.

#### **Risk associated with Contingent Convertible Bonds**

CoCos are a form of hybrid subordinated debt security that absorb losses when the capital of the issuer falls below a certain level. Upon the occurrence of a predetermined event (known as a trigger event), contingent convertible bonds will be converted into shares of the issuing company (potentially at a discounted price as a result of the deterioration in the financial condition of the issuing company), or cause the permanent write-down to zero of the principal investment and/or accrued interest such that the principal amount invested may be lost on a permanent or temporary basis. As with other forms of subordinated debt securities, in the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up of an issuer prior to a conversion having occurred, the rights and claims of the holders of CoCos against the issuer in respect of or arising under the terms of the CoCos shall generally rank junior to the claims of all holders of unsubordinated obligations of the issuer. In addition, if the CoCos are converted into the issuer's underlying equity securities following a conversion event, each holder will be subordinated due to their conversion from being the holder of a debt instrument to being the holder of an equity instrument. CoCos are risky and highly complex instruments. Coupon payments on CoCos are discretionary and may at times also be ceased or deferred by the issuer. Trigger events can vary but these could include the capital ratio of the issuing company falling below a certain level, or the share price of the issuer falling to a particular level for a certain period of time. In addition, CoCos are issued as perpetual instruments, callable at pre-determined levels only with the approval of the relevant regulatory authority. It cannot be assumed that the perpetual CoCos will be called on call date. Investors may not receive return of principal if expected on call date or indeed at any date. The value of CoCos is unpredictable and will be influenced by many factors including, without limitation (i) the creditworthiness of the issuer and/or fluctuations in such issuer's applicable capital ratios; (ii) supply and demand for the CoCos; (iii) general market conditions and available liquidity and (iv) economic, financial and political events that affect the issuer, its particular market or the financial markets in general.

#### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian Strategic Absolute Return Bond Fund:-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL), a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL)

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**Shareholders of the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) should note that all or a part of fees and expenses will be charged to the capital at a Fund or Share Class level. This will have the effect of lowering the capital value of your investment.**

## Investment Objective and Policies

The objective of the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) is to seek to achieve capital appreciation.

The Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) seeks to achieve its objective through investment in a well-diversified portfolio of equities of predominantly UK issuers or of issuers established outside the UK which have a predominant proportion of their assets and/or business operations in the UK or securities listed on a UK exchange.

The securities in which the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) may invest shall include ordinary shares or common stock, ADRs, GDRs, preference shares and warrants, provided that any investment in warrants shall not comprise more than 5 per cent of the Net Asset Value of the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL). The Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) will aim to achieve its investment objective by investing not less than 70% of its Net Asset Value directly in such securities.

Subject to the investment restriction 2.1 of Schedule III in the Prospectus, the securities will principally be listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market in the UK, although up to 20 per cent of the Net Asset Value of the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) may be invested in the securities of non-UK issuers at any one time and whose securities will be listed, traded or dealt in on any Regulated Market in the OECD.

The Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) may invest up to one third of its Net Asset Value for temporary defensive purposes in short-term securities such as commercial paper, bankers' acceptances, certificates of deposit and government securities issued by an OECD member country or by any supranational entity provided that the foregoing securities are denominated in Sterling and, subject to the investment restriction 2.1 of Schedule III in the Prospectus, are listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market in an OECD member country and are rated at least Investment Grade.

The Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) may invest up to 10 per cent of its Net Asset Value in open ended collective investment schemes whose objective is to invest in any of the foregoing. Investment in collective investment schemes shall include both UCITS and alternative investment funds. In particular, any investment in open-ended alternative investment funds will be subject to Regulation 114(6) of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations").

The Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) may employ investment techniques and instruments which may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives, such as futures (such as currency future contracts), options, options on futures, forward settled transactions, convertible securities, hybrid securities, structured notes, credit default swaps and swap agreements. Such derivative instruments may be used for (i) hedging purposes and/or (ii) efficient portfolio management subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank.

Currency futures contracts may be used to hedge against market risk. Forward contracts may be used to hedge against currency movements and provide currency risk management. Call options may be used to hedge against an increase in the price of securities or other investments that the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) intends to purchase. Put options may be used by the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) to hedge against a decrease in the market generally or to hedge against the price of securities or other investments held by the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL). Swaps may be used to hedge existing long positions and to hedge against changes in currency rates or securities' prices. Forward foreign exchange transactions may be used to reduce the risk of adverse market changes in exchange rates. Credit default swaps may be used to isolate and transfer the exposure to or transfer the credit risk associated with a reference asset. The Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) may enter into swap agreements with respect to currencies, interest rates and security indices, using these techniques for efficient portfolio management purposes to hedge against changes in interest rates, currency rates or securities' prices. Futures may be used to hedge the investments of the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL). Futures may also be used to equitise cash balances, both pending investment of a cash flow and with respect to fixed cash targets.

The Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) will use the commitment approach methodology to accurately measure, monitor and manage the "leverage" effect produced by the use of financial derivative

instruments. Where the commitment approach is used to calculate the leverage of the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) the level of leverage will not exceed 100 per cent. of the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL)'s Net Asset Value.

The Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) is denominated in Sterling.

### **Investment Approach**

The Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager has freedom to select the investments in order to seek to achieve the investment objective of the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL). In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) will aim to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than that of the FTSE All-Share Index (the "**Index**") over rolling three year periods.

The Index represents the performance of all eligible companies listed on the London Stock Exchange.

The Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) maintains a concentrated portfolio which reflects the Investment Manager's highest conviction investment ideas. Extensive fundamental research is core to the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL)'s investment approach, alongside a top-down perspective of the macro-economic investment environment. Fundamental research identifies industry characteristics, companies' competitive position within it, balance sheet, profitability and cash-flow, alongside returns on capital. The Investment Manager uses this analysis to create a portfolio, comprising both growth and value orientated companies, which is expected to deliver future capital growth and generate alpha (i.e. the excess return sought by the Investment Manager over the Index).

The Index is a broad representation of the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL)'s investment universe. Although a large proportion of the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL)'s investments may be components of the Index, the Investment Manager does not seek to replicate the performance of the Index; it is seeking to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than the Index. In particular, the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) may invest in companies which are not included in the Index and the stock selection and portfolio construction process, as set out above, mean that the number and weightings of the companies, industries, sectors and countries of the holdings of the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) may diverge materially from the Index. Therefore, the risk and return profile of the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) will likely be significantly different to that of the Index.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderate to high level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRRl measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Manager**

The Investment Manager of the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) is Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is GBP/Sterling for the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL).

### **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL), means a day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which retail banks are open for business in Dublin and London.

### **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

## **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A and C Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A and C Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Class F Shares will be limited to Institutional Investors who subscribe for Shares during the Initial Offer Period subject to the minimum initial investment. After the Initial Offer Period for Class F Shares has ended, Class F Shares will be closed to further subscriptions and no Class F Shares will be issued or made available.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below and who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U2 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class X Shares are only available to investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager under which Management Fees will be collected directly from the investor. The Class X is not yet available for subscription.

## **Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price**

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) which is available but not yet launched will close on 31 December, 2020. The initial offer period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, AUD 10.00, CHF 10.00, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, SGD 10.00, USD 10.00, RMB 10.00.

## Fees and Expenses

### Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL).

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee
<b>A (CHF) Accumulation</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (CHF) Hedged Accumulation</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (SGD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	SGD	SGD 1,000	SGD 500	SGD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (AUD) Hedged</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil



<b>Accumul ation</b>								
<b>A (CHF) Hedged Income</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Hedged Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (CHF) Income</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (RMB) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	RMB	RMB 1,000	RMB 500	RMB 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>C (USD) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.5%
<b>I (CHF) Accumul ation</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (CHF) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (CHF) Income</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (CHF) Hedged Income</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil

<b>I (EUR) Accumul ation</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (USD) Hedged Income</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (USD) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>F (GBP) Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 20,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	Nil	0.525%	Nil	Nil
<b>N (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>N (USD) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>N (USD) Income Shares</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>N (USD) Hedged Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>R (GBP) Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil

<b>R (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 100,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (USD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 100,000,000	USD 50,000,000	USD 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 100,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 100,000,000	USD 50,000,000	USD 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 100,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (USD) Hedged Income</b>	USD	USD 100,000,000	USD 50,000,000	USD 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 100,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 100,000,000	USD 50,000,000	USD 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil

<b>U2 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 250,000,000	USD 125,000,000	USD 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (USD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 250,000,000	USD 125,000,000	USD 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 250,000,000	USD 125,000,000	USD 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (USD) Hedged Income</b>	USD	USD 250,000,000	USD 125,000,000	USD 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>X (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 20,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>X (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 20,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Shareholders of the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) should note that all or a portion of Fees and Expenses in respect of Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) may be charged to capital at a Fund or Share Class level. As a result capital may be eroded and income may be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth. Thus, on redemptions of holdings Shareholders of the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) income share classes may not receive back the full amount invested due to capital reduction. It is recommended that Shareholders of the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) seek advice in this regard. The rationale for providing for the payment of fees and expenses out of capital is to increase the level of income distributed for income class shareholders.

#### **Contingent Deferred Sales Charge**

A contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on the repurchase of the Class C Shares of the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL). The amount of the contingent deferred sales charge payable will depend on the length of time between the date the Shares were purchased and their repurchase at the rates set out below.

<b>Years since purchase</b>	<b>Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid</b>
	<b>Class C Shares</b>
<b>0 - 1</b>	<b>1.00%</b>
<b>1 - 2</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>2 - 3</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>3 - 4</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>4 and thereafter</b>	<b>Nil</b>

Any contingent deferred sales charge will be payable to the Manager. The Manager may pay some or all of any contingent deferred sales charge to its delegates as reimbursement for the expense of distribution, intermediary and/or other services rendered to the Manager, the Company and the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL). No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on Shares issued arising as a result of the reinvestment of dividends. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on any increase on the Net Asset Value per Share above the subscription price paid for the Share and no contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on transfers or conversions of Shares. For the purposes of determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge is payable any Shares redeemed shall be deemed to be those first subscribed.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “**Fees and Expenses**”.

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

### **Distribution Policy**

The Directors intend to declare a dividend in respect of the Classes of Shares of the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) set out in the table below (the “**Distributing Share Classes**”).

The Directors intend to declare dividends in accordance with the distribution frequency set out in the table below. Dividends that are declared yearly will be declared on 31 December, dividends that are declared half-yearly will be declared on 30 June and 31 December; dividends that are declared quarterly will be declared on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December; and dividends that are declared monthly will be declared on the last Business Day of each month.

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Distribution Frequency</b>
Class A (CHF) Income	Quarterly
Class A (USD) Income	Quarterly
Class A (EUR) Income	Quarterly
Class A (GBP) Income	Quarterly
Class A (CHF) Hedged Income	Quarterly
Class A (USD) Hedged Income	Quarterly
Class A (EUR) Hedged Income	Quarterly
Class I (CHF) Income	Quarterly
Class I (CHF) Hedged Income	Quarterly
Class I (USD) Hedged Income	Quarterly
Class I (EUR) Hedged Income	Quarterly
Class I (USD) Income	Quarterly
Class I (EUR) Income	Quarterly
Class N (USD) Income	Quarterly

Class N (USD) Hedged Income	Quarterly
Class R (GBP) Income	Quarterly
Class U1 (GBP) Income	Quarterly
Class U2 (GBP) Income	Quarterly
Class U1 (USD) Income	Quarterly
Class U2 (USD) Income	Quarterly
Class U1 (EUR) Income	Quarterly
Class U2 (EUR) Income	Quarterly
Class U1 (USD) Hedged Income	Quarterly
Class U2 (USD) Hedged Income	Quarterly
Class U1 (EUR) Hedged Income	Quarterly
Class U2 (EUR) Hedged Income	Quarterly
Class X (GBP) Income	Quarterly

It is the intention of the Directors that dividends will be paid from the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL)'s net income. As the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL) currently charges fees and expenses to capital, the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL)'s income available for distribution will in practice be a gross rather than net income figure. Gross income shall generally consist of interest, dividends and other investment income less withholding and other taxes or adjustments as applicable.

For Share Classes that are not Distributing Share Classes, the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL)'s income and capital gains will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL).

### **Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed “**Financial Derivative Instruments**” and “**Risk Factors**”.

### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian UK Alpha Fund (IRL):-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian Pan African Fund, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian Pan African Fund

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**An investment in Merian Pan African Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investor's portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.**

**Shareholders of the Merian Pan African Fund should note that all or a part of fees and expenses will be charged to the capital at a Fund or Share Class level. This will have the effect of lowering the capital value of your investment.**

**Prospective investors should note that the Merian Pan African Fund is closed and an application for revocation of authorisation will be submitted to the Central Bank in due course.**

## **Investment Objective and Policies**

The investment objective of the Merian Pan African Fund is to seek to achieve long term capital growth by investing in companies that directly benefit from long term economic growth opportunities in the African continent.

The Merian Pan African Fund shall invest predominantly, in equity securities of companies that generate more than 50 per cent. of their output, sales, revenue, or profit from activities in Africa and which principally are listed, traded or dealt in on Regulated Markets in Africa.

Up to 20 per cent. of the Net Asset Value may be invested in equity securities that are listed, traded or dealt in on Regulated Markets worldwide other than Africa provided that such companies generate more than 50 per cent. of their output, sales, revenue or profit from activities in Africa.

The Merian Pan African Fund invests in equity securities of companies which the Investment Adviser has identified based on its research and analysis. Based on the Investment Adviser's research and analysis, the Investment Adviser seeks to identify companies which it believes are significantly undervalued, attractively priced (or which trade at a discount to their intrinsic value based on the Investment Adviser's proprietary valuation model) or which are attractively rated on a long-term basis relative to the market and where such companies show considerable potential to deliver positive returns. The equity securities in which the Merian Pan African Fund may invest may include common shares, stock or preference shares, American depositary receipts, global depositary receipts and warrants.

The Merian Pan African Fund may also invest in debt securities including bonds (fixed or floating rate) issued by various government or corporate entities. The Fund may also invest in securities that are convertible into equity securities (such as convertible bonds). The debt securities in which the Fund may invest shall include securities which have an issuer rating (or an instrument rating) at or above Investment Grade as well as securities rated below Investment Grade (or, if unrated, determined by the Investment Adviser to be of comparable quality).

The Merian Pan African Fund may invest 100 per cent. of its assets in securities in Emerging Market in Africa. The composition of the Merian Pan African Fund shall be diversified by gaining exposure to a diversified portfolio of securities issued by issuers in different countries, sectors and industries. In addition, 10 per cent. of the assets of the Merian Pan African Fund may be invested in transferable securities that are not listed, traded or dealt in on Regulated Markets.

The Merian Pan African Fund will be US dollar denominated but will hold assets denominated in other currencies which may or may not be hedged.

The Merian Pan African Fund may invest up to 30 per cent. of its Net Asset Value for temporary defensive purposes in deposits with credit institutions and money market instruments in accordance with the limits set out in the Regulations. Investments in money market instruments may include commercial paper and certificates of deposit.

The Merian Pan African Fund may also invest up to 10 per cent. of its net assets in units or shares of open-ended collective investment schemes within the meaning of Regulation 68(1)(e) of the Regulations with a similar investment objective and policy, including but not limited to exchange traded funds.

The Merian Pan African Fund may employ investment techniques and financial derivative instruments for efficient portfolio management and/or investment purposes within the limits set forth in Schedule II as described in the section "Investment Techniques and Instruments" and further details of such instruments are described in the section "Financial Derivative Instruments".

Futures contracts (including bond futures, interest rate futures, currency futures, equity futures and index futures (for example, indices of equities from African or African related issuers in Regulated Markets)) may be used to hedge against market risk or gain exposure to an underlying market. A bond future is a contractual obligation for the contract holder to purchase or sell a bond on a specified date at a predetermined price. A bond future can be bought in a futures exchange market and the prices and dates are determined at the time the future is purchased. An interest rate future is a contract between



the buyer and seller agreeing to the future delivery of any interest-bearing asset. The interest rate future allows the buyer and seller to lock in the price of the interest-bearing asset for a future date. A currency future is a transferable futures contract that specifies the price at which a currency can be bought or sold at a future date. An equity futures contract trades on an organised exchange. An index future is a futures contract on a stock or financial index. For each index there may be a different multiple for determining the price of the futures contract.

Forward contracts (including FX forwards and forward rate agreements) may be used to hedge or gain exposure to an increase in the value of an asset, currency or deposit. An FX forward contract is a transaction in which it is agreed to exchange a specified amount of different currencies at some future date, with the exchange rate being set at the time the contract is entered into. Forward rate agreement is an over-the-counter contract between parties that determines the rate of interest, or the currency exchange rate, to be paid or received on an obligation beginning at a future start date

Options (both put and call, including options on equity securities, indices (for example, indices of equities from African or African related issuers in Regulated Markets) and currencies as well as on futures, including straddles) will be used to hedge or achieve exposure to a particular market instead of using a physical security. Options may be exchange-traded or OTC. Options on equity securities are contracts negotiated between a seller, or option writer, and a buyer, or option holder, based upon the exchange of securities at a given price, or strike price. Option on indices are financial derivatives that gives the holder the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell a basket of stocks, at an agreed-upon price and before a certain date. Options on currency are contracts that grants the holder the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell currency at a specified exchange rate during a specified period of time.

Swaps (including interest rate swaps, currency swaps, cross currency interest rate swaps, credit default swap protection seller, credit default swap protection buyer, total return swaps) will be used to achieve profit as well as to hedge existing long positions. Interest rate swap is an agreement between two parties where one stream of future interest payments is exchanged for another based on a specified principal amount. Currency swap is a swap that involves the exchange of principal and interest in one currency for the same in another currency. Cross currency interest rate swap is an agreement between two parties to exchange interest payments and principal on loans denominated in two different currencies.

Credit default swap protection seller occurs when the seller of a credit default swap receives monthly payments from the buyer. If the debt instrument defaults the seller has to pay the agreed amount to the buyer of the credit default swap. Credit default swap protection buyer occurs when the buyer of a credit default swap pays a premium for effectively insuring against a debt default and will receive a lump sum payment if the debt instrument is defaulted. Where the Merian Pan African Fund enters into total return swaps, where the underlying asset is equity indices, (or invests in other financial derivative instruments with the same characteristics) it will only do so on behalf of the Merian Pan African Fund with counterparties which shall be entities which satisfy the OTC counterparty criteria set down by the Central Bank in the UCITS Regulations and shall specialise in such transactions. Subject to compliance with those conditions, the Investment Adviser has full discretion as to the appointment of counterparties when entering into total return swap in furtherance of the Merian Pan African Fund's investment objective and policies. It is not possible to comprehensively list in this Supplement all the counterparties as they have not, as of the date of issue of this Supplement, been selected and they may change from time to time. The failure of a counterparty to a swap transaction may have a negative impact on the return for shareholders. The Investment Adviser would seek to minimise counterparty performance risk by only selecting counterparties with a good credit rating and by monitoring any changes in those counterparties' ratings. The counterparty to any total return swap entered into by the Merian Pan African Fund would not assume any discretion over the composition or management of the investment portfolio of the Merian Pan African Fund or of the underlying of the total return swap and would meet the criteria set out in the Prospectus. The Merian Pan African Fund will not enter into repurchase/reverse repurchase agreements.

The maximum amount which may be invested in warrants shall not exceed 5 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Pan African Fund.

Forward foreign exchange transactions may be used to reduce the risk of adverse market changes in exchange rates or to increase exposure to foreign currencies or to shift exposure to foreign currency fluctuations from one country to another. Caps and floors will be used to hedge against interest rate

movements exceeding given minimum or maximum levels. Contracts for differences will be used to gain exposure to equities.

The Merian Pan African Fund may use derivatives to acquire synthetic long and synthetic short positions over a variety of time periods (depending on current market conditions and the Investment Adviser's view relative to those conditions) in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. The proportion of long to short exposure in the Merian Pan African Fund will depend on the market conditions at any given time. On this basis the expected range for the long and short positions the Fund may take is between 0% to 100% short exposures in combination with 0% to 100% long exposures. This range for derivatives use is not a limit and the exposures can exceed the range in certain circumstances. However, this will remain within the constraints under the commitment approach below.

All exposure arising through the investment in financial derivative instruments will be covered by the underlying assets of the Merian Pan African Fund. The Merian Pan African Fund will use the commitment approach methodology to accurately measure, monitor and manage the "leverage" effect produced by the use of financial derivative instruments. Where the commitment approach is used to calculate the leverage of the Merian Pan African Fund the level of leverage will not exceed 100 per cent. of the Merian Pan African Fund's Net Asset Value.

### **Regulated Markets**

For the purposes of the Merian Pan African Fund, the definition of Regulated Market shall mean any stock exchange or market which is set out in Schedule I of the Prospectus.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderate to high level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian Pan African Fund and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRRI measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Adviser**

The Investment Adviser of the Merian Pan African Fund is Old Mutual Investment Group (Pty) Limited which was incorporated in South Africa and which, as at the date of this Prospectus has over USD 46.4 billion of assets under management. Old Mutual Investment Group (Pty) Limited has its principal place of business at Mutualpark, Jan Smuts Drive, Pinelands, Cape Town 7705, South Africa.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is USD for the Merian Pan African Fund.

### **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian Pan African Fund, means a day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which retail banks are open for business in Dublin, London and South Africa.

### **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian Pan African Fund every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

### **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian Pan African Fund are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A, B and C2 Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A, B or C2 Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Commencing from the Effective Date (as defined below), Class B Shares and Class C2 Shares, whether purchased before or after the Effective Date, will automatically convert into Shares in the corresponding Class A Shares upon the expiry of 4 years (Class B Shares), or 2 years (Class C2 Shares) from the date of the initial subscription into the relevant Class B Shares or Class C2 Shares. The Effective Date for these purposes shall be 31 March, 2017 or such later date as is required in order to implement the relevant enhancements necessary to process the automatic conversion.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below and/or investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries and/or investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U2 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U3 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager and/or investors who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U3 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class X Shares are only available to investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager under which Management Fees will be collected directly from the investor. Class X Shares will be launched at the initial offer price. However, the Class X Shares are not yet available for subscription.

#### **Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price**

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian Pan African Fund which is available but not yet launched will close on 30 April, 2020. The initial offer period may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any such extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis. After closing of the initial offer period in any Shares in the Fund will be issued at the Net Asset Value per Share.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, USD 10.00.

### Settlement Procedures on Repurchase

Settlement for repurchases will normally be made by telegraphic transfer or other form of bank transfer to the bank account of the Shareholder specified in the application form (at the Shareholder's risk) seven Business Days from receipt by the Administrator of correct repurchase documentation and in any event within fourteen days of the Dealing Day on which the repurchase request is effective.

### Fees and Expenses

#### Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian Pan African Fund is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian Pan African Fund.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee
<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>B (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Nil	1.75%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>C2 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 0.50%	1.75%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>I (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 75,000,000	GBP 37,500,000	GBP 37,500,000	Nil	0.90%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 75,000,000	EUR 37,500,000	EUR 37,500,000	Nil	0.90%	Nil	Nil

<b>U1 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 75,000,000	USD 37,500,000	USD 37,500,000	Nil	0.90%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.80%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 250,000,000	USD 125,000,000	USD 125,000,000	Nil	0.80%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	Nil	0.80%	Nil	Nil
<b>U3 (USD) Hybrid Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 300,000,000	USD 150,000,000	USD 150,000,000	Nil	Up to 2.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>X (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 20,000,000	USD 10,000,000	USD 10,000,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Shareholders of the Merian Pan African Fund should note that all or a portion of Fees and Expenses in respect of Merian Pan African Fund may be charged to capital at a Fund or Share Class level. As a result capital may be eroded and income may be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth. Thus, on redemptions of holdings Shareholders of the Merian Pan African Fund income share classes may not receive back the full amount invested due to capital reduction. It is recommended that Shareholders of the Merian Pan African Fund seek advice in this regard. The rationale for providing for the payment of fees and expenses out of capital is to increase the level of income distributed for income class shareholders.

### Contingent Deferred Sales Charge

A contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on the repurchase of the Class B, Class C and Class C2 Shares of the Merian Pan African Fund. The amount of the contingent deferred sales charge payable will depend on the length of time between the date the Shares were purchased and their repurchase at the rates set out below.

Years since purchase	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid
	Class B Shares	Class C Shares	Class C2 Shares
0 - 1	4.00%	1.00%	2.00%
1 - 2	3.00%	Nil	1.00%
2 - 3	2.00%	Nil	Nil
3 - 4	1.00%	Nil	Nil
4 and thereafter	None	Nil	Nil

Any contingent deferred sales charge will be payable to the Manager. The Manager may pay some or all of any contingent deferred sales charge to its delegates as reimbursement for the expense of distribution, intermediary and/or other services rendered to the Manager, the Company and the Merian Pan African Fund. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on Shares issued arising as a result of the reinvestment of dividends. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on any increase on the Net Asset Value per Share above the subscription price paid for the Share and no contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on transfers or conversions of Shares. For the

purposes of determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge is payable any Shares redeemed shall be deemed to be those first subscribed.

### **Establishment Costs**

The cost of establishing the Merian Pan African Fund and the preparation and printing of the relevant Supplement will be borne by the Investment Manager.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian Pan African Fund and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “**Fees and Expenses**”.

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian Pan African Fund please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

### **Distribution Policy**

It is the intention of the Directors that dividends will be paid from the Merian Pan African Fund’s net income. As the Merian Pan African Fund currently charges fees and expenses to capital the Merian Pan African Fund’s income available for distribution will in practice be a gross rather than net income figure. Gross income shall generally consist of interest, dividends and other investment income less withholding and other taxes or adjustments as applicable.

The Merian Pan African Fund currently does not offer any Distributing Share Classes. With the exception of the Hybrid Accumulation Classes, the income and capital gains of the Share Classes of the Merian Pan African Fund will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian Pan African Fund.

The Merian Pan African Fund currently offers Hybrid Accumulation Classes. Hybrid Accumulation Class Shares are shares that declare a distribution and then distribute a portion of such distribution, approximately 10 per cent. of which is paid out to Shareholders as an income distribution from time to time, subject to Directors’ discretion, with the balance being reinvested in the capital of the Merian Pan African Fund, thereby increasing the Net Asset Value per Share for a Hybrid Accumulation Class Share relative to a Distributing Share Class. Distributions for Hybrid Accumulation Classes that are declared yearly will be declared on 31 December; distributions that are declared half-yearly will be declared on 30 June and 31 December; distributions that are declared quarterly will be declared on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December; and distributions that are declared monthly will be declared on the last Business Day of each month.

### **Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed “**Financial Derivative Instruments**” and “**Risk Factors**”.

The Net Asset Value of the Merian Pan African Fund is likely to have a high volatility due to its investment in Emerging Markets.

### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian Pan African Fund:-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

The Investment Advisory Agreement dated 27 August 2014 between the Investment Manager and Old Mutual Investment Group (Pty) Limited pursuant to which the latter acts as investment adviser to the Company in relation to the assets of the Merian Pan African Fund.

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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**Shareholders of the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund should note that all or a part of fees and expenses will be charged to the capital at a Fund or Share Class level. This will have the effect of lowering the capital value of your investment.**

## Investment Objective and Policies

The investment objective of the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund is to achieve long term capital growth through investing **primarily** in an equity portfolio of smaller companies incorporated in Europe (excluding the United Kingdom) or of companies incorporated outside of Europe (excluding the United Kingdom) which have a predominant proportion of their assets and/or business operations in Europe (excluding the United Kingdom).

Smaller companies are defined for this purpose as those companies which are quoted on a regulated market and which have a market capitalisation of no greater than the largest company in the EMIX Smaller European Companies ex-UK Index at the time of initial investment. The EMIX Smaller European Companies ex-UK Index is designed to monitor the performance of the European smaller companies sector, consisting of small and mid-cap companies. Typically, the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund will hold at least 80 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in smaller European (Exc. UK) companies. There is no restriction on the economic or industry sectors in which investments of the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund may be made nor does it concentrate on any specific country within Europe.

The Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund will aim to achieve its investment objective by investing not less than 70% of its Net Asset Value directly in equity and equity-related securities of smaller companies related to Europe (excluding the United Kingdom). The equity and equity-related securities in which the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund may invest include common stock and preferred stock.

The Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund will normally be fully invested except for operational liquidity. Liquidity will under normal circumstances not exceed 10 per cent. Instruments held for liquidity may include cash deposits, treasury bills, commercial paper and certificates of deposit.

The Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund may invest up to 10 per cent of its Net Asset Value in open ended collective investment schemes whose objective is to invest in any of the foregoing. Investment in collective investment schemes shall include both UCITS and alternative investment funds. In particular, any investment in open-ended alternative investment funds will be subject to Regulation 114(6) of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations").

Subject to the conditions and limits laid down by the Central Bank, the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund may utilise derivatives and forward transactions only for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and hedging but not for investment purposes. The Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund may employ investment techniques and instruments which may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives, such as futures and FX forward contracts. Further details of such instruments are described below and in the section of the Prospectus headed "Financial Derivative Instruments".

Futures contracts (including currency futures, equity futures and index futures) may be used to hedge against market risk. A currency future is a transferable futures contract that specifies the price at which a currency can be bought or sold at a future date. An equity futures contract trades on an organised exchange. An index future is a futures contract on a stock or financial index. For each index there may be a different multiple for determining the price of the futures contract. Futures contracts may be used to hedge against market risk or to equitise cash balances pending investment of a cash flow.

Forward contracts (including FX forwards) may be used to hedge the value of an asset, currency or deposit. An FX forward contract is a transaction in which it is agreed to exchange a specified amount of different currencies at some future date, with the exchange rate being set at the time the contract is entered into. FX forward contracts may be used to hedge against currency movements and provide currency risk management.

The Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund will use the commitment approach methodology to accurately measure, monitor and manage the "leverage" effect produced by the use of financial derivative instruments. Where the commitment approach is used to calculate the leverage of the Merian



Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund the level of leverage will not exceed 100 per cent. of the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund's Net Asset Value.

The Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund is denominated in Euro.

### **Investment Approach**

The Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager has freedom to select the investments in order to seek to achieve the investment objective of the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund. In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund aims to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than that of the EMIX Smaller European Companies ex-UK Index (the "**Index**") over rolling 3 year periods.

The Index represents the performance of small and mid-cap companies in Europe's developed markets, excluding the UK.

Stock selection shall be based on a bottom-up approach with the Investment Manager believing that the best investment returns are achieved by buying attractively valued companies. In choosing such investments, the Investment Manager will typically have regard to a company's prospects, (evidenced by factors such as a strong balance sheet and its earnings and growth potential), with sector and market weightings being of secondary importance.

The Index is a broad representation of the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund's investment universe. Although a large proportion of the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund's investments may be components of the Index, the Investment Manager does not seek to replicate the performance of the Index; it is seeking to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than the Index. In particular, the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund may invest in companies which are not included in the Index and the stock selection and portfolio construction process, as set out above, mean that the number and weightings of the companies, industries, sectors and countries of the holdings of the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund may diverge materially from the Index. Therefore, the risk and return profile of the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund will likely be significantly different to that of the Index.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderate to high level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRRI measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Manager**

The Investment Manager of the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund is Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is Euro for the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund.

### **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund, means a day (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) on which banks and stock exchanges are open for business both in Dublin and in London.

### **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

## **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A and C Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A or Class C Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below and who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U2 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class X Shares are only available to investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager under which Management Fees will be collected directly from the investor. The Class X is not yet available for subscription.

## **Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price**

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund which is available but not yet launched will close on 31 December, 2020. The initial offer period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, USD 10.00, AUD 10.00, RMB 10.00, SGD 10.00.

## Fees and Expenses

### Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee
<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Hedged Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (AUD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (RMB) Hedged Accumulation</b>	RMB	RMB 1,000	RMB 500	RMB 500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (SGD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	SGD	SGD 1,000	SGD 500	SGD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.5%	Nil	Nil

<b>C (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.5%	Nil	Up to 1.5%
<b>C (USD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.5%	Nil	Up to 1.5%
<b>I (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (USD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (USD) Hedged Income</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>N (USD) Hedged Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>N (USD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>N (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>N (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%
<b>R (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil

<b>U1 (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 100,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 100,000,000	USD 50,000,000	USD 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 100,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	EUR 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 250,000,000	USD 125,000,000	USD 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Income</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (EUR) Income</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>X (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 20,000,000	EUR 10,000,000	EUR 10,000,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Shareholders of the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund should note that all or a portion of Fees and Expenses in respect of Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund may be charged to capital at a Fund or Share Class level. As a result capital may be eroded and income may be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth. Thus, on redemptions of holdings Shareholders of the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund income share classes may not receive back the full amount invested due to capital reduction. It is recommended that Shareholders of the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund seek advice in this regard. The rationale for providing for the payment of fees and expenses out of capital is to increase the level of income distributed for income class shareholders.

### Contingent Deferred Sales Charge

A contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on the repurchase of the Class C Shares of the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund. The amount of the contingent deferred sales charge payable will depend on the length of time between the date the Shares were purchased and their repurchase at the rates set out below.

<b>Years since purchase</b>	<b>Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid</b>
	<b>Class C Shares</b>

0 - 1	1.00%
1 - 2	Nil
2 - 3	Nil
3 - 4	Nil
4 and thereafter	Nil

Any contingent deferred sales charge will be payable to the Manager. The Manager may pay some or all of any contingent deferred sales charge to its delegates as reimbursement for the expense of distribution, intermediary and/or other services rendered to the Manager, the Company and the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on Shares issued arising as a result of the reinvestment of dividends. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on any increase on the Net Asset Value per Share above the subscription price paid for the Share and no contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on transfers or conversions of Shares. For the purposes of determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge is payable any Shares redeemed shall be deemed to be those first subscribed.

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

### **Establishment Costs**

The cost of establishing the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund and the preparation and printing of the relevant Supplement is expected not to exceed €50,000 and will be charged to the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund and amortised over a period of up to three years of the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund’s operation or such other shorter period as the Directors may determine.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “**Fees and Expenses**”.

### **Distribution Policy**

The Directors intend to declare a dividend in respect of the Classes of Shares of the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund set out in the table below (the “Distributing Share Classes”).

The Directors intend to declare dividends in accordance with the distribution frequency set out in the table below. Dividends that are declared yearly will be declared on 31 December; dividends that are declared half-yearly will be declared on 30 June and 31 December; dividends that are declared quarterly will be declared on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December; and dividends that are declared monthly will be declared on the last Business Day of each month.

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Distribution Frequency</b>
Class A (EUR) Income	Yearly
Class A (GBP) Income	Yearly
Class A (GBP) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class A (USD) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class R (GBP) Income	Yearly
Class R (GBP) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class I (EUR) Income	Yearly
Class I (USD) Hedged Income	Yearly
Class U1 (EUR) Income	Yearly
Class U1 (GBP) Income	Yearly
Class U2 (EUR) Income	Yearly
Class U2 (GBP) Income	Yearly

It is the intention of the Directors that dividends will be paid from the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund’s net income. As the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund currently

charges fees and expenses to capital the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund's income available for distribution will in practice be a gross rather than net income figure. Gross income shall generally consist of interest, dividends and other investment income less withholding and other taxes or adjustments as applicable.

For Share Classes that are not Distributing Share Classes (i.e. Accumulation Share Classes), the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund's income and capital gains will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund.

Any change of dividend policy will be set out in a revised Supplement for the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund and all Shareholders in the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund will be notified in advance.

### **Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed "**Financial Derivative Instruments**" and "**Risk Factors**".

### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian Europe (ex UK) Smaller Companies Fund:-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

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# Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

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**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

## Merian Gold & Silver Fund

27 November 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.



## Investment Objective and Policies

The investment objective of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund is to seek to achieve a total return by investing predominantly in listed equities.

The Merian Gold & Silver Fund will aim to achieve its investment objective by investing not less than 70% of its Net Asset Value directly in a diversified portfolio of equity and equity related securities of companies engaged in activities related to the exploration for, development of, and production of gold and silver as well as exchange-traded funds that reflect the movement price of gold or silver. While the Investment Manager has not set any geographical concentration investment restrictions, the Merian Gold & Silver Fund investments may include securities of global issuers including up to, but not exceeding, 20% of its Net Asset Value in issuers in Emerging Markets or in issuers established outside of Emerging Markets which have a predominant proportion of their assets or business operations in Emerging Markets, and which are listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market worldwide. The Merian Gold & Silver Fund will not invest directly in physical gold or silver bullion.

The equity and equity-related securities in which the Merian Gold & Silver Fund may invest include ordinary shares or common stock, preferred stock, ADRs, GDRs, preference shares, rights issues and warrants. The Merian Gold & Silver Fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in unlisted equity securities.

The Merian Gold & Silver Fund may invest in convertible securities including bonds, and debentures which may be converted or exchanged at a stated or determinable exchange ratio. Convertible securities may offer higher income than the shares into which they are convertible. These allow the Investment Manager to gain access to currency or equity exposure in a cost-effective manner. In the case of a hybrid security such as a convertible bond, for example, the Merian Gold & Silver Fund will seek to benefit from a steady income stream, the repayment of principal at maturity, and the potential to share in the upside of the common stock. The security's yield advantage and finite maturity give the convertible downside price support, or investment value. At the same time, the embedded option component provides participation in higher equity values. The convertible securities and hybrid securities in which the Merian Gold & Silver Fund may invest may embed an option or forward derivative component. However, any additional leverage generated by the derivative will not cause the Merian Gold & Silver Fund to exceed the leverage limit outlined below. The Investment Manager may use convertible and senior fixed interest securities and debentures to gain exposure to a given company while aiming to achieve a better risk adjusted performance for the Merian Gold & Silver Fund than the equity or when the liquidity in these instruments is more attractive than the equity.

The Merian Gold & Silver Fund may employ investment techniques and instruments which may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives, such as futures and FX forward contracts, convertible securities and hybrid securities.

Futures contracts (including currency futures, equity futures and index futures) may be used to hedge against market risk. A currency future is a transferable futures contract that specifies the price at which a currency can be bought or sold at a future date. An equity futures contract trades on an organised exchange and is based on an individual underlying equity security rather than a stock index. An index future is a futures contract on a stock or financial index. For each index there may be a different multiple for determining the price of the futures contract. Futures contracts may be used to hedge against market risk or to equitise cash balances pending investment of a cash flow.

Forward contracts (including FX forwards) may be used to hedge the value of an asset, currency or deposit. An FX forward contract is a transaction in which it is agreed to exchange a specified amount of different currencies at some future date, with the exchange rate being set at the time the contract is entered into. FX forward contracts may be used to hedge against currency movements and provide currency risk management.

Such derivative instruments may be used for (i) hedging purposes, (ii) efficient portfolio management, and/or (iii) investment purposes, subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank. The derivatives will assist in achieving the investment objective of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund by allowing for the adjustment of risk (including credit, currency and interest rate risk) and by implementing trades in a more efficient and cost effective manner. For example, as outlined

below, the Fund may use derivatives to hedge a currency exposure, as a substitute for taking a position in the underlying asset where the Investment Manager feels that a derivative exposure to the underlying asset represents better value than a direct exposure or to tailor the Merian Gold & Silver Fund's exposures to the Investment Manager's outlook for various markets. Currency hedging activities and currency positions will be implemented using spot and forward foreign exchange contracts and futures. Futures contracts (including currency futures) may be used to hedge against market risk, currency risk or to gain exposure to an underlying market.

All exposure arising through the investment in financial derivative instruments will be covered by the underlying assets of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund. The Merian Gold & Silver Fund will use the commitment approach methodology to accurately measure, monitor and manage the "leverage" effect produced by the use of financial derivative instruments and for the calculation of its global exposure. As the Merian Gold & Silver Fund uses the commitment approach it must ensure that its global exposure does not exceed its total net asset value and the Merian Gold & Silver Fund may not therefore be leveraged in excess of 100% of its net asset value. In using the commitment approach for the calculation of global exposure, the Merian Gold & Silver Fund will convert each derivative position into the market value of an equivalent position in the underlying asset of that derivative.

The Merian Gold & Silver Fund may invest up to 10 per cent of its Net Asset Value in open-ended collective investment schemes (including ETFs) whose objective is to invest in any of the foregoing in order to provide the Merian Gold & Silver Fund with indirect exposure to the foregoing instruments. Investment in collective investment schemes shall include both UCITS and alternative investment funds. Such schemes will be domiciled in the EEA, Jersey, Guernsey or the UK. In particular, any investment in open-ended alternative investment funds will be subject to Regulation 114(6) of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations") and will be compatible with the investment objective of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund.

Subject to the above and the requirements of the Central Bank, the Merian Gold & Silver Fund may invest in collective investment schemes with which the Company is linked by common management or control or by a substantial direct or indirect holding. Where the Merian Gold & Silver Fund invests in underlying funds which are managed by the Manager or any other company with which the Manager is linked by common management or control or by a substantial direct or indirect holding, the Manager (or other relevant entity) may not charge any subscription, conversion or redemption fees on account of such investment by the Merian Gold & Silver Fund.

Where the Merian Gold & Silver Fund invests in the Shares of other Funds of the Company, the rate of the Management Fee which investors in the Merian Gold & Silver Fund are charged in respect of that portion of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund's assets invested in other Funds shall not exceed the rate of the maximum Management Fee which investors in the Merian Gold & Silver Fund may be charged in respect of the balance of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund's assets, such that there shall be no double charging of the Management Fee to the Merian Gold & Silver Fund as a result of its investments in other Funds. The maximum level of management fees that may be charged to the investment funds in which the Merian Gold & Silver Fund may invest shall be 1.00% of net asset value.

In order to achieve the investment objective, the Merian Gold & Silver Fund may also invest up to 50% of its Net Asset Value in closed-ended funds. Eligible closed-ended funds are schemes which (i) qualify as transferable securities, (ii) are subject to the corporate governance regime applied to companies and (iii) where asset management activity is carried out by another entity that entity is subject to national regulation for the purposes of investor protection. Investment in closed-ended collective investment schemes will further be confined to schemes which are considered by the Investment Manager to be relatively liquid in nature whether by virtue of a listing on a Regulated Market or the existence of a secondary market in units for such funds and such an investment shall constitute an investment in a transferable security in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.

The Merian Gold & Silver Fund may also hold and invest cash in deposits, treasury bills, short-term securities, commercial paper, certificates of deposit and money market funds which are UCITS and which in turn provide exposure to money market instruments. Any such cash or cash equivalents will not be held for speculative purposes but will be ancillary to the primary investment strategy of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund. The treasury bills, short-term securities and debt securities listed above will be

listed or traded on a Regulated Market subject to the investment restrictions at paragraph 2.1 of Schedule III in the Prospectus.

As part of its potential Emerging Markets exposure, the Merian Gold & Silver Fund will typically invest up to 5% of net assets in securities traded on domestic Russian markets and any such investment will only be made in securities that are listed/traded on the Moscow Exchange.

The Merian Gold & Silver Fund is denominated in USD but will hold assets denominated in other currencies.

### **Investment Approach**

The Merian Gold & Silver Fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager has freedom to select the investments in order to seek to achieve the investment objective of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund. In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Merian Gold & Silver Fund aims to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than that of the composite benchmark - comprising 50% Gold Price (XAU) and 50% FTSE Gold Mines Index with net dividends re-invested - over rolling 3 year periods.

This composite benchmark represents the returns arising from a portfolio split between bullion (represented by Gold Price (XAU)) and the shares of gold mining companies (represented by the FTSE Gold Mines Index).

The Investment Manager uses a bottom-up stock selection process in order to gain exposure to gold and silver investments via listed companies. This process involves analysing mining companies by meeting company management, attending trade events as well as performing balance sheet and cashflow analysis, to identify companies that the Investment Manager believes will produce a good long-term return to shareholders.

In addition the Investment Manager will use macro-economic factors, such as interest and inflation rates and fundamental analysis, such as supply and demand analysis, to evaluate the optimal ratio between gold and silver related assets at a given point in the market cycle. Silver tends to outperform gold in an environment of rising gold prices and underperform gold when sentiment moves against the sector, and the Investment Manager will seek to adjust the ratio of the aforementioned gold to silver related equity and equity related securities to create the optimal balance in the portfolio.

Although a large proportion of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund's investments may be components of the composite benchmark, the Investment Manager does not seek to replicate the performance of the composite benchmark; it is seeking to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than the composite benchmark. In particular, the Merian Gold & Silver Fund may invest in equity and equity related securities which are not included in the composite benchmark, and the security selection and portfolio construction process, as set out above, mean that the investment universe of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund may diverge materially from the composite benchmark, for example, as a result of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund's exposure to silver, which is not expected to be in the composite benchmark. Therefore, the risk and return profile of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund will likely be significantly different to that of the composite benchmark.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderate to high level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRRI measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Manager**

The Investment Manager of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund is Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is USD for the Merian Gold & Silver Fund.

## **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund, means a day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which retail banks are open for business in Dublin, London, and the New York Stock Exchange is open for business in New York.

## **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

## **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian Gold & Silver Fund are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management, performance and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A, C and N Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A, C or N Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below and who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U2 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U3 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries and/or investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U3 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

## Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian Gold & Silver Fund which is available but not yet launched will close on 31 March, 2021. The initial offer period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any such extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis. After closing of the initial offer period Shares in the Fund will be issued at the Net Asset Value per Share.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, SGD 10.00, HKD 10.00 or USD 10.00.

## Fees and Expenses

### Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian Gold & Silver Fund.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee	Performance Fee
<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>A (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>A (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>A (HKD) Accumulation</b>	HKD	HKD 1,000	HKD 500	HKD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>A (SGD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	SGD	SGD 1,000	SGD 500	SGD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>C (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%	No
<b>I (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>I (EUR) Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>N (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1%	No
<b>R (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil	No

<b>U1 (GBP) Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,0 00	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>U2 (GBP) Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,0 00	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil	No
<b>U3 (GBP) Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,0 00	GBP 125,000,000	GBP 125,000,000	Nil	0.15%	Nil	Nil	Yes
<b>U3 (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 250,000,0 00	USD 125,000,000	USD 125,000,000	Nil	0.15%	Nil	Nil	Yes
<b>U3 (EUR) Accumul ation</b>	EUR	EUR 250,000,0 00	EUR 125,000,000	EUR 125,000,000	Nil	0.15%	Nil	Nil	Yes

### Performance Fee

With respect to the Merian Gold & Silver Fund, the Investment Manager may be entitled to a performance fee out of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund's assets. With respect to the Merian Gold & Silver Fund, the performance fee is only applicable to the following share classes: Class U3 (EUR) Accumulation Shares, Class U3 (GBP) Accumulation Shares and Class U3 (USD) Accumulation Shares.

The Performance Fee will be calculated and accrued daily and will be payable annually in arrears in respect of each Performance Period ("**Performance Period of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund**"). A Performance Period of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund will comprise of each successive twelve month period ending on 31 December.

"**The Benchmark**" is a composite, made up of (i) a 50:50 split between the FTSE Gold Mines Index (TICKER TFTMIGMI) expressed in GBP and the XAU:GBP gold price for the U3 (GBP) Accumulation Shares, (ii) a 50:50 split between the FTSE Gold Mines Index (TICKER TFTMIGMI) expressed in EUR and XAU:EUR for the U3 (EUR) Accumulation Shares and (iii) a 50:50 split between the FTSE Gold Mines Index (TICKER: TFTMIGMI) expressed in USD and the XAU: USD gold price for the U3 (USD) Accumulation Shares.

"**The Benchmark Performance**" in respect of a Performance Period of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund, the Benchmark Performance is the difference between the level of the Benchmark calculated at the Valuation Point on the last Business Day of the previous Performance Period of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund and the level of the Benchmark calculated at the Valuation Point on the last Business Day of the relevant Performance Period of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund, expressed as a percentage.

The "Fund Performance" in respect of the first Performance Period of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund is the difference between the opening Net Asset Value per Share and the Net Asset Value per Share at the Valuation Point on the last Business Day of the Performance Period of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund, expressed as a percentage. For each Performance Period of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund thereafter, the Fund Performance is the difference between the Net Asset Value per Share at the Valuation Point on the last Business Day of the previous Performance Period of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund and the Net Asset Value per Share at the Valuation Point on the last Business Day of the relevant Performance Period of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund, expressed as a percentage.

In calculating the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class U3 for Performance Fee purposes no deduction is made on account of Performance Fees accrued in the Performance Period of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund and any net income distributed to Shareholders in respect of the Performance Period of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund is added back.

The “Percentage Outperformance” in respect of Performance Periods of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund where Fund Performance is greater than Benchmark Performance is the arithmetical difference between Fund Performance and Benchmark Performance, expressed as a percentage. In respect of Performance Periods of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund where Fund Performance is less than Benchmark Performance, such underperformance, being the arithmetical difference between Fund Performance and Benchmark Performance expressed in percentage points, will be carried forward and no Performance Fee will be payable in any subsequent Performance Period of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund unless Fund Performance measured against Benchmark Performance has recovered any accumulated percentage underperformance for previous periods. In the Performance Period of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund in which any accumulated percentage underperformance is recovered, only that part of the Percentage Outperformance for such period as exceeds the accumulated percentage underperformance carried forward is taken into account for the purposes of calculating the performance fee payable for the Performance Period of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund.

The amount of Performance Fee payable in respect of each Share is a US Dollar amount equivalent to the opening Net Asset Value per Share on the first Business Day of the Performance Period of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund x Percentage Outperformance x 20 per cent. and is payable based on the number of Shares in issue for the Class U3 (EUR) Accumulation Shares, Class U3 (GBP) Accumulation Shares and Class U3 (USD) Accumulation Shares during the Performance Period of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund. For the purposes of the first calculation of the Performance Fee, the initial offer price in respect of each Share Class was taken as the opening Net Asset Value. The first Performance Period for each Class will begin on the date on which the first Shares of the relevant Class are issued and will end on 31 December in that year. The Performance Fee accrues and is taken into account in the calculation of the Net Asset Value per Share on a daily basis.

The amount of the Performance Fee will be calculated by the Administrator. The calculation of the Performance Fee shall be verified by the Depositary.

The calculation of the Performance Fee shall also be reviewed by the Auditors as part of the annual audit of the Company. The Investment Manager may, at its discretion, waive the Performance Fee payable in respect of a Performance Period of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund.

**Performance Fees are payable on net realised and net unrealised gains and losses as at the end of each Performance Period of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund and as a result, Performance Fees may be paid on unrealised gains which may subsequently never be realised.**

Performance Fees may also be payable during a Performance Period of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund where there is a decline in the Net Asset Value per Share.

#### **Contingent Deferred Sales Charge**

A contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on the repurchase of the Class C Shares of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund. The amount of the contingent deferred sales charge payable will depend on the length of time between the date the Shares were purchased and their repurchase at the rates set out below.

<b>Years since purchase</b>	<b>Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid</b>
	<b>Class C Shares</b>
0 - 1	1.00%
1 - 2	Nil
2 - 3	Nil
3 - 4	Nil

4 and thereafter	Nil
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Any contingent deferred sales charge will be payable to the Manager. The Manager may pay some or all of any contingent deferred sales charge to its delegates as reimbursement for the expense of distribution, intermediary and/or other services rendered to the Manager, the Company and the Merian Gold & Silver Fund. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on Shares issued arising as a result of the reinvestment of dividends. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on any increase on the Net Asset Value per Share above the subscription price paid for the Share and no contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on transfers or conversions of Shares. For the purposes of determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge is payable any Shares redeemed shall be deemed to be those first subscribed.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “**Fees and Expenses**”.

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian Gold & Silver Fund please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

### **Establishment Costs**

The cost of establishing the Merian Gold & Silver Fund and the preparation and printing of the relevant Supplement is expected not to exceed €50,000 and will be charged to the Merian Gold & Silver Fund and amortised over a period of up to three years of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund’s operation or such other shorter period as the Directors may determine.

### **Distribution Policy**

The Merian Gold & Silver Fund currently does not offer any Distributing Share Classes. The income and capital gains of the Share Classes of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund.

### **Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed “**Financial Derivative Instruments**” and “**Risk Factors**”.

### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian Gold & Silver Fund:-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019, between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.



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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian Compass Portfolio 2, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian Compass Portfolio 2

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**An investment in the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 should be regarded as a medium to long term investment.**

**Shareholders of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 should note that all or a part of fees and expenses will be charged to the capital at a Fund or Share Class level. This will have the effect of lowering the capital value of your investment.**

**From time to time a substantial portion of Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may be held in cash deposits, treasury bills or short-term money market instruments. These investments are not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account. As a result, prospective investors should note that there is a risk that the value of their investment in the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may fluctuate.**

**Prospective investors should note that the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 is closed and an application for revocation of authorisation will be submitted to the Central Bank in due course.**

## Investment Objective and Policies

The investment objective of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 is to generate a long-term total return.

In seeking to achieve its investment objective the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 will invest in a diversified range of asset classes. The Merian Compass Portfolio 2 will invest up to 50% of net assets in a globally diversified portfolio of equity and equity related securities as well as seek to gain indirect exposure to equity and equity related securities through shares and units of collective investment schemes.

In addition to the Merian Compass Portfolio 2's proposed exposure to equities, the Investment Adviser may also look to achieve its desired exposure by investing in fixed income instruments such as bonds, money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, as well as both commodity-related and property-related instruments though it will not invest directly in commodities or property. Instead, as outlined in greater detail below, exposure to commodities will be obtained either via investment in other collective investment schemes (both open and closed-ended) and/or via investment in financial derivative instruments. Similarly, property-related exposure may be obtained via investment in REITs and/or other debt securities issued by REITs as set out in the section of this policy dealing with *Fixed Income and Debt Securities*. The Merian Compass Portfolio 2's use of derivatives may include using derivatives to create synthetic short positions as further outlined below.

### *Asset Allocation and Investment Selection*

As further outlined below, the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 is designed to provide exposure to a diversified range of asset classes, as set out herein, using the Investment Adviser's asset allocation expertise. The Merian Compass Portfolio 2 will have two primary drivers of performance, top-down asset allocation and bottom-up investment selection. The top-down assessment will be used to determine the asset allocation of the portfolio. Sectoral, geographical and capitalisation focus will be driven by an on-going assessment of the top down factors such as interest rates, macro-economic outlook, inflationary expectations, fiscal and external account balances and geo-political issues. These factors will determine the level of allocation to each asset class in order to best achieve the Investment Objective. However, in order to maintain requisite flexibility and to have the ability to invest in opportunities as they arise, it is not an objective of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 to focus its investment in any specific, pre-set geographic or industry sector (although it may, but is not obliged to, in practice). Proposed securities will be listed, traded or dealt in Regulated Markets worldwide and will include securities of issuers in Emerging Markets or of issuers established outside of Emerging Markets, which have a predominant proportion of their assets or business operations in Emerging Markets.

The Investment Adviser evaluates the top down factors on an ongoing basis and uses a combination of direct investment and derivative exposure to implement a resulting mix of asset classes within the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 that reflects its investment objective. The Investment Adviser applies this selection and allocation policy across all asset classes outlined herein and will allocate between equities, fixed income securities, cash, currencies, property exposure (through REITs or derivative instruments), infrastructure exposure (through collective investment schemes or REITs), commodities exposure (through derivative instruments, equities or collective investment schemes), private equity exposure (through listed collective investment schemes) using the Investment Adviser's judgement on the appropriate mix of assets for the current investment environment.

The Investment Adviser uses a mathematical stress test to model thousands of different possible market outcomes. This modelling enables the Investment Adviser to use this information to construct robust portfolios based on expected future asset-class characteristics by using expected risk, return and correlation data. The aim of this is not to decide portfolio asset allocation, but to enable the Investment Adviser to test how the current portfolio will perform in different environments and better understand the possible outcomes, and use this information as part of the asset allocation decision making process.

Once the asset allocations have been determined by the top down analysis the Investment Adviser's bottom-up investment selection is then used to select the individual investments in the portfolio within that range. The bottom-up process will comprise of the Investment Adviser selecting investments using subjective judgement based on its experience coupled with objective analysis utilising its proprietary tools and publically available information, such as companies annual report and accounts, and debt to equity ratios to identify a diversified portfolio of investments that are well placed to consistently provide

returns over the longer term by combining investments that will perform at different points of the market cycle. The bottom-up analysis and review process is ongoing across the asset classes, so that when the Investment Adviser determines it prudent or more efficient to change asset allocations, there is already an available pool of suitable investments in each range for selection in order to implement the top down strategy efficiently.

### *Equities*

The Merian Compass Portfolio 2 will seek to gain exposure to international equity markets, by investing either directly in equity and equity-related securities or indirectly through equity focused collective investment schemes and derivatives (as described in greater detail below). The equity and equity-related securities in which the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may invest may include common shares, stock or preference shares, American depositary receipts, global depositary receipts, convertible securities and warrants. The Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may invest up to 20% of its Net Asset Value in REITs listed, traded or dealt in on Regulated Markets that are not considered Emerging Markets.

### *Collective Investment Schemes*

Similarly, the Investment Adviser has broad discretion with regard to the ability of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 to invest in collective investment schemes. The Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may invest up to 100% of its net assets in open-ended collective investment schemes which satisfy the requirements of the Central Bank for UCITS Acceptable Investment in other Investment Funds. Such schemes will be domiciled in the EEA, Jersey, Guernsey and the UK. In particular, any investment in alternative investment funds will be subject to Regulation 114(6) of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations") and will be compatible with the investment objective of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2. The Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may also achieve its desired exposure to equities, fixed income securities, cash, or commodities indirectly via investment in collective investment schemes. The Merian Compass Portfolio 2 investment in alternative investment funds will not, in aggregate, exceed 30% of net assets.

Subject to the above and the requirements of the Central Bank, the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may invest in collective investment schemes with which the Company is linked by common management or control or by a substantial direct or indirect holding. Investment may also be made in other Funds of the Company in accordance with the terms of the Regulations and the Company's Prospectus. Selection of the underlying collective investment schemes will be determined by the Investment Adviser's belief as to their relative market performance and will be an important driver of returns.

Where the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 invests in underlying funds which are managed by the Manager or any other company with which the Manager is linked by common management or control or by a substantial direct or indirect holding, the Manager (or other relevant entity) may not charge any subscription, conversion or redemption fees on account of such investment by the Merian Compass Portfolio 2.

Where the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 invests in the Shares of other Funds of the Company, the rate of the Management Fee which investors in the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 are charged in respect of that portion of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2's assets invested in other Funds shall not exceed the rate of the maximum Management Fee which investors in the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may be charged in respect of the balance of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2's assets, such that there shall be no double charging of the Management Fee to the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 as a result of its investments in other Funds. The maximum level of management fees that may be charged to the investment funds in which the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may invest shall be 3.00% of net asset value.

The Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may also invest up to 50% of its net assets in closed-ended funds which (i) qualify as transferable securities, (ii) are subject to the corporate governance regime applied to companies and (iii) where asset management activity is carried out by another entity that entity is subject to national regulation for the purposes of investor protection. The closed-ended exposure will be indirect to equities or fixed income instruments, but may also be to REITs or permitted hedge funds that qualify as transferable securities. Any investment in closed-ended funds will be in accordance with the investment limits for investment in transferable securities and collective investment schemes as

appropriate and as set out in Schedule III and will be for the purpose of achieving the long term total return set out in the investment objective of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2.

#### *Fixed Income and Debt Securities, Liquid Assets and Money Market Instruments*

The Investment Adviser also has the ability to invest the Merian Compass Portfolio 2's assets, either directly or indirectly in debt securities, including bonds (fixed or floating rate) issued by various government or corporate entities. The debt securities in which the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may invest shall include securities which have an issuer rating (or an instrument rating) at or above Investment Grade as well as securities rated below Investment Grade (or, if unrated, determined by the Investment Adviser to be of comparable quality). The Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may indirectly invest in debt securities through collective investment schemes or through the use of derivatives such as treasury futures. Treasury futures are derivatives with exposure to the price movements and coupon payments from US treasury bonds.

From time to time a substantial portion of Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may be held in cash deposits, treasury bills or short-term money market instruments, certificates of deposit, short term commercial paper as understood by reference to the UCITS Regulations and in money market funds ("Liquid Assets"). Investment to such extent in Liquid Assets may be made where this is considered to be in the best interests of Shareholders of Merian Compass Portfolio 2, for example, to mitigate Merian Compass Portfolio 2's exposure to market risk.

#### *Property Related Securities*

Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may gain exposure to property through property related securities including listed real estate investment trusts ('REITs'), equity securities of companies whose principal business is the ownership, management and/or development of real estate or derivatives based on REITs, REIT indices (for example the FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Index), or other property related indices which meet with the Central Bank's requirements as well as debt issued by the aforementioned companies. Investment in REIT and property-related indices may include direct exposure through investment in constituents of the relevant indices and indirect exposure through the use of the derivatives outlined herein.

#### *Long/Short Exposure*

The Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may take long and synthetic short positions over a variety of time periods (depending on current market conditions and the Investment Adviser's view relative to those conditions) in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. The proportion of long to short exposure in the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 will depend on the market conditions at any given time. It is possible that the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may have long only exposure, or conversely short only exposure at any point in time. Such positions may be taken across various asset classes contemplated under the investment policy of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 as set out herein. All of the asset classes listed in the supplement will be used for long exposure. Equities will be shorted using equity index futures. Individual bond futures, bond index futures and currency futures and forwards will be used for both long and short positions. Credit default swaps and interest rate swaps will also be used to obtain short positions. The Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may take up to 200% in synthetic short positions in combination with 100% long derivative positions and 100% in physical long positions. However, the Investment Adviser will, at some points where market conditions dictate, adopt defensive positions in a given asset class, in order to limit losses should the asset class perform poorly. For example, in a falling equity market the Investment Adviser might use a short equity position to generate a positive return mitigating losses in the other equity positions.

When calculated using the gross notional value of any derivatives in the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 and the market value of any direct investments, the combination of total gross long positions and total gross short positions are not expected to exceed 300% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. This figure represents that the Investment Adviser may wish to take short term fixed interest positions which require large nominal leverage to gain economic exposure.

#### *Financial Derivative Instruments and Efficient Portfolio Management*

The Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may employ investment techniques and instruments which may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives. These techniques and instruments may include futures (equity futures, bond futures, treasury futures and currency future contracts), options (equity options, equity index options, bond index options or currency options), options on futures, forward settled transactions, convertible or hybrid securities (which may include Preference Shares or convertible bonds), structured notes and swap agreements which includes credit default swaps, interest rate swaps and total return swaps. A further detailed description of the relevant derivative instruments and their commercial purpose is set out in the Prospectus under the heading “**Financial Derivative Instruments**”. The Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may only utilise derivatives instruments which are listed in both this investment policy and in the Company’s risk management process.

The use of derivatives will provide exposure to the underlying asset classes outlined above which include debt securities, equities, commodities and property. Such derivative instruments may be used for (i) hedging purposes, (ii) efficient portfolio management, and/or (iii) investment purposes when deemed necessary by the Investment Adviser, subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank. The derivatives will assist in achieving the investment objective of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 by allowing for the adjustment of risk (including credit, currency and interest rate risk (to alleviate the risk associated with fixed interest investment)) and by implementing trades in a more efficient and cost effective manner. For example, as outlined below, the Fund may invest in a position which is considered attractive but the inherent currency exposure adds unwanted risk. In this case the Investment Adviser may use a derivative to hedge the unwanted currency exposure so that the asset with derivative exposure represents better value than the unhedged direct exposure.

The Investment Adviser may enter into total return swaps where the underlying assets are commodity-related indices (or invest in other financial derivative instruments with the same characteristics) and it will only do so on behalf of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 with counterparties which shall be entities which satisfy the OTC counterparty criteria set down by the Central Bank in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and shall specialise in such transactions. Subject to compliance with those conditions, the Investment Adviser has full discretion as to the appointment of counterparties when entering into a total return swap in furtherance of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2’s investment objective and policies. It is not possible to comprehensively list in this Supplement all the counterparties as they have not, as of the date of issue of this Supplement, been selected and they may change from time to time. The failure of a counterparty to a swap transaction may have a negative impact on the return for shareholders. The Investment Adviser would seek to minimise counterparty performance risk by only selecting counterparties with a good credit rating and by monitoring any changes in those counterparties’ ratings. The counterparty to any total return swap entered into by the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 would not assume any discretion over the composition or management of the investment portfolio of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 or of the underlying of the total return swap and would meet the criteria set out in the Prospectus.

The Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may enter into credit default swap contracts to limit or to reduce the risk exposure of the portfolio to defaults of the issuer or issuers of its holdings (i.e., to reduce risk when the Fund owns or has exposure to such securities). The Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may also use credit default swap contracts to create or vary exposure to securities or markets or as a tax management tool. The Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may also use interest rate swaps and bond or treasury futures for portfolio duration management. Portfolio duration is a measurement tool that the Investment Adviser will apply to assess the expected life of fixed income securities in a portfolio and determine the sensitivity of the price of those securities in that portfolio to changes in interest rates. This measurement is expressed in years. For example, the longer a portfolio’s duration, the more sensitive it will be to changes in interest rates and the shorter the portfolio’s duration the less sensitive to changes in interest rates it will be. As part of its portfolio duration management, the Investment Adviser will utilise the aforementioned derivatives to manage this sensitivity and hedge the interest rate risk.

A hybrid security is a security which combines two or more financial instruments. Hybrid securities generally combine a traditional stock or bond with an option or forward contract. In the case of a hybrid security such as a convertible bond, for example, the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 will seek to benefit from a steady income stream, the repayment of principal at maturity, and the potential to share in the upside of the common stock. The security’s yield advantage and finite maturity give the convertible downside price support, or investment value. At the same time, the embedded option derivative component provides participation in higher equity values.

The Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may invest in structured notes (both leveraged and unleveraged) for which the coupon payment, principal repayment or repayment schedule varies according to pre-agreed conditions relating to fluctuations in unrelated assets such as currencies or stock indices. The convertible securities, hybrid securities and structured notes in which the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may invest may embed an option or forward derivative component. However, any additional leverage generated by the derivative will not cause the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 to exceed the leverage limit outlined below. These structured notes will be securitised and capable of free sale and transfer to other investors and will be purchased through recognised regulated dealers and deemed to be transferable securities which are traded on Regulated Markets Exchanges.

Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may invest up to 15% of its total assets in UCITS eligible commodity-related financial derivative instruments. Such instruments are derivative instruments based on commodity indices (including the Dow-Jones AIG Commodity Index, the Bloomberg family of commodity indices and other eligible commodity-related financial indices which meet with the requirements of and have, where necessary, been cleared by the Central Bank) and commodity index-linked notes, which may or may not embed leverage, and which enable Merian Compass Portfolio 2 to gain exposures to any of the indices and sub-indices referencing commodities in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may also invest in equity or equity-related securities of issuers in commodity-related industries. Details of any financial indices used by the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 will be provided to Shareholders by the Investment Adviser on request and will be set out in the Company's semi-annual and annual accounts.

Currency hedging activities and currency positions will be implemented using spot and forward foreign exchange contracts and currency futures, options and options on futures. Futures contracts (including bond futures and currency futures) may be used to hedge against market risk, currency risk or to gain exposure to an underlying market.

In order to protect Shareholders' interests, the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 will use VaR as a risk measurement technique to identify and monitor and manage risks. The Merian Compass Portfolio 2 will use absolute VaR to calculate its global exposure on a daily basis. The risk of loss of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 will be monitored using an absolute VaR model to ensure that the VaR of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 shall not exceed 20 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2, based on a 20 day holding period and a one-tailed 99 per cent. confidence interval using a 1 year observation period.

The Merian Compass Portfolio 2 will regularly monitor its leverage and the level of leverage of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 is expected to range from 0% to 300% of Net Asset Value during normal market conditions. The Merian Compass Portfolio 2's leverage may increase to higher levels, for example, at times when the Investment Adviser deems it most appropriate to use derivative instruments to alter the portfolio's equity, interest rate, currency or credit exposure. The leverage figure is calculated as the sum of the notionals of the derivatives used as is required by the Regulations. The notional value of the investments varies significantly from their market value which is why the leverage limits are higher. These leverage limits do not take into account any netting and hedging arrangements that the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 has in place at any time even though these netting and hedging arrangements are used for risk reduction purposes. There are limitations in using VaR as a statistical measure of risk because it does not directly limit the level of leverage in the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 and only describes the risk of loss in normal market conditions. The above leverage figure takes account of the creation of leveraged exposure to an index via derivatives, for the inclusion of a leveraged future in an index.

As part of its potential Emerging Markets exposure, the Fund will typically invest up to 5% of net assets in securities traded on domestic Russian markets and any such investment will only be made in securities that are listed/traded on the Moscow Exchange.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderate level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRR1 measurement of volatility.

## Investment Adviser

The Investment Adviser of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 is Quilter Investors Ltd, which was formed in the United Kingdom on 26 February, 2002 and is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. As at 23 April, 2018 it had assets of approximately GBP 17 billion. Quilter Investors Ltd's registered address is Millennium Bridge House, 2 Lambeth Hill, London, EC4V 4AJ.

## Base Currency

The Base Currency is USD for the Merian Compass Portfolio 2.

## Business Day

In respect of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2, means a day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which retail banks are open for business in Dublin and London.

## Dealing Day

Means in respect of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

## Classes of Shares

The Classes of Shares in the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

## Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 which is available but not yet launched will close on 30 April, 2020. The initial offer period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any such extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis. After closing of the initial offer period Shares in the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 will be issued at the Net Asset Value per Share.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, USD 10.00, SGD 10.00 or AUD 10.00.

## Fees and Expenses

### Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian Compass Portfolio 2.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee
<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5%	1.35%	Nil	Nil

<b>A (GBP) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5%	1.35%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	EUR	EUR1,000	EUR 500	EUR 500	Up to 5%	1.35%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (SGD) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	SGD	SGD 1,000	SGD 500	SGD 500	Up to 5%	1.35%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (AUD) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 5%	1.35%	Nil	Nil

Shareholders of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 should note that all or a portion of Fees and Expenses in respect of Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may be charged to capital at a Fund or Share Class level. Thus, on redemptions of holdings Shareholders of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 income class shares may not receive back the full amount invested due to capital reduction. In addition, it should be noted that as a result capital may be eroded and income may be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth. It is recommended that Shareholders of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 seek advice in this regard. The rationale for providing for the payment of fees and expenses out of capital is to increase the level of income distributed for income class shareholders.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “**Fees and Expenses**”.

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

### **Establishment Costs**

The cost of establishing the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 and the preparation and printing of the relevant Supplement did not exceed €50,000 and will be charged to the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 and amortised over a period of up to three years of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2's operation. As of the date of this Supplement, the outstanding unamortised establishment costs of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 does not exceed €5,000.

### **Distribution Policy**

The Merian Compass Portfolio 2 currently does not offer any Distributing Share Classes. The income and capital gains of the Share Classes of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2.

### **Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed “**Financial Derivative Instruments**” and “**Risk Factors**”.

### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2:-



The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

The Investment Advisory agreement dated 15 June, 2018 (as amended) between the Investment Manager and Quilter Investors Limited, pursuant to which the latter acts as investment adviser in relation to the assets of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2.

### **Collective Investment Scheme Risk**

The Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may be subject to valuation risk due to the manner and timing of valuations of its investments in other collective investment schemes. Collective investment schemes may be valued by fund administrators affiliated to fund managers, or by the fund managers themselves, resulting in valuations which are not verified by an independent third party on a regular or timely basis. Accordingly, there is a risk that (i) the valuations of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may not reflect the true value of holdings in other collective investment schemes at a specific time which could result in significant losses or inaccurate pricing for the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 and/or (ii) valuation may not be available as at the relevant valuation point for the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 so that some or all of the assets of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may be valued on an estimated basis.

While the Investment Adviser or its delegate will comply with the investment restrictions applicable to the Merian Compass Portfolio 2, the manager of and/or service providers to these collective investment schemes are not obliged to comply with such investment restrictions in the management/administration of these collective investment schemes. No assurance is given that the investment restrictions of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 with respect to individual issuers or other exposures will be adhered to by collective investment schemes or that, when aggregated, exposure by collective investment schemes to individual issuers or counterparties will not exceed the investment restrictions applicable to the Merian Compass Portfolio 2.

The cost of investing in the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 will generally be higher than the cost of investing in an investment fund that invests directly in individual stocks and bonds. By investing in the Merian Compass Portfolio 2, an investor will indirectly bear fees and expenses charged by the collective investment schemes in addition to the Merian Compass Portfolio 2's direct fees and expenses. In addition, the use of a fund of funds structure could affect the timing, amount and character of distributions to Shareholders.

Because the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 invests in collective investment schemes, the risks associated with its investments are closely related to the risks associated with the securities and other investments held by those collective investment schemes. The ability of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 to achieve its investment objectives will depend upon the ability of the collective investment schemes to achieve their investment objectives. There can be no assurance that the investment objective of any collective investment scheme will be achieved.

### **Total Return Swaps**

As set out under Investment Objective and Policies, the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may engage in total return swaps.

The maximum exposure of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 in respect of total return swaps, shall be 20% of the Net Asset Value. However, the Investment Adviser does not anticipate that the Merian Compass Portfolio 2's exposure to total return swaps will exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value. The collateral supporting will be valued daily at mark-to-market prices and daily variation margin used if the value of collateral falls below coverage requirements.

In respect of total return swaps, a counterparty selected will be either an investment firm, authorised in accordance with the EU MiFID Directive (2004/39/EC) or a group company of an entity issued with a bank holding company licence from the Federal Reserve of the United States of America where that group company is subject to bank holding company consolidated supervision by that Federal Reserve or an "Approved Credit Institution". An Approved Credit Institution is:

- (i) a credit institution authorised in the EEA; or

- (ii) a credit institution authorised within a signatory state, other than a Member State of the EEA, to the Basle Capital Convergence Agreement of July 1988 (Switzerland, Canada, Japan, United States); or
- (iii) a credit institution authorised in Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Australia or New Zealand.

Counterparties to a total return swap will have a minimum credit rating of A-2 or equivalent or have been deemed by the Company (or the Investment Manager) to have an implied rating of A-2. Alternatively, an unrated counterparty may be acceptable where the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 is indemnified or guaranteed against losses suffered as a result of a failure by the counterparty by an entity which has and maintains a rating of A-2 or equivalent.

In respect of total return swaps, collateral received other than cash, will be highly liquid and traded on a regulated market or multilateral trading facility with transparent pricing in order that it can be sold quickly at a price that is close to pre-sale valuation. Collateral received will be issued by an entity that is independent from the counterparty and is not expected to display a high correlation with the performance of the counterparty. Collateral will be sufficiently diversified in terms of country, markets and issuers with a maximum exposure to a given issuer of 20% of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2's Net Asset Value. If the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 is exposed to different counterparties, the different baskets of collateral will be aggregated to calculate the 20% limit of exposure to a single issuer. Furthermore, the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may be fully collateralised in different transferable securities and Money Market Instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State, one or more of its local authorities, a third country, or a public international body to which one or more Member State belongs, as set out in Schedule III Section 2.12 of the Prospectus. In this instance, the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 will receive securities from at least 6 different issuers, but securities from any single issuer will not account for more than 30 per cent of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2's Net Asset Value.

### **Collateral**

In accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, the Investment Adviser employs a collateral management policy in respect of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 in relation to collateral received in respect of OTC financial derivative transactions whether used for investment or for efficient portfolio management purposes. Any collateral and/or assets received by the Company for and on behalf of the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 on a title transfer basis shall be held in safekeeping by the Depositary. For other types of collateral arrangements, the collateral will be held with a third party depositary which is subject to prudential supervision and which is unrelated to the collateral provider.

Where necessary, the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 will accept collateral from its counterparties in order to reduce counterparty risk exposure generated through the use of over the counter derivative instruments and efficient portfolio management techniques. The Merian Compass Portfolio 2 may receive cash collateral, high quality government bonds, other government-backed securities of varying maturity and equities to the extent deemed necessary by the Investment Adviser in respect of over-the-counter derivative transactions, provided however that such collateral and its re-use must comply with the requirements of the Central Bank and the conditions for the receipt of eligible collateral set out in Schedule II of the Prospectus.

The level of collateral required to be posted may vary by counterparty with which the Merian Compass Portfolio 2 trades and shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. A documented haircut policy is in place for the Company detailing the policy in respect of each class of assets received and which takes into account the characteristics of the assets and the results of any stress tests conducted as required. The haircut policy applied to posted collateral will be negotiated on a counterparty basis and will vary depending on the class of asset received by the Merian Compass Portfolio 2, taking into account the characteristics of the assets received as collateral such as the credit standing or the price volatility and the outcome of any liquidity stress testing policy. Any re-investment of cash collateral shall be diversified in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank and the conditions for reinvesting collateral set out in Schedule II of the Prospectus. Re-invested cash collateral exposes the Company to certain risks such as the risk of a failure or default of the issuer of the relevant security in which the cash collateral has been invested.

## **Counterparty Procedures**

The Investment Manager approves the counterparties used for dealing, establishes counterparty credit limits for them and monitors them on an on-going basis.

The Investment Manager selects counterparties on the basis of their ability to supply liquidity and competitive pricing to the Merian Compass Portfolio 2. This is subject to the minimum credit rating requirements and legal status requirements specified in the Regulations.

The Investment Manager's counterparty approval process reviews the financial strength, internal controls and general reputation of the counterparty in question, as well as the legal, regulatory and political environment in the relevant markets. Counterparty exposure is monitored and reported to the Investment Manager on a regular basis. Any broker counterparty selected must be appropriately registered and meet operational efficiency requirements of the Investment Manager.

Investors should consult the "Risk Factors" of the Prospectus for information on counterparty risk and credit risk in this regard.

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian Compass Portfolio 3, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian Compass Portfolio 3

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**An investment in the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 should be regarded as a medium to long term investment.**

**Shareholders of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 should note that all or a part of fees and expenses will be charged to the capital at a Fund or Share Class level. This will have the effect of lowering the capital value of your investment.**

**From time to time a substantial portion of Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may be held in cash deposits, treasury bills or short-term money market instruments. These investments are not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account. As a result, prospective investors should note that there is a risk that the value of their investment in the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may fluctuate.**

**Prospective investors should note that the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 is closed and an application for revocation of authorisation will be submitted to the Central Bank in due course.**

## Investment Objective and Policies

The investment objective of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 is to generate a long-term total return.

In seeking to achieve its investment objective the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 will invest in a diversified range of asset classes. The Merian Compass Portfolio 3 will invest up to 75% of net assets in a globally diversified portfolio of equity and equity related securities as well as seek to gain indirect exposure to equity and equity related securities through shares and units of collective investment schemes.

In addition to the Merian Compass Portfolio 3's proposed exposure to equities, the Investment Adviser may also look to achieve its desired exposure by investing in fixed income instruments such as bonds, money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, as well as both commodity-related and property-related instruments though it will not invest directly in commodities or property. Instead, as outlined in greater detail below, exposure to commodities will be obtained either via investment in other collective investment schemes (both open and closed-ended) and/or via investment in financial derivative instruments. Similarly, property-related exposure may be obtained via investment in REITs and/or other debt securities issued by REITs as set out in the section of this policy dealing with *Fixed Income and Debt Securities*. The Merian Compass Portfolio 3's use of derivatives may include using derivatives to create synthetic short positions as further outlined below.

### *Asset Allocation and Investment Selection*

As further outlined below, the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 is designed to provide exposure to a diversified range of asset classes, as set out herein, using the Investment Adviser's asset allocation expertise. The Merian Compass Portfolio 3 will have two primary drivers of performance, top-down asset allocation and bottom-up investment selection. The top-down assessment will be used to determine the asset allocation of the portfolio. Sectoral, geographical and capitalisation focus will be driven by an on-going assessment of the top down factors such as interest rates, macro-economic outlook, inflationary expectations, fiscal and external account balances and geo-political issues. These factors will determine the level of allocation to each asset class in order to best achieve the Investment Objective. However, in order to maintain requisite flexibility and to have the ability to invest in opportunities as they arise, it is not an objective of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 to focus its investment in any specific, pre-set geographic or industry sector (although it may, but is not obliged to, in practice). Proposed securities will be listed, traded or dealt in Regulated Markets worldwide and will include securities of issuers in Emerging Markets or of issuers established outside of Emerging Markets, which have a predominant proportion of their assets or business operations in Emerging Markets.

The Investment Adviser evaluates the top down factors on an ongoing basis and uses a combination of direct investment and derivative exposure to implement a resulting mix of asset classes within the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 that reflects its investment objective. The Investment Adviser applies this selection and allocation policy across all asset classes outlined herein and will allocate between equities, fixed income securities, cash, currencies, property exposure (through REITs or derivative instruments), infrastructure exposure (through collective investment schemes or REITs), commodities exposure (through derivative instruments, equities or collective investment schemes), private equity exposure (through listed collective investment schemes) using the Investment Adviser's judgement on the appropriate mix of assets for the current investment environment.

The Investment Adviser uses a mathematical stress test to model thousands of different possible market outcomes. This modelling enables the Investment Adviser to use this information to construct robust portfolios based on expected future asset-class characteristics by using expected risk, return and correlation data. The aim of this is not to decide portfolio asset allocation, but to enable the Investment Adviser to test how the current portfolio will perform in different environments and better understand the possible outcomes, and use this information as part of the asset allocation decision making process.

Once the asset allocations have been determined by the top down analysis the Investment Adviser's bottom-up investment selection is then used to select the individual investments in the portfolio within that range. The bottom-up process will comprise of the Investment Adviser selecting investments using subjective judgement based on its experience coupled with objective analysis utilising its proprietary tools and publically available information, such as companies annual report and accounts, and debt to equity ratios to identify a diversified portfolio of investments that are well placed to consistently provide

returns over the longer term by combining investments that will perform at different points of the market cycle. The bottom-up analysis and review process is ongoing across the asset classes, so that when the Investment Adviser determines it prudent or more efficient to change asset allocations, there is already an available pool of suitable investments in each range for selection in order to implement the top down strategy efficiently.

### *Equities*

The Merian Compass Portfolio 3 will seek to gain exposure to international equity markets, by investing either directly in equity and equity-related securities or indirectly through equity focused collective investment schemes and derivatives (as described in greater detail below). The equity and equity-related securities in which the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may invest may include common shares, stock or preference shares, American depositary receipts, global depositary receipts, convertible securities and warrants. The Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may invest up to 20% of its Net Asset Value in REITs listed, traded or dealt in on Regulated Markets that are not considered Emerging Markets.

### *Collective Investment Schemes*

Similarly, the Investment Adviser has broad discretion with regard to the ability of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 to invest in collective investment schemes. The Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may invest up to 100% of its net assets in open-ended collective investment schemes which satisfy the requirements of the Central Bank for UCITS Acceptable Investment in other Investment Funds. Such schemes will be domiciled in the EEA, Jersey, Guernsey and the UK. In particular, any investment in alternative investment funds will be subject to Regulation 114(6) of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations") and will be compatible with the investment objective of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3. The Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may also achieve its desired exposure to equities, fixed income securities, cash, or commodities indirectly via investment in collective investment schemes. The Merian Compass Portfolio 3 investment in alternative investment funds will not, in aggregate, exceed 30% of net assets.

Subject to the above and the requirements of the Central Bank, the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may invest in collective investment schemes with which the Company is linked by common management or control or by a substantial direct or indirect holding. Investment may also be made in other Funds of the Company in accordance with the terms of the Regulations and the Company's Prospectus. Selection of the underlying collective investment schemes will be determined by the Investment Adviser's belief as to their relative market performance and will be an important driver of returns.

Where the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 invests in underlying funds which are managed by the Manager or any other company with which the Manager is linked by common management or control or by a substantial direct or indirect holding, the Manager (or other relevant entity) may not charge any subscription, conversion or redemption fees on account of such investment by the Merian Compass Portfolio 3.

Where the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 invests in the Shares of other Funds of the Company, the rate of the Management Fee which investors in the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 are charged in respect of that portion of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3's assets invested in other Funds shall not exceed the rate of the maximum Management Fee which investors in the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may be charged in respect of the balance of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3's assets, such that there shall be no double charging of the Management Fee to the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 as a result of its investments in other Funds. The maximum level of management fees that may be charged to the investment funds in which the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may invest shall be 3.00% of net asset value.

The Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may also invest up to 50% of its net assets in closed-ended funds which (i) qualify as transferable securities, (ii) are subject to the corporate governance regime applied to companies and (iii) where asset management activity is carried out by another entity that entity is subject to national regulation for the purposes of investor protection. The closed-ended exposure will be indirect to equities or fixed income instruments, but may also be to REITs or permitted hedge funds that qualify as transferable securities. Any investment in closed-ended funds will be in accordance with the investment limits for investment in transferable securities and collective investment schemes as

appropriate and as set out in Schedule III and will be for the purpose of achieving the long term total return set out in the investment objective of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3.

#### *Fixed Income and Debt Securities, Liquid Assets and Money Market Instruments*

The Investment Adviser also has the ability to invest the Merian Compass Portfolio 3's assets, either directly or indirectly in debt securities, including bonds (fixed or floating rate) issued by various government or corporate entities. The debt securities in which the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may invest shall include securities which have an issuer rating (or an instrument rating) at or above Investment Grade as well as securities rated below Investment Grade (or, if unrated, determined by the Investment Adviser to be of comparable quality). The Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may indirectly invest in debt securities through collective investment schemes or through the use of derivatives such as treasury futures. Treasury futures are derivatives with exposure to the price movements and coupon payments from US treasury bonds.

From time to time a substantial portion of Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may be held in cash deposits, treasury bills or short-term money market instruments, certificates of deposit, short term commercial paper as understood by reference to the UCITS Regulations and in money market funds ("Liquid Assets"). Investment to such extent in Liquid Assets may be made where this is considered to be in the best interests of Shareholders of Merian Compass Portfolio 3, for example, to mitigate Merian Compass Portfolio 3's exposure to market risk.

#### *Property Related Securities*

Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may gain exposure to property through property related securities including listed real estate investment trusts ('REITs'), equity securities of companies whose principal business is the ownership, management and/or development of real estate or derivatives based on REITs, REIT indices (for example the FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Index), or other property related indices which meet with the Central Bank's requirements as well as debt issued by the aforementioned companies. Investment in REIT and property-related indices may include direct exposure through investment in constituents of the relevant indices and indirect exposure through the use of the derivatives outlined herein.

#### *Long/Short Exposure*

The Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may take long and synthetic short positions over a variety of time periods (depending on current market conditions and the Investment Adviser's view relative to those conditions) in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. The proportion of long to short exposure in the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 will depend on the market conditions at any given time. It is possible that the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may have long only exposure, or conversely short only exposure at any point in time. Such positions may be taken across various asset classes contemplated under the investment policy of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 as set out herein. All of the asset classes listed in the supplement will be used for long exposure. Equities will be shorted using equity index futures. Individual bond futures, bond index futures and currency futures and forwards will be used for both long and short positions. Credit default swaps and interest rate swaps will also be used to obtain short positions. The Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may take up to 200% in synthetic short positions in combination with 100% long derivative positions and 100% in physical long positions. However, the Investment Adviser will, at some points where market conditions dictate, adopt defensive positions in a given asset class, in order to limit losses should the asset class perform poorly. For example, in a falling equity market the Investment Adviser might use a short equity position to generate a positive return mitigating losses in the other equity positions.

When calculated using the gross notional value of any derivatives in the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 and the market value of any direct investments, the combination of total gross long positions and total gross short positions are not expected to exceed 300% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. This figure represents that the Investment Adviser may wish to take short term fixed interest positions which require large nominal leverage to gain economic exposure.

#### *Financial Derivative Instruments and Efficient Portfolio Management*

The Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may employ investment techniques and instruments which may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives. These techniques and instruments may include futures (equity futures, bond futures, treasury futures and currency future contracts), options (equity options, equity index options, bond index options or currency options), options on futures, forward settled transactions, convertible or hybrid securities (which may include Preference Shares or convertible bonds), structured notes and swap agreements which includes credit default swaps, interest rate swaps and total return swaps. A further detailed description of the relevant derivative instruments and their commercial purpose is set out in the Prospectus under the heading “**Financial Derivative Instruments**”. The Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may only utilise derivatives instruments which are listed in both this investment policy and in the Company’s risk management process.

The use of derivatives will provide exposure to the underlying asset classes outlined above which include debt securities, equities, commodities and property. Such derivative instruments may be used for (i) hedging purposes, (ii) efficient portfolio management, and/or (iii) investment purposes when deemed necessary by the Investment Adviser, subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank. The derivatives will assist in achieving the investment objective of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 by allowing for the adjustment of risk (including credit, currency and interest rate risk (to alleviate the risk associated with fixed interest investment)) and by implementing trades in a more efficient and cost effective manner. For example, as outlined below, the Fund may invest in a position which is considered attractive but the inherent currency exposure adds unwanted risk. In this case the Investment Adviser may use a derivative to hedge the unwanted currency exposure so that the asset with derivative exposure represents better value than the unhedged direct exposure.

The Investment Adviser may enter into total return swaps where the underlying assets are commodity-related indices (or invest in other financial derivative instruments with the same characteristics) and it will only do so on behalf of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 with counterparties which shall be entities which satisfy the OTC counterparty criteria set down by the Central Bank in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and shall specialise in such transactions. Subject to compliance with those conditions, the Investment Adviser has full discretion as to the appointment of counterparties when entering into a total return swap in furtherance of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3’s investment objective and policies. It is not possible to comprehensively list in this Supplement all the counterparties as they have not, as of the date of issue of this Supplement, been selected and they may change from time to time. The failure of a counterparty to a swap transaction may have a negative impact on the return for shareholders. The Investment Adviser would seek to minimise counterparty performance risk by only selecting counterparties with a good credit rating and by monitoring any changes in those counterparties’ ratings. The counterparty to any total return swap entered into by the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 would not assume any discretion over the composition or management of the investment portfolio of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 or of the underlying of the total return swap and would meet the criteria set out in the Prospectus.

The Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may enter into credit default swap contracts to limit or to reduce the risk exposure of the portfolio to defaults of the issuer or issuers of its holdings (i.e., to reduce risk when the Fund owns or has exposure to such securities). The Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may also use credit default swap contracts to create or vary exposure to securities or markets or as a tax management tool. The Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may also use interest rate swaps and bond or treasury futures for portfolio duration management. Portfolio duration is a measurement tool that the Investment Adviser will apply to assess the expected life of fixed income securities in a portfolio and determine the sensitivity of the price of those securities in that portfolio to changes in interest rates. This measurement is expressed in years. For example, the longer a portfolio’s duration, the more sensitive it will be to changes in interest rates and the shorter the portfolio’s duration the less sensitive to changes in interest rates it will be. As part of its portfolio duration management, the Investment Adviser will utilise the aforementioned derivatives to manage this sensitivity and hedge the interest rate risk.

A hybrid security is a security which combines two or more financial instruments. Hybrid securities generally combine a traditional stock or bond with an option or forward contract. In the case of a hybrid security such as a convertible bond, for example, the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 will seek to benefit from a steady income stream, the repayment of principal at maturity, and the potential to share in the upside of the common stock. The security’s yield advantage and finite maturity give the convertible downside price support, or investment value. At the same time, the embedded option derivative component provides participation in higher equity values.



The Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may invest in structured notes (both leveraged and unleveraged) for which the coupon payment, principal repayment or repayment schedule varies according to pre-agreed conditions relating to fluctuations in unrelated assets such as currencies or stock indices. The convertible securities, hybrid securities and structured notes in which the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may invest may embed an option or forward derivative component. However, any additional leverage generated by the derivative will not cause the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 to exceed the leverage limit outlined below. These structured notes will be securitised and capable of free sale and transfer to other investors and will be purchased through recognised regulated dealers and deemed to be transferable securities which are traded on Regulated Markets Exchanges.

Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may invest up to 15% of its total assets in UCITS eligible commodity-related financial derivative instruments. Such instruments are derivative instruments based on commodity indices (including the Dow-Jones AIG Commodity Index, the Bloomberg family of commodity indices and other eligible commodity-related financial indices which meet with the requirements of and have, where necessary, been cleared by the Central Bank) and commodity index-linked notes, which may or may not embed leverage, and which enable Merian Compass Portfolio 3 to gain exposures to any of the indices and sub-indices referencing commodities in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may also invest in equity or equity-related securities of issuers in commodity-related industries. Details of any financial indices used by the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 will be provided to Shareholders by the Investment Adviser on request and will be set out in the Company's semi-annual and annual accounts.

Currency hedging activities and currency positions will be implemented using spot and forward foreign exchange contracts and currency futures, options and options on futures. Futures contracts (including bond futures and currency futures) may be used to hedge against market risk, currency risk or to gain exposure to an underlying market.

In order to protect Shareholders' interests, the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 will use VaR as a risk measurement technique to identify and monitor and manage risks. The Merian Compass Portfolio 3 will use absolute VaR to calculate its global exposure on a daily basis. The risk of loss of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 will be monitored using an absolute VaR model to ensure that the VaR of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 shall not exceed 20 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3, based on a 20 day holding period and a one-tailed 99 per cent. confidence interval using a 1 year observation period.

The Merian Compass Portfolio 3 will regularly monitor its leverage and the level of leverage of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 is expected to range from 0% to 300% of Net Asset Value during normal market conditions. The Merian Compass Portfolio 3's leverage may increase to higher levels, for example, at times when the Investment Adviser deems it most appropriate to use derivative instruments to alter the portfolio's equity, interest rate, currency or credit exposure. The leverage figure is calculated as the sum of the notionals of the derivatives used as is required by the Regulations. The notional value of the investments varies significantly from their market value which is why the leverage limits are higher. These leverage limits do not take into account any netting and hedging arrangements that the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 has in place at any time even though these netting and hedging arrangements are used for risk reduction purposes. There are limitations in using VaR as a statistical measure of risk because it does not directly limit the level of leverage in the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 and only describes the risk of loss in normal market conditions. The above leverage figure takes account of the creation of leveraged exposure to an index via derivatives, for the inclusion of a leveraged future in an index.

As part of its potential Emerging Markets exposure, the Fund will typically invest up to 5% of net assets in securities traded on domestic Russian markets and any such investment will only be made in securities that are listed/traded on the Moscow Exchange.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderately high level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRRI measurement of volatility.

## Investment Adviser

The Investment Adviser of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 is Quilter Investors Ltd which was formed in the United Kingdom on 26 February, 2002 and is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. As at 23 April, 2018 it had assets of approximately GBP 17 billion. Quilter Investors Ltd's registered address is Millennium Bridge House, 2 Lambeth Hill, London, EC4V 4AJ.

## Base Currency

The Base Currency is USD for the Merian Compass Portfolio 3.

## Business Day

In respect of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3, means a day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which retail banks are open for business in Dublin and London.

## Dealing Day

Means in respect of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

## Classes of Shares

The Classes of Shares in the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A and N Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A Shares and N Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

## Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 which is available but not yet launched will close on 30 April, 2020. The initial offer period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any such extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis. After closing of the initial offer period Shares in the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 will be issued at the Net Asset Value per Share.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, USD 10.00, SGD 10.00 or AUD 10.00.

## Fees and Expenses

### Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian Compass Portfolio 3.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee
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<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5%	1.35%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5%	1.35%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR1,000	EUR 500	EUR 500	Up to 5%	1.35%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (SGD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	SGD	SGD 1,000	SGD 500	SGD 500	Up to 5%	1.35%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (AUD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 5%	1.35%	Nil	Nil
<b>N (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5%	1.35%	Nil	0.25%
<b>N (SGD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	SGD	SGD 1,000	SGD 500	SGD 500	Up to 5%	1.35%	Nil	0.25%
<b>N (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5%	1.35%	Nil	0.25%

Shareholders of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 should note that all or a portion of Fees and Expenses in respect of Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may be charged to capital at a Fund or Share Class level. Thus, on redemptions of holdings Shareholders of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 income class shares may not receive back the full amount invested due to capital reduction. In addition, it should be noted that as a result capital may be eroded and income may be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth. It is recommended that Shareholders of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 seek advice in this regard. The rationale for providing for the payment of fees and expenses out of capital is to increase the level of income distributed for income class shareholders.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “**Fees and Expenses**”.

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

#### **Establishment Costs**

The cost of establishing the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 and the preparation and printing of the relevant Supplement did not exceed €50,000 and will be charged to the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 and amortised over a period of up to three years of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3’s operation. As of the date of this Supplement, the outstanding unamortised establishment costs of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 does not exceed €5,000.

## **Distribution Policy**

The Merian Compass Portfolio 3 currently does not offer any Distributing Share Classes. The income and capital gains of the Share Classes of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3.

## **Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed “**Financial Derivative Instruments**” and “**Risk Factors**”.

## **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3:-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

The Investment Advisory agreement dated 15 June, 2018 (as amended) between the Investment Manager and Quilter Investors Limited, pursuant to which the latter acts as investment adviser in relation to the assets of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3.

## **Collective Investment Scheme Risk**

The Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may be subject to valuation risk due to the manner and timing of valuations of its investments in other collective investment schemes. Collective investment schemes may be valued by fund administrators affiliated to fund managers, or by the fund managers themselves, resulting in valuations which are not verified by an independent third party on a regular or timely basis. Accordingly, there is a risk that (i) the valuations of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may not reflect the true value of holdings in other collective investment schemes at a specific time which could result in significant losses or inaccurate pricing for the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 and/or (ii) valuation may not be available as at the relevant valuation point for the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 so that some or all of the assets of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may be valued on an estimated basis.

While the Investment Adviser or its delegate will comply with the investment restrictions applicable to the Merian Compass Portfolio 3, the manager of and/or service providers to these collective investment schemes are not obliged to comply with such investment restrictions in the management/administration of these collective investment schemes. No assurance is given that the investment restrictions of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 with respect to individual issuers or other exposures will be adhered to by collective investment schemes or that, when aggregated, exposure by collective investment schemes to individual issuers or counterparties will not exceed the investment restrictions applicable to the Merian Compass Portfolio 3.

The cost of investing in the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 will generally be higher than the cost of investing in an investment fund that invests directly in individual stocks and bonds. By investing in the Merian Compass Portfolio 3, an investor will indirectly bear fees and expenses charged by the collective investment schemes in addition to the Merian Compass Portfolio 3's direct fees and expenses. In addition, the use of a fund of funds structure could affect the timing, amount and character of distributions to Shareholders.

Because the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 invests in collective investment schemes, the risks associated with its investments are closely related to the risks associated with the securities and other investments held by those collective investment schemes. The ability of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 to achieve its investment objectives will depend upon the ability of the collective investment schemes to achieve their investment objectives. There can be no assurance that the investment objective of any collective investment scheme will be achieved.

## **Total Return Swaps**

As set out under Investment Objective and Policies, the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may engage in total return swaps.

The maximum exposure of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 in respect of total return swaps, shall be 20% of the Net Asset Value. However, the Investment Adviser does not anticipate that the Merian Compass Portfolio 3's exposure to total return swaps will exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value. The collateral supporting will be valued daily at mark-to-market prices and daily variation margin used if the value of collateral falls below coverage requirements.

In respect of total return swaps, a counterparty selected will be either an investment firm, authorised in accordance with the EU MiFID Directive (2004/39/EC) or a group company of an entity issued with a bank holding company licence from the Federal Reserve of the United States of America where that group company is subject to bank holding company consolidated supervision by that Federal Reserve or an "Approved Credit Institution". An Approved Credit Institution is:

- (i) a credit institution authorised in the EEA; or
- (ii) a credit institution authorised within a signatory state, other than a Member State of the EEA, to the Basle Capital Convergence Agreement of July 1988 (Switzerland, Canada, Japan, United States); or
- (iii) a credit institution authorised in Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Australia or New Zealand.

Counterparties to a total return swap will have a minimum credit rating of A-2 or equivalent or have been deemed by the Company (or the Investment Manager) to have an implied rating of A-2. Alternatively, an unrated counterparty may be acceptable where the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 is indemnified or guaranteed against losses suffered as a result of a failure by the counterparty by an entity which has and maintains a rating of A-2 or equivalent.

In respect of total return swaps, collateral received other than cash, will be highly liquid and traded on a regulated market or multilateral trading facility with transparent pricing in order that it can be sold quickly at a price that is close to pre-sale valuation. Collateral received will be issued by an entity that is independent from the counterparty and is not expected to display a high correlation with the performance of the counterparty. Collateral will be sufficiently diversified in terms of country, markets and issuers with a maximum exposure to a given issuer of 20% of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3's Net Asset Value. If the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 is exposed to different counterparties, the different baskets of collateral will be aggregated to calculate the 20% limit of exposure to a single issuer. Furthermore, the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may be fully collateralised in different transferable securities and Money Market Instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State, one or more of its local authorities, a third country, or a public international body to which one or more Member State belongs, as set out in Schedule III Section 2.12 of the Prospectus. In this instance, the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 will receive securities from at least 6 different issuers, but securities from any single issuer will not account for more than 30 per cent of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3's Net Asset Value.

## **Collateral**

In accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, the Investment Adviser employs a collateral management policy in respect of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 in relation to collateral received in respect of OTC financial derivative transactions whether used for investment or for efficient portfolio management purposes. Any collateral and/or assets received by the Company for and on behalf of the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 on a title transfer basis shall be held in safekeeping by the Depositary. For other types of collateral arrangements, the collateral will be held with a third party depositary which is subject to prudential supervision and which is unrelated to the collateral provider.

Where necessary, the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 will accept collateral from its counterparties in order to reduce counterparty risk exposure generated through the use of over the counter derivative instruments and efficient portfolio management techniques. The Merian Compass Portfolio 3 may receive cash collateral, high quality government bonds, other government-backed securities of varying maturity and equities to the extent deemed necessary by the Investment Adviser in respect of over-the-counter derivative transactions, provided however that such collateral and its re-use must comply with

the requirements of the Central Bank and the conditions for the receipt of eligible collateral set out in Schedule II of the Prospectus.

The level of collateral required to be posted may vary by counterparty with which the Merian Compass Portfolio 3 trades and shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. A documented haircut policy is in place for the Company detailing the policy in respect of each class of assets received and which takes into account the characteristics of the assets and the results of any stress tests conducted as required. The haircut policy applied to posted collateral will be negotiated on a counterparty basis and will vary depending on the class of asset received by the Merian Compass Portfolio 3, taking into account the characteristics of the assets received as collateral such as the credit standing or the price volatility and the outcome of any liquidity stress testing policy. Any re-investment of cash collateral shall be diversified in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank and the conditions for reinvesting collateral set out in Schedule II of the Prospectus. Re-invested cash collateral exposes the Company to certain risks such as the risk of a failure or default of the issuer of the relevant security in which the cash collateral has been invested.

### **Counterparty Procedures**

The Investment Manager approves the counterparties used for dealing, establishes counterparty credit limits for them and monitors them on an on-going basis.

The Investment Manager selects counterparties on the basis of their ability to supply liquidity and competitive pricing to the Merian Compass Portfolio 3. This is subject to the minimum credit rating requirements and legal status requirements specified in the Regulations.

The Investment Manager's counterparty approval process reviews the financial strength, internal controls and general reputation of the counterparty in question, as well as the legal, regulatory and political environment in the relevant markets. Counterparty exposure is monitored and reported to the Investment Manager on a regular basis. Any broker counterparty selected must be appropriately registered and meet operational efficiency requirements of the Investment Manager.

Investors should consult the "Risk Factors" of the Prospectus for information on counterparty risk and credit risk in this regard.

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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian Compass Portfolio 4, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian Compass Portfolio 4

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**An investment in the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 should be regarded as a medium to long term investment.**

**Shareholders of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 should note that all or a part of fees and expenses will be charged to the capital at a Fund or Share Class level. This will have the effect of lowering the capital value of your investment.**

**From time to time a substantial portion of Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may be held in cash deposits, treasury bills or short-term money market instruments. These investments are not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account. As a result, prospective investors should note that there is a risk that the value of their investment in the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may fluctuate.**

**Prospective investors should note that the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 is closed and an application for revocation of authorisation will be submitted to the Central Bank in due course.**

## Investment Objective and Policies

The investment objective of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 is to generate a long-term total return.

In seeking to achieve its investment objective the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 will invest in a diversified range of asset classes. The Merian Compass Portfolio 4 will invest up to 90% of net assets in a globally diversified portfolio of equity and equity related securities as well as seek to gain indirect exposure to equity and equity related securities through shares and units of collective investment schemes.

In addition to the Merian Compass Portfolio 4's proposed exposure to equities, the Investment Adviser may also look to achieve its desired exposure by investing in fixed income instruments such as bonds, money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, as well as both commodity-related and property-related instruments though it will not invest directly in commodities or property. Instead, as outlined in greater detail below, exposure to commodities will be obtained either via investment in other collective investment schemes (both open and closed-ended) and/or via investment in financial derivative instruments. Similarly, property-related exposure may be obtained via investment in REITs and/or other debt securities issued by REITs as set out in the section of this policy dealing with *Fixed Income and Debt Securities*. The Merian Compass Portfolio 4's use of derivatives may include using derivatives to create synthetic short positions as further outlined below.

### *Asset Allocation and Investment Selection*

As further outlined below, the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 is designed to provide exposure to a diversified range of asset classes, as set out herein, using the Investment Adviser's asset allocation expertise. The Merian Compass Portfolio 4 will have two primary drivers of performance, top-down asset allocation and bottom-up investment selection. The top-down assessment will be used to determine the asset allocation of the portfolio. Sectoral, geographical and capitalisation focus will be driven by an on-going assessment of the top down factors such as interest rates, macro-economic outlook, inflationary expectations, fiscal and external account balances and geo-political issues. These factors will determine the level of allocation to each asset class in order to best achieve the Investment Objective. However, in order to maintain requisite flexibility and to have the ability to invest in opportunities as they arise, it is not an objective of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 to focus its investment in any specific, pre-set geographic or industry sector (although it may, but is not obliged to, in practice). Proposed securities will be listed, traded or dealt in Regulated Markets worldwide and will include securities of issuers in Emerging Markets or of issuers established outside of Emerging Markets, which have a predominant proportion of their assets or business operations in Emerging Markets.

The Investment Adviser evaluates the top down factors on an ongoing basis and uses a combination of direct investment and derivative exposure to implement a resulting mix of asset classes within the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 that reflects its investment objective. The Investment Adviser applies this selection and allocation policy across all asset classes outlined herein and will allocate between equities, fixed income securities, cash, currencies, property exposure (through REITs or derivative instruments), infrastructure exposure (through collective investment schemes or REITs), commodities exposure (through derivative instruments, equities or collective investment schemes), private equity exposure (through listed collective investment schemes) using the Investment Adviser's judgement on the appropriate mix of assets for the current investment environment.

The Investment Adviser uses a mathematical stress test to model thousands of different possible market outcomes. This modelling enables the Investment Adviser to use this information to construct robust portfolios based on expected future asset-class characteristics by using expected risk, return and correlation data. The aim of this is not to decide portfolio asset allocation, but to enable the Investment Adviser to test how the current portfolio will perform in different environments and better understand the possible outcomes, and use this information as part of the asset allocation decision making process.

Once the asset allocations have been determined by the top down analysis the Investment Adviser's bottom-up investment selection is then used to select the individual investments in the portfolio within that range. The bottom-up process will comprise of the Investment Adviser selecting investments using subjective judgement based on its experience coupled with objective analysis utilising its proprietary tools and publically available information, such as companies annual report and accounts, and debt to equity ratios to identify a diversified portfolio of investments that are well placed to consistently provide



returns over the longer term by combining investments that will perform at different points of the market cycle. The bottom-up analysis and review process is ongoing across the asset classes, so that when the Investment Adviser determines it prudent or more efficient to change asset allocations, there is already an available pool of suitable investments in each range for selection in order to implement the top down strategy efficiently.

### *Equities*

The Merian Compass Portfolio 4 will seek to gain exposure to international equity markets, by investing either directly in equity and equity-related securities or indirectly through equity focused collective investment schemes and derivatives (as described in greater detail below). The equity and equity-related securities in which the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may invest may include common shares, stock or preference shares, American depositary receipts, global depositary receipts, convertible securities and warrants. The Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may invest up to 20% of its Net Asset Value in REITs listed, traded or dealt in on Regulated Markets that are not considered Emerging Markets.

### *Collective Investment Schemes*

Similarly, the Investment Adviser has broad discretion with regard to the ability of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 to invest in collective investment schemes. The Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may invest up to 100% of its net assets in open-ended collective investment schemes which satisfy the requirements of the Central Bank for UCITS Acceptable Investment in other Investment Funds. Such schemes will be domiciled in the EEA, Jersey, Guernsey and the UK. In particular, any investment in alternative investment funds will be subject to Regulation 114(6) of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations") and will be compatible with the investment objective of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4. The Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may also achieve its desired exposure to equities, fixed income securities, cash, or commodities indirectly via investment in collective investment schemes. The Merian Compass Portfolio 4 investment in alternative investment funds will not, in aggregate, exceed 30% of net assets.

Subject to the above and the requirements of the Central Bank, the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may invest in collective investment schemes with which the Company is linked by common management or control or by a substantial direct or indirect holding. Investment may also be made in other Funds of the Company in accordance with the terms of the Regulations and the Company's Prospectus. Selection of the underlying collective investment schemes will be determined by the Investment Adviser's belief as to their relative market performance and will be an important driver of returns.

Where the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 invests in underlying funds which are managed by the Manager or any other company with which the Manager is linked by common management or control or by a substantial direct or indirect holding, the Manager (or other relevant entity) may not charge any subscription, conversion or redemption fees on account of such investment by the Merian Compass Portfolio 4.

Where the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 invests in the Shares of other Funds of the Company, the rate of the Management Fee which investors in the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 are charged in respect of that portion of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4's assets invested in other Funds shall not exceed the rate of the maximum Management Fee which investors in the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may be charged in respect of the balance of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4's assets, such that there shall be no double charging of the Management Fee to the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 as a result of its investments in other Funds. The maximum level of management fees that may be charged to the investment funds in which the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may invest shall be 3.00% of net asset value.

The Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may also invest up to 50% of its net assets in closed-ended funds which (i) qualify as transferable securities, (ii) are subject to the corporate governance regime applied to companies and (iii) where asset management activity is carried out by another entity that entity is subject to national regulation for the purposes of investor protection. The closed-ended exposure will be indirect to equities or fixed income instruments, but may also be to REITs or permitted hedge funds that qualify as transferable securities. Any investment in closed-ended funds will be in accordance with the investment limits for investment in transferable securities and collective investment schemes as

appropriate and as set out in Schedule III and will be for the purpose of achieving the long term total return set out in the investment objective of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4.

#### *Fixed Income and Debt Securities, Liquid Assets and Money Market Instruments*

The Investment Adviser also has the ability to invest the Merian Compass Portfolio 4's assets, either directly or indirectly in debt securities, including bonds (fixed or floating rate) issued by various government or corporate entities. The debt securities in which the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may invest shall include securities which have an issuer rating (or an instrument rating) at or above Investment Grade as well as securities rated below Investment Grade (or, if unrated, determined by the Investment Adviser to be of comparable quality). The Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may indirectly invest in debt securities through collective investment schemes or through the use of derivatives such as treasury futures. Treasury futures are derivatives with exposure to the price movements and coupon payments from US treasury bonds.

From time to time a substantial portion of Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may be held in cash deposits, treasury bills or short-term money market instruments, certificates of deposit, short term commercial paper as understood by reference to the UCITS Regulations and in money market funds ("Liquid Assets"). Investment to such extent in Liquid Assets may be made where this is considered to be in the best interests of Shareholders of Merian Compass Portfolio 4, for example, to mitigate Merian Compass Portfolio 4's exposure to market risk.

#### *Property Related Securities*

Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may gain exposure to property through property related securities including listed real estate investment trusts ('REITs'), equity securities of companies whose principal business is the ownership, management and/or development of real estate or derivatives based on REITs, REIT indices (for example the FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Index), or other property related indices which meet with the Central Bank's requirements as well as debt issued by the aforementioned companies. Investment in REIT and property-related indices may include direct exposure through investment in constituents of the relevant indices and indirect exposure through the use of the derivatives outlined herein.

#### *Long/Short Exposure*

The Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may take long and synthetic short positions over a variety of time periods (depending on current market conditions and the Investment Adviser's view relative to those conditions) in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. The proportion of long to short exposure in the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 will depend on the market conditions at any given time. It is possible that the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may have long only exposure, or conversely short only exposure at any point in time. Such positions may be taken across various asset classes contemplated under the investment policy of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 as set out herein. All of the asset classes listed in the supplement will be used for long exposure. Equities will be shorted using equity index futures. Individual bond futures, bond index futures and currency futures and forwards will be used for both long and short positions. Credit default swaps and interest rate swaps will also be used to obtain short positions. The Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may take up to 200% in synthetic short positions in combination with 100% long derivative positions and 100% in physical long positions. However, the Investment Adviser will, at some points where market conditions dictate, adopt defensive positions in a given asset class, in order to limit losses should the asset class perform poorly. For example, in a falling equity market the Investment Adviser might use a short equity position to generate a positive return mitigating losses in the other equity positions.

When calculated using the gross notional value of any derivatives in the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 and the market value of any direct investments, the combination of total gross long positions and total gross short positions are not expected to exceed 300% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. This figure represents that the Investment Adviser may wish to take short term fixed interest positions which require large nominal leverage to gain economic exposure.

#### *Financial Derivative Instruments and Efficient Portfolio Management*

The Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may employ investment techniques and instruments which may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives. These techniques and instruments may include futures (equity futures, bond futures, treasury futures and currency future contracts), options (equity options, equity index options, bond index options or currency options), options on futures, forward settled transactions, convertible or hybrid securities (which may include Preference Shares or convertible bonds), structured notes and swap agreements which includes credit default swaps, interest rate swaps and total return swaps. A further detailed description of the relevant derivative instruments and their commercial purpose is set out in the Prospectus under the heading “**Financial Derivative Instruments**”. The Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may only utilise derivatives instruments which are listed in both this investment policy and in the Company’s risk management process.

The use of derivatives will provide exposure to the underlying asset classes outlined above which include debt securities, equities, commodities and property. Such derivative instruments may be used for (i) hedging purposes, (ii) efficient portfolio management, and/or (iii) investment purposes when deemed necessary by the Investment Adviser, subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank. The derivatives will assist in achieving the investment objective of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 by allowing for the adjustment of risk (including credit, currency and interest rate risk (to alleviate the risk associated with fixed interest investment)) and by implementing trades in a more efficient and cost effective manner. For example, as outlined below, the Fund may invest in a position which is considered attractive but the inherent currency exposure adds unwanted risk. In this case the Investment Adviser may use a derivative to hedge the unwanted currency exposure so that the asset with derivative exposure represents better value than the unhedged direct exposure.

The Investment Adviser may enter into total return swaps where the underlying assets are commodity-related indices (or invest in other financial derivative instruments with the same characteristics) and it will only do so on behalf of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 with counterparties which shall be entities which satisfy the OTC counterparty criteria set down by the Central Bank in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and shall specialise in such transactions. Subject to compliance with those conditions, the Investment Adviser has full discretion as to the appointment of counterparties when entering into a total return swap in furtherance of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4’s investment objective and policies. It is not possible to comprehensively list in this Supplement all the counterparties as they have not, as of the date of issue of this Supplement, been selected and they may change from time to time. The failure of a counterparty to a swap transaction may have a negative impact on the return for shareholders. The Investment Adviser would seek to minimise counterparty performance risk by only selecting counterparties with a good credit rating and by monitoring any changes in those counterparties’ ratings. The counterparty to any total return swap entered into by the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 would not assume any discretion over the composition or management of the investment portfolio of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 or of the underlying of the total return swap and would meet the criteria set out in the Prospectus.

The Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may enter into credit default swap contracts to limit or to reduce the risk exposure of the portfolio to defaults of the issuer or issuers of its holdings (i.e., to reduce risk when the Fund owns or has exposure to such securities). The Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may also use credit default swap contracts to create or vary exposure to securities or markets or as a tax management tool. The Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may also use interest rate swaps and bond or treasury futures for portfolio duration management. Portfolio duration is a measurement tool that the Investment Adviser will apply to assess the expected life of fixed income securities in a portfolio and determine the sensitivity of the price of those securities in that portfolio to changes in interest rates. This measurement is expressed in years. For example, the longer a portfolio’s duration, the more sensitive it will be to changes in interest rates and the shorter the portfolio’s duration the less sensitive to changes in interest rates it will be. As part of its portfolio duration management, the Investment Adviser will utilise the aforementioned derivatives to manage this sensitivity and hedge the interest rate risk.

A hybrid security is a security which combines two or more financial instruments. Hybrid securities generally combine a traditional stock or bond with an option or forward contract. In the case of a hybrid security such as a convertible bond, for example, the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 will seek to benefit from a steady income stream, the repayment of principal at maturity, and the potential to share in the upside of the common stock. The security’s yield advantage and finite maturity give the convertible

downside price support, or investment value. At the same time, the embedded option derivative component provides participation in higher equity values.

The Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may invest in structured notes (both leveraged and unleveraged) for which the coupon payment, principal repayment or repayment schedule varies according to pre-agreed conditions relating to fluctuations in unrelated assets such as currencies or stock indices. The convertible securities, hybrid securities and structured notes in which the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may invest may embed an option or forward derivative component. However, any additional leverage generated by the derivative will not cause the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 to exceed the leverage limit outlined below. These structured notes will be securitised and capable of free sale and transfer to other investors and will be purchased through recognised regulated dealers and deemed to be transferable securities which are traded on Regulated Markets Exchanges.

Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may invest up to 15% of its total assets in UCITS eligible commodity-related financial derivative instruments. Such instruments are derivative instruments based on commodity indices (including the Dow-Jones AIG Commodity Index, the Bloomberg family of commodity indices and other eligible commodity-related financial indices which meet with the requirements of and have, where necessary, been cleared by the Central Bank) and commodity index-linked notes, which may or may not embed leverage, and which enable Merian Compass Portfolio 4 to gain exposures to any of the indices and sub-indices referencing commodities in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may also invest in equity or equity-related securities of issuers in commodity-related industries. Details of any financial indices used by the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 will be provided to Shareholders by the Investment Adviser on request and will be set out in the Company's semi-annual and annual accounts.

Currency hedging activities and currency positions will be implemented using spot and forward foreign exchange contracts and currency futures, options and options on futures. Futures contracts (including bond futures and currency futures) may be used to hedge against market risk, currency risk or to gain exposure to an underlying market.

In order to protect Shareholders' interests, the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 will use VaR as a risk measurement technique to identify and monitor and manage risks. The Merian Compass Portfolio 4 will use absolute VaR to calculate its global exposure on a daily basis. The risk of loss of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 will be monitored using an absolute VaR model to ensure that the VaR of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 shall not exceed 20 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4, based on a 20 day holding period and a one-tailed 99 per cent. confidence interval using a 1 year observation period.

The Merian Compass Portfolio 4 will regularly monitor its leverage and the level of leverage of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 is expected to range from 0% to 300% of Net Asset Value during normal market conditions. The Merian Compass Portfolio 4's leverage may increase to higher levels, for example, at times when the Investment Adviser deems it most appropriate to use derivative instruments to alter the portfolio's equity, interest rate, currency or credit exposure. The leverage figure is calculated as the sum of the notionals of the derivatives used as is required by the Regulations. The notional value of the investments varies significantly from their market value which is why the leverage limits are higher. These leverage limits do not take into account any netting and hedging arrangements that the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 has in place at any time even though these netting and hedging arrangements are used for risk reduction purposes. There are limitations in using VaR as a statistical measure of risk because it does not directly limit the level of leverage in the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 and only describes the risk of loss in normal market conditions. The above leverage figure takes account of the creation of leveraged exposure to an index via derivatives, for the inclusion of a leveraged future in an index.

As part of its potential Emerging Markets exposure, the Fund will typically invest up to 5% of net assets in securities traded on domestic Russian markets and any such investment will only be made in securities that are listed/traded on the Moscow Exchange.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a high level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRRI measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Adviser**

The Investment Adviser of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 is Quilter Investors Ltd which was formed in the United Kingdom on 26 February, 2002 and is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. As at 23 April, 2018 it had assets of approximately GBP 17 billion. Quilter Investors Ltd's registered address is Millennium Bridge House, 2 Lambeth Hill, London, EC4V 4AJ.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is USD for the Merian Compass Portfolio 4.

### **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4, means a day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which retail banks are open for business in Dublin and London.

### **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

### **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A and N Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A and N Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

### **Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price**

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 which is available but not yet launched will close on 30 April, 2020. The initial offer period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any such extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis. After closing of the initial offer period Shares in the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 will be issued at the Net Asset Value per Share.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, USD 10.00, SGD 10.00 or AUD 10.00.

### **Fees and Expenses**

#### **Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts**

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian Compass Portfolio 4.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee
<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5%	1.35%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5%	1.35%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR 500	Up to 5%	1.35%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (SGD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	SGD	SGD 1,000	SGD 500	SGD 500	Up to 5%	1.35%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (AUD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 5%	1.35%	Nil	Nil
<b>N (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5%	1.35%	Nil	0.25%
<b>N (SGD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	SGD	SGD 1,000	SGD 500	SGD 500	Up to 5%	1.35%	Nil	0.25%
<b>N (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5%	1.35%	Nil	0.25%

Shareholders of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 should note that all or a portion of Fees and Expenses in respect of Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may be charged to capital at a Fund or Share Class level. Thus, on redemptions of holdings Shareholders of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 income class shares may not receive back the full amount invested due to capital reduction. In addition, it should be noted that as a result capital may be eroded and income may be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth. It is recommended that Shareholders of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 seek advice in this regard. The rationale for providing for the payment of fees and expenses out of capital is to increase the level of income distributed for income class shareholders.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “**Fees and Expenses**”.

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

### **Establishment Costs**

The cost of establishing the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 and the preparation and printing of the relevant Supplement did not exceed €50,000 and will be charged to the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 and amortised over a period of up to three years of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4’s operation. As of the

date of this Supplement, the outstanding unamortised establishment costs of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 does not exceed €5,000.

### **Distribution Policy**

The Merian Compass Portfolio 4 currently does not offer any Distributing Share Classes. The income and capital gains of the Share Classes of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4.

### **Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed “**Financial Derivative Instruments**” and “**Risk Factors**”.

### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4:-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

The Investment Advisory agreement dated 15 June, 2018 (as amended) between the Investment Manager and Quilter Investors Limited, pursuant to which the latter acts as investment adviser in relation to the assets of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4.

### **Collective Investment Scheme Risk**

The Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may be subject to valuation risk due to the manner and timing of valuations of its investments in other collective investment schemes. Collective investment schemes may be valued by fund administrators affiliated to fund managers, or by the fund managers themselves, resulting in valuations which are not verified by an independent third party on a regular or timely basis. Accordingly, there is a risk that (i) the valuations of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may not reflect the true value of holdings in other collective investment schemes at a specific time which could result in significant losses or inaccurate pricing for the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 and/or (ii) valuation may not be available as at the relevant valuation point for the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 so that some or all of the assets of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may be valued on an estimated basis.

While the Investment Adviser or its delegate will comply with the investment restrictions applicable to the Merian Compass Portfolio 4, the manager of and/or service providers to these collective investment schemes are not obliged to comply with such investment restrictions in the management/administration of these collective investment schemes. No assurance is given that the investment restrictions of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 with respect to individual issuers or other exposures will be adhered to by collective investment schemes or that, when aggregated, exposure by collective investment schemes to individual issuers or counterparties will not exceed the investment restrictions applicable to the Merian Compass Portfolio 4.

The cost of investing in the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 will generally be higher than the cost of investing in an investment fund that invests directly in individual stocks and bonds. By investing in the Merian Compass Portfolio 4, an investor will indirectly bear fees and expenses charged by the collective investment schemes in addition to the Merian Compass Portfolio 4's direct fees and expenses. In addition, the use of a fund of funds structure could affect the timing, amount and character of distributions to Shareholders.

Because the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 invests in collective investment schemes, the risks associated with its investments are closely related to the risks associated with the securities and other investments held by those collective investment schemes. The ability of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 to achieve its investment objectives will depend upon the ability of the collective investment schemes to achieve their investment objectives. There can be no assurance that the investment objective of any collective investment scheme will be achieved.

## **Total Return Swaps**

As set out under Investment Objective and Policies, the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may engage in total return swaps.

The maximum exposure of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 in respect of total return swaps, shall be 20% of the Net Asset Value. However, the Investment Adviser does not anticipate that the Merian Compass Portfolio 4's exposure to total return swaps will exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value. The collateral supporting will be valued daily at mark-to-market prices and daily variation margin used if the value of collateral falls below coverage requirements.

In respect of total return swaps, a counterparty selected will be either an investment firm, authorised in accordance with the EU MiFID Directive (2004/39/EC) or a group company of an entity issued with a bank holding company licence from the Federal Reserve of the United States of America where that group company is subject to bank holding company consolidated supervision by that Federal Reserve or an "Approved Credit Institution". An Approved Credit Institution is:

- (iii) a credit institution authorised in the EEA; or
- (iv) a credit institution authorised within a signatory state, other than a Member State of the EEA, to the Basle Capital Convergence Agreement of July 1988 (Switzerland, Canada, Japan, United States); or
- (v) a credit institution authorised in Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Australia or New Zealand.

Counterparties to a total return swap will have a minimum credit rating of A-2 or equivalent or have been deemed by the Company (or the Investment Manager) to have an implied rating of A-2. Alternatively, an unrated counterparty may be acceptable where the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 is indemnified or guaranteed against losses suffered as a result of a failure by the counterparty by an entity which has and maintains a rating of A-2 or equivalent.

In respect of total return swaps, collateral received other than cash, will be highly liquid and traded on a regulated market or multilateral trading facility with transparent pricing in order that it can be sold quickly at a price that is close to pre-sale valuation. Collateral received will be issued by an entity that is independent from the counterparty and is not expected to display a high correlation with the performance of the counterparty. Collateral will be sufficiently diversified in terms of country, markets and issuers with a maximum exposure to a given issuer of 20% of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4's Net Asset Value. If the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 is exposed to different counterparties, the different baskets of collateral will be aggregated to calculate the 20% limit of exposure to a single issuer. Furthermore, the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may be fully collateralised in different transferable securities and Money Market Instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State, one or more of its local authorities, a third country, or a public international body to which one or more Member State belongs, as set out in Schedule III Section 2.12 of the Prospectus. In this instance, the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 will receive securities from at least 6 different issuers, but securities from any single issuer will not account for more than 30 per cent of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4's Net Asset Value.

## **Collateral**

In accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, the Investment Adviser employs a collateral management policy in respect of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 in relation to collateral received in respect of OTC financial derivative transactions whether used for investment or for efficient portfolio management purposes. Any collateral and/or assets received by the Company for and on behalf of the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 on a title transfer basis shall be held in safekeeping by the Depositary. For other types of collateral arrangements, the collateral will be held with a third party depositary which is subject to prudential supervision and which is unrelated to the collateral provider.

Where necessary, the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 will accept collateral from its counterparties in order to reduce counterparty risk exposure generated through the use of over the counter derivative



instruments and efficient portfolio management techniques. The Merian Compass Portfolio 4 may receive cash collateral, high quality government bonds, other government-backed securities of varying maturity and equities to the extent deemed necessary by the Investment Adviser in respect of over-the-counter derivative transactions, provided however that such collateral and its re-use must comply with the requirements of the Central Bank and the conditions for the receipt of eligible collateral set out in Schedule II of the Prospectus.

The level of collateral required to be posted may vary by counterparty with which the Merian Compass Portfolio 4 trades and shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. A documented haircut policy is in place for the Company detailing the policy in respect of each class of assets received and which takes into account the characteristics of the assets and the results of any stress tests conducted as required. The haircut policy applied to posted collateral will be negotiated on a counterparty basis and will vary depending on the class of asset received by the Merian Compass Portfolio 4, taking into account the characteristics of the assets received as collateral such as the credit standing or the price volatility and the outcome of any liquidity stress testing policy. Any re-investment of cash collateral shall be diversified in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank and the conditions for reinvesting collateral set out in Schedule II of the Prospectus. Re-invested cash collateral exposes the Company to certain risks such as the risk of a failure or default of the issuer of the relevant security in which the cash collateral has been invested.

### **Counterparty Procedures**

The Investment Manager approves the counterparties used for dealing, establishes counterparty credit limits for them and monitors them on an on-going basis.

The Investment Manager selects counterparties on the basis of their ability to supply liquidity and competitive pricing to the Merian Compass Portfolio 4. This is subject to the minimum credit rating requirements and legal status requirements specified in the Regulations.

The Investment Manager's counterparty approval process reviews the financial strength, internal controls and general reputation of the counterparty in question, as well as the legal, regulatory and political environment in the relevant markets. Counterparty exposure is monitored and reported to the Investment Manager on a regular basis. Any broker counterparty selected must be appropriately registered and meet operational efficiency requirements of the Investment Manager.

Investors should consult the "Risk Factors" of the Prospectus for information on counterparty risk and credit risk in this regard.

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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian Compass Portfolio 5, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian Compass Portfolio 5

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**An investment in the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 should be regarded as a medium to long term investment.**

**Shareholders of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 should note that all or a part of fees and expenses will be charged to the capital at a Fund or Share Class level. This will have the effect of lowering the capital value of your investment.**

From time to time a substantial portion of Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may be held in cash deposits, treasury bills or short-term money market instruments. These investments are not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account. As a result, prospective investors should note that there is a risk that the value of their investment in the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may fluctuate.

**Prospective investors should note that the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 is closed and an application for revocation of authorisation will be submitted to the Central Bank in due course.**

## Investment Objective and Policies

The investment objective of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 is to generate a long-term total return.

In seeking to achieve its investment objective the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 will invest in a diversified range of asset classes. The Merian Compass Portfolio 5 will invest up to 100% of net assets in a globally diversified portfolio of equity and equity related securities as well as seek to gain indirect exposure to equity and equity related securities through shares and units of collective investment schemes.

In addition to the Merian Compass Portfolio 5's proposed exposure to equities, the Investment Adviser may also look to achieve its desired exposure by investing in fixed income instruments such as bonds, money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, as well as both commodity-related and property-related instruments though it will not invest directly in commodities or property. Instead, as outlined in greater detail below, exposure to commodities will be obtained either via investment in other collective investment schemes (both open and closed-ended) and/or via investment in financial derivative instruments. Similarly, property-related exposure may be obtained via investment in REITs and/or other debt securities issued by REITs as set out in the section of this policy dealing with *Fixed Income and Debt Securities*. The Merian Compass Portfolio 5's use of derivatives may include using derivatives to create synthetic short positions as further outlined below.

### *Asset Allocation and Investment Selection*

As further outlined below, the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 is designed to provide exposure to a diversified range of asset classes, as set out herein, using the Investment Adviser's asset allocation expertise. The Merian Compass Portfolio 5 will have two primary drivers of performance, top-down asset allocation and bottom-up investment selection. The top-down assessment will be used to determine the asset allocation of the portfolio. Sectoral, geographical and capitalisation focus will be driven by an on-going assessment of the top down factors such as interest rates, macro-economic outlook, inflationary expectations, fiscal and external account balances and geo-political issues. These factors will determine the level of allocation to each asset class in order to best achieve the Investment Objective. However, in order to maintain requisite flexibility and to have the ability to invest in opportunities as they arise, it is not an objective of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 to focus its investment in any specific, pre-set geographic or industry sector (although it may, but is not obliged to, in practice). Proposed securities will be listed, traded or dealt in Regulated Markets worldwide and will include securities of issuers in Emerging Markets or of issuers established outside of Emerging Markets, which have a predominant proportion of their assets or business operations in Emerging Markets.

The Investment Adviser evaluates the top down factors on an ongoing basis and uses a combination of direct investment and derivative exposure to implement a resulting mix of asset classes within the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 that reflects its investment objective. The Investment Adviser applies this selection and allocation policy across all asset classes outlined herein and will allocate between equities, fixed income securities, cash, currencies, property exposure (through REITs or derivative instruments), infrastructure exposure (through collective investment schemes or REITs), commodities exposure (through derivative instruments, equities or collective investment schemes), private equity exposure (through listed collective investment schemes) using the Investment Adviser's judgement on the appropriate mix of assets for the current investment environment.

The Investment Adviser uses a mathematical stress test to model thousands of different possible market outcomes. This modelling enables the Investment Adviser to use this information to construct robust portfolios based on expected future asset-class characteristics by using expected risk, return and correlation data. The aim of this is not to decide portfolio asset allocation, but to enable the Investment Adviser to test how the current portfolio will perform in different environments and better understand the possible outcomes, and use this information as part of the asset allocation decision making process.

Once the asset allocations have been determined by the top down analysis the Investment Adviser's bottom-up investment selection is then used to select the individual investments in the portfolio within that range. The bottom-up process will comprise of the Investment Adviser selecting investments using subjective judgement based on its experience coupled with objective analysis utilising its proprietary tools and publically available information, such as companies annual report and accounts, and debt to equity ratios to identify a diversified portfolio of investments that are well placed to consistently provide

returns over the longer term by combining investments that will perform at different points of the market cycle. The bottom-up analysis and review process is ongoing across the asset classes, so that when the Investment Adviser determines it prudent or more efficient to change asset allocations, there is already an available pool of suitable investments in each range for selection in order to implement the top down strategy efficiently.

### *Equities*

The Merian Compass Portfolio 5 will seek to gain exposure to international equity markets, by investing either directly in equity and equity-related securities or indirectly through equity focused collective investment schemes and derivatives (as described in greater detail below). The equity and equity-related securities in which the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may invest may include common shares, stock or preference shares, American depositary receipts, global depositary receipts, convertible securities and warrants. The Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may invest up to 20% of its Net Asset Value in REITs listed, traded or dealt in on Regulated Markets that are not considered Emerging Markets.

### *Collective Investment Schemes*

Similarly, the Investment Adviser has broad discretion with regard to the ability of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 to invest in collective investment schemes. The Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may invest up to 100% of its net assets in open-ended collective investment schemes which satisfy the requirements of the Central Bank for UCITS Acceptable Investment in other Investment Funds. Such schemes will be domiciled in the EEA, Jersey, Guernsey and the UK. In particular, any investment in alternative investment funds will be subject to Regulation 114(6) of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations") and will be compatible with the investment objective of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5. The Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may also achieve its desired exposure to equities, fixed income securities, cash, or commodities indirectly via investment in collective investment schemes. The Merian Compass Portfolio 5 investment in alternative investment funds will not, in aggregate, exceed 30% of net assets.

Subject to the above and the requirements of the Central Bank, the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may invest in collective investment schemes with which the Company is linked by common management or control or by a substantial direct or indirect holding. Investment may also be made in other Funds of the Company in accordance with the terms of the Regulations and the Company's Prospectus. Selection of the underlying collective investment schemes will be determined by the Investment Adviser's belief as to their relative market performance and will be an important driver of returns.

Where the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 invests in underlying funds which are managed by the Manager or any other company with which the Manager is linked by common management or control or by a substantial direct or indirect holding, the Manager (or other relevant entity) may not charge any subscription, conversion or redemption fees on account of such investment by the Merian Compass Portfolio 5.

Where the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 invests in the Shares of other Funds of the Company, the rate of the Management Fee which investors in the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 are charged in respect of that portion of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5's assets invested in other Funds shall not exceed the rate of the maximum Management Fee which investors in the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may be charged in respect of the balance of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5's assets, such that there shall be no double charging of the Management Fee to the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 as a result of its investments in other Funds. The maximum level of management fees that may be charged to the investment funds in which the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may invest shall be 3.00% of net asset value.

The Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may also invest up to 50% of its net assets in closed-ended funds which (i) qualify as transferable securities, (ii) are subject to the corporate governance regime applied to companies and (iii) where asset management activity is carried out by another entity that entity is subject to national regulation for the purposes of investor protection. The closed-ended exposure will be indirect to equities or fixed income instruments, but may also be to REITs or permitted hedge funds that qualify as transferable securities. Any investment in closed-ended funds will be in accordance with the investment limits for investment in transferable securities and collective investment schemes as

appropriate and as set out in Schedule III and will be for the purpose of achieving the long term total return set out in the investment objective of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5.

#### *Fixed Income and Debt Securities, Liquid Assets and Money Market Instruments*

The Investment Adviser also has the ability to invest the Merian Compass Portfolio 5's assets, either directly or indirectly in debt securities, including bonds (fixed or floating rate) issued by various government or corporate entities. The debt securities in which the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may invest shall include securities which have an issuer rating (or an instrument rating) at or above Investment Grade as well as securities rated below Investment Grade (or, if unrated, determined by the Investment Adviser to be of comparable quality). The Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may indirectly invest in debt securities through collective investment schemes or through the use of derivatives such as treasury futures. Treasury futures are derivatives with exposure to the price movements and coupon payments from US treasury bonds.

From time to time a substantial portion of Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may be held in cash deposits, treasury bills or short-term money market instruments, certificates of deposit, short term commercial paper as understood by reference to the UCITS Regulations and in money market funds ("Liquid Assets"). Investment to such extent in Liquid Assets may be made where this is considered to be in the best interests of Shareholders of Merian Compass Portfolio 5, for example, to mitigate Merian Compass Portfolio 5's exposure to market risk.

#### *Property Related Securities*

Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may gain exposure to property through property related securities including listed real estate investment trusts ('REITs'), equity securities of companies whose principal business is the ownership, management and/or development of real estate or derivatives based on REITs, REIT indices (for example the FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Index), or other property related indices which meet with the Central Bank's requirements as well as debt issued by the aforementioned companies. Investment in REIT and property-related indices may include direct exposure through investment in constituents of the relevant indices and indirect exposure through the use of the derivatives outlined herein.

#### *Long/Short Exposure*

The Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may take long and synthetic short positions over a variety of time periods (depending on current market conditions and the Investment Adviser's view relative to those conditions) in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. The proportion of long to short exposure in the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 will depend on the market conditions at any given time. It is possible that the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may have long only exposure, or conversely short only exposure at any point in time. Such positions may be taken across various asset classes contemplated under the investment policy of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 as set out herein. All of the asset classes listed in the supplement will be used for long exposure. Equities will be shorted using equity index futures. Individual bond futures, bond index futures and currency futures and forwards will be used for both long and short positions. Credit default swaps and interest rate swaps will also be used to obtain short positions. The Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may take up to 200% in synthetic short positions in combination with 100% long derivative positions and 100% in physical long positions. However, the Investment Adviser will, at some points where market conditions dictate, adopt defensive positions in a given asset class, in order to limit losses should the asset class perform poorly. For example, in a falling equity market the Investment Adviser might use a short equity position to generate a positive return mitigating losses in the other equity positions.

When calculated using the gross notional value of any derivatives in the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 and the market value of any direct investments, the combination of total gross long positions and total gross short positions are not expected to exceed 300% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. This figure represents that the Investment Adviser may wish to take short term fixed interest positions which require large nominal leverage to gain economic exposure.

#### *Financial Derivative Instruments and Efficient Portfolio Management*

The Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may employ investment techniques and instruments which may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives. These techniques and instruments may include futures (equity futures, bond futures, treasury futures and currency future contracts), options (equity options, equity index options, bond index options or currency options), options on futures, forward settled transactions, convertible or hybrid securities (which may include Preference Shares or convertible bonds), structured notes and swap agreements which includes credit default swaps, interest rate swaps and total return swaps. A further detailed description of the relevant derivative instruments and their commercial purpose is set out in the Prospectus under the heading “**Financial Derivative Instruments**”. The Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may only utilise derivatives instruments which are listed in both this investment policy and in the Company’s risk management process.

The use of derivatives will provide exposure to the underlying asset classes outlined above which include debt securities, equities, commodities and property. Such derivative instruments may be used for (i) hedging purposes, (ii) efficient portfolio management, and/or (iii) investment purposes when deemed necessary by the Investment Adviser, subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank. The derivatives will assist in achieving the investment objective of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 by allowing for the adjustment of risk (including credit, currency and interest rate risk (to alleviate the risk associated with fixed interest investment)) and by implementing trades in a more efficient and cost effective manner. For example, as outlined below, the Fund may invest in a position which is considered attractive but the inherent currency exposure adds unwanted risk. In this case the Investment Adviser may use a derivative to hedge the unwanted currency exposure so that the asset with derivative exposure represents better value than the unhedged direct exposure.

The Investment Adviser may enter into total return swaps where the underlying assets are commodity-related indices (or invest in other financial derivative instruments with the same characteristics) and it will only do so on behalf of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 with counterparties which shall be entities which satisfy the OTC counterparty criteria set down by the Central Bank in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and shall specialise in such transactions. Subject to compliance with those conditions, the Investment Adviser has full discretion as to the appointment of counterparties when entering into a total return swap in furtherance of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5’s investment objective and policies. It is not possible to comprehensively list in this Supplement all the counterparties as they have not, as of the date of issue of this Supplement, been selected and they may change from time to time. The failure of a counterparty to a swap transaction may have a negative impact on the return for shareholders. The Investment Adviser would seek to minimise counterparty performance risk by only selecting counterparties with a good credit rating and by monitoring any changes in those counterparties’ ratings. The counterparty to any total return swap entered into by the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 would not assume any discretion over the composition or management of the investment portfolio of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 or of the underlying of the total return swap and would meet the criteria set out in the Prospectus.

The Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may enter into credit default swap contracts to limit or to reduce the risk exposure of the portfolio to defaults of the issuer or issuers of its holdings (i.e., to reduce risk when the Fund owns or has exposure to such securities). The Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may also use credit default swap contracts to create or vary exposure to securities or markets or as a tax management tool. The Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may also use interest rate swaps and bond or treasury futures for portfolio duration management. Portfolio duration is a measurement tool that the Investment Adviser will apply to assess the expected life of fixed income securities in a portfolio and determine the sensitivity of the price of those securities in that portfolio to changes in interest rates. This measurement is expressed in years. For example, the longer a portfolio’s duration, the more sensitive it will be to changes in interest rates and the shorter the portfolio’s duration the less sensitive to changes in interest rates it will be. As part of its portfolio duration management, the Investment Adviser will utilise the aforementioned derivatives to manage this sensitivity and hedge the interest rate risk.

A hybrid security is a security which combines two or more financial instruments. Hybrid securities generally combine a traditional stock or bond with an option or forward contract. In the case of a hybrid security such as a convertible bond, for example, the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 will seek to benefit from a steady income stream, the repayment of principal at maturity, and the potential to share in the upside of the common stock. The security’s yield advantage and finite maturity give the convertible downside price support, or investment value. At the same time, the embedded option derivative component provides participation in higher equity values.

The Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may invest in structured notes (both leveraged and unleveraged) for which the coupon payment, principal repayment or repayment schedule varies according to pre-agreed conditions relating to fluctuations in unrelated assets such as currencies or stock indices. The convertible securities, hybrid securities and structured notes in which the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may invest may embed an option or forward derivative component. However, any additional leverage generated by the derivative will not cause the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 to exceed the leverage limit outlined below. These structured notes will be securitised and capable of free sale and transfer to other investors and will be purchased through recognised regulated dealers and deemed to be transferable securities which are traded on Regulated Markets Exchanges.

Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may invest up to 15% of its total assets in UCITS eligible commodity-related financial derivative instruments. Such instruments are derivative instruments based on commodity indices (including the Dow-Jones AIG Commodity Index, the Bloomberg family of commodity indices and other eligible commodity-related financial indices which meet with the requirements of and have, where necessary, been cleared by the Central Bank) and commodity index-linked notes, which may or may not embed leverage, and which enable Merian Compass Portfolio 5 to gain exposures to any of the indices and sub-indices referencing commodities in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may also invest in equity or equity-related securities of issuers in commodity-related industries. Details of any financial indices used by the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 will be provided to Shareholders by the Investment Adviser on request and will be set out in the Company's semi-annual and annual accounts.

Currency hedging activities and currency positions will be implemented using spot and forward foreign exchange contracts and currency futures, options and options on futures. Futures contracts (including bond futures and currency futures) may be used to hedge against market risk, currency risk or to gain exposure to an underlying market.

In order to protect Shareholders' interests, the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 will use VaR as a risk measurement technique to identify and monitor and manage risks. The Merian Compass Portfolio 5 will use absolute VaR to calculate its global exposure on a daily basis. The risk of loss of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 will be monitored using an absolute VaR model to ensure that the VaR of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 shall not exceed 20 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5, based on a 20 day holding period and a one-tailed 99 per cent. confidence interval using a 1 year observation period.

The Merian Compass Portfolio 5 will regularly monitor its leverage and the level of leverage of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 is expected to range from 0% to 300% of Net Asset Value during normal market conditions. The Merian Compass Portfolio 5's leverage may increase to higher levels, for example, at times when the Investment Adviser deems it most appropriate to use derivative instruments to alter the portfolio's equity, interest rate, currency or credit exposure. The leverage figure is calculated as the sum of the notionals of the derivatives used as is required by the Regulations. The notional value of the investments varies significantly from their market value which is why the leverage limits are higher. These leverage limits do not take into account any netting and hedging arrangements that the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 has in place at any time even though these netting and hedging arrangements are used for risk reduction purposes. There are limitations in using VaR as a statistical measure of risk because it does not directly limit the level of leverage in the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 and only describes the risk of loss in normal market conditions. The above leverage figure takes account of the creation of leveraged exposure to an index via derivatives, for the inclusion of a leveraged future in an index.

As part of its potential Emerging Markets exposure, the Fund will typically invest up to 5% of net assets in securities traded on domestic Russian markets and any such investment will only be made in securities that are listed/traded on the Moscow Exchange.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a very high level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRR1 measurement of volatility.

## Investment Adviser

The Investment Adviser of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 is Quilter Investors Ltd which was formed in the United Kingdom on 26 February, 2002 and is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. As at 23 April, 2018 it had assets of approximately GBP 17 billion. Quilter Investors Ltd's registered address is Millennium Bridge House, 2 Lambeth Hill, London, EC4V 4AJ.

## Base Currency

The Base Currency is USD for the Merian Compass Portfolio 5.

## Business Day

In respect of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5, means a day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which retail banks are open for business in Dublin and London.

## Dealing Day

Means in respect of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

## Classes of Shares

The Classes of Shares in the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

## Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 which is available but not yet launched will close on 30 April, 2020. The initial offer period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any such extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis. After closing of the initial offer period Shares in the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 will be issued at the Net Asset Value per Share.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, USD 10.00, SGD 10.00 or AUD 10.00.

## Fees and Expenses

### Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian Compass Portfolio 5.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee
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<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5%	1.35%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5%	1.35%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR1,000	EUR 500	EUR 500	Up to 5%	1.35%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (SGD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	SGD	SGD 1,000	SGD 500	SGD 500	Up to 5%	1.35%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (AUD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 5%	1.35%	Nil	Nil

Shareholders of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 should note that all or a portion of Fees and Expenses in respect of Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may be charged to capital at a Fund or Share Class level. Thus, on redemptions of holdings Shareholders of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 income class shares may not receive back the full amount invested due to capital reduction. In addition, it should be noted that as a result capital may be eroded and income may be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth. It is recommended that Shareholders of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 seek advice in this regard. The rationale for providing for the payment of fees and expenses out of capital is to increase the level of income distributed for income class shareholders.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “**Fees and Expenses**”.

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

### **Establishment Costs**

The cost of establishing the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 and the preparation and printing of the relevant Supplement did not exceed €50,000 and will be charged to the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 and amortised over a period of up to three years of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5’s operation. As of the date of this Supplement, the outstanding unamortised establishment costs of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 does not exceed €5,000.

### **Distribution Policy**

The Merian Compass Portfolio 5 currently does not offer any Distributing Share Classes. The income and capital gains of the Share Classes of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5.

### **Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed “**Financial Derivative Instruments**” and “**Risk Factors**”.

### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5:-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

The Investment Advisory agreement dated 15 June, 2018 (as amended) between the Investment Manager and Quilter Investors Limited, pursuant to which the latter acts as investment adviser in relation to the assets of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5. **Collective Investment Scheme Risk**

The Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may be subject to valuation risk due to the manner and timing of valuations of its investments in other collective investment schemes. Collective investment schemes may be valued by fund administrators affiliated to fund managers, or by the fund managers themselves, resulting in valuations which are not verified by an independent third party on a regular or timely basis. Accordingly, there is a risk that (i) the valuations of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may not reflect the true value of holdings in other collective investment schemes at a specific time which could result in significant losses or inaccurate pricing for the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 and/or (ii) valuation may not be available as at the relevant valuation point for the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 so that some or all of the assets of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may be valued on an estimated basis.

While the Investment Adviser or its delegate will comply with the investment restrictions applicable to the Merian Compass Portfolio 5, the manager of and/or service providers to these collective investment schemes are not obliged to comply with such investment restrictions in the management/administration of these collective investment schemes. No assurance is given that the investment restrictions of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 with respect to individual issuers or other exposures will be adhered to by collective investment schemes or that, when aggregated, exposure by collective investment schemes to individual issuers or counterparties will not exceed the investment restrictions applicable to the Merian Compass Portfolio 5.

The cost of investing in the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 will generally be higher than the cost of investing in an investment fund that invests directly in individual stocks and bonds. By investing in the Merian Compass Portfolio 5, an investor will indirectly bear fees and expenses charged by the collective investment schemes in addition to the Merian Compass Portfolio 5's direct fees and expenses. In addition, the use of a fund of funds structure could affect the timing, amount and character of distributions to Shareholders.

Because the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 invests in collective investment schemes, the risks associated with its investments are closely related to the risks associated with the securities and other investments held by those collective investment schemes. The ability of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 to achieve its investment objectives will depend upon the ability of the collective investment schemes to achieve their investment objectives. There can be no assurance that the investment objective of any collective investment scheme will be achieved.

### **Total Return Swaps**

As set out under Investment Objective and Policies, the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may engage in total return swaps.

The maximum exposure of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 in respect of total return swaps, shall be 20% of the Net Asset Value. However, the Investment Adviser does not anticipate that the Merian Compass Portfolio 5's exposure to total return swaps will exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value, The collateral supporting will be valued daily at mark-to-market prices and daily variation margin used if the value of collateral falls below coverage requirements.

In respect of total return swaps, a counterparty selected will be either an investment firm, authorised in accordance with the EU MiFID Directive (2004/39/EC) or a group company of an entity issued with a bank holding company licence from the Federal Reserve of the United States of America where that group company is subject to bank holding company consolidated supervision by that Federal Reserve or an "Approved Credit Institution". An Approved Credit Institution is:

- (i) a credit institution authorised in the EEA; or
- (ii) a credit institution authorised within a signatory state, other than a Member State of the EEA, to the Basle Capital Convergence Agreement of July 1988 (Switzerland, Canada, Japan, United States); or
- (iii) a credit institution authorised in Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Australia or New Zealand.

Counterparties to a total return swap will have a minimum credit rating of A-2 or equivalent or have been deemed by the Company (or the Investment Manager) to have an implied rating of A-2. Alternatively, an unrated counterparty may be acceptable where the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 is indemnified or guaranteed against losses suffered as a result of a failure by the counterparty by an entity which has and maintains a rating of A-2 or equivalent.

In respect of total return swaps, collateral received other than cash, will be highly liquid and traded on a regulated market or multilateral trading facility with transparent pricing in order that it can be sold quickly at a price that is close to pre-sale valuation. Collateral received will be issued by an entity that is independent from the counterparty and is not expected to display a high correlation with the performance of the counterparty. Collateral will be sufficiently diversified in terms of country, markets and issuers with a maximum exposure to a given issuer of 20% of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5's Net Asset Value. If the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 is exposed to different counterparties, the different baskets of collateral will be aggregated to calculate the 20% limit of exposure to a single issuer. Furthermore, the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may be fully collateralised in different transferable securities and Money Market Instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State, one or more of its local authorities, a third country, or a public international body to which one or more Member State belongs, as set out in Schedule III Section 2.12 of the Prospectus. In this instance, the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 will receive securities from at least 6 different issuers, but securities from any single issuer will not account for more than 30 per cent of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5's Net Asset Value.

### **Collateral**

In accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, the Investment Adviser employs a collateral management policy in respect of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 in relation to collateral received in respect of OTC financial derivative transactions whether used for investment or for efficient portfolio management purposes. Any collateral and/or assets received by the Company for and on behalf of the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 on a title transfer basis shall be held in safekeeping by the Depositary. For other types of collateral arrangements, the collateral will be held with a third party depositary which is subject to prudential supervision and which is unrelated to the collateral provider.

Where necessary, the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 will accept collateral from its counterparties in order to reduce counterparty risk exposure generated through the use of over the counter derivative instruments and efficient portfolio management techniques. The Merian Compass Portfolio 5 may receive cash collateral, high quality government bonds, other government-backed securities of varying maturity and equities to the extent deemed necessary by the Investment Adviser in respect of over-the-counter derivative transactions, provided however that such collateral and its re-use must comply with the requirements of the Central Bank and the conditions for the receipt of eligible collateral set out in Schedule II of the Prospectus.

The level of collateral required to be posted may vary by counterparty with which the Merian Compass Portfolio 5 trades and shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. A documented haircut policy is in place for the Company detailing the policy in respect of each class of assets received and which takes into account the characteristics of the assets and the results of any stress tests conducted as required. The haircut policy applied to posted collateral will be negotiated on a counterparty basis and will vary depending on the class of asset received by the Merian Compass Portfolio 5, taking into account the characteristics of the assets received as collateral such as the credit standing or the price volatility and the outcome of any liquidity stress testing policy. Any re-investment of cash collateral shall be diversified in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank and the conditions for reinvesting collateral set out in Schedule II of the Prospectus. Re-invested cash collateral exposes the Company to certain risks such as the risk of a failure or default of the issuer of the relevant security in which the cash collateral has been invested.

## **Counterparty Procedures**

The Investment Manager approves the counterparties used for dealing, establishes counterparty credit limits for them and monitors them on an on-going basis.

The Investment Manager selects counterparties on the basis of their ability to supply liquidity and competitive pricing to the Merian Compass Portfolio 5. This is subject to the minimum credit rating requirements and legal status requirements specified in the Regulations.

The Investment Manager's counterparty approval process reviews the financial strength, internal controls and general reputation of the counterparty in question, as well as the legal, regulatory and political environment in the relevant markets. Counterparty exposure is monitored and reported to the Investment Manager on a regular basis. Any broker counterparty selected must be appropriately registered and meet operational efficiency requirements of the Investment Manager.

Investors should consult the "Risk Factors" of the Prospectus for information on counterparty risk and credit risk in this regard.

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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**From time to time a substantial portion of Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund may be held in cash deposits, treasury bills or short-term money market instruments. These investments are not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account. As a result, prospective investors should note that there is a risk that the value of their investment in the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund may fluctuate.**

**Due to the higher than average degree of risk because of its ability to invest in financial derivative instruments for investment purposes which may increase the volatility of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund, an investment in the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.**

## **Investment Objective and Policies**

The investment objective of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund is to achieve capital appreciation by taking long and short positions mainly in UK equities outside the FTSE 100 Index, whilst seeking to deliver absolute returns in all market conditions.

Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund will aim to achieve its investment objective by primarily investing in the equities of predominantly UK issuers or companies where the predominant part of their revenues are derived from the UK, which are listed on Regulated Markets in the United Kingdom and the European Union. Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund may also invest in equity-related securities (including preferred stocks and convertible bonds (usually unrated), American and Global Depository Receipts) and other collective investment schemes (including money market funds) each of which are consistent with the investment objective and policy of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund and comply with the requirements of the Central Bank. Investment in other collective investment schemes will not exceed 10 per cent of the Net Asset Value of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund. These collective investment schemes will be established as UCITS under the UCITS Directive in any EU Member State. The Investment Manager will also use derivatives for investment and efficient portfolio management purposes as set out in greater detail below. The Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund may only utilise securities which are listed in this investment policy.

The convertible bonds in which the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund may invest may embed an equity option. Any additional leverage generated by the derivative will not cause the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund to exceed the leverage limit outlined below.

The Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in transferable securities which are not listed or traded on Regulated Markets.

The Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund aims to deliver an absolute return over rolling 12 month periods, in other words, at any one time the portfolio of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund will typically be constructed with reference to an investment horizon of no greater than 12 months.

The Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund will not have a formal sector or industry focus. Similarly, the Investment Manager does not apply specific market capitalisation parameters. Typically, the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund will be diversified across a range of industries, sectors and market capitalisation ranges. A universe of UK-listed equities, mainly outside the FTSE 100, will be assessed, and long positions taken in the stocks determined most likely to deliver a positive return, and short positions taken in the stocks determined most likely to deliver a negative return. This assessment will be carried out using both a top down and bottom up approach as set out in further detail below. The total value of the long positions will be approximately matched by the total value of the short positions. Under normal market conditions and depending on the shorting opportunities in the markets, the Investment Manager expects that the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund's gross exposure to be between +150% - +250%. Accordingly, under normal market conditions the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund's net exposure to investment markets is likely to be in the range of -20% to +20% of Net Asset Value. Limits, as set out above, are employed in terms of position size, with regard to both short and long positions. The net and gross market exposure of Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund are maintained within predetermined limits and monitored regularly by the Investment Manager.

The Investment Manager will also use derivatives for both investment and hedging purposes though currency hedging will only take place at the Share Class level. The derivatives used will be equity-related derivatives (these are contracts for difference, index options and equity related futures). For example, the Fund may use derivatives which are permitted under the investment policy of the Fund (i) as a substitute for taking a position in the underlying asset where the Investment Manager feels that a

derivative exposure to the underlying asset represents better value than a direct exposure, (ii) to tailor the Fund's exposures to the Investment Manager's outlook for various markets, and/or (iii) to gain an exposure to the composition and performance of a financial index. Details of any financial indices used by the Fund will be provided to Shareholders by the Investment Manager on request and will be set out in the Company's semi-annual and annual accounts. Any such indices will be cleared by the Central Bank or will meet its requirements. For example, contracts for difference ("CFDs") can be used to secure a profit or avoid a loss by reference to fluctuations in the value or price of equities or financial instruments or in an index of such equities or financial instruments. An equity CFD is a derivative instrument designed to replicate the economic performance and the cash flows of a conventional share investment. CFDs may be used either as a substitute for direct investment in the underlying equity security or as an alternative to and for the same purposes as futures and options, particularly in cases where there is no futures contract available in relation to a specific security, or where an index option or index future represents an inefficient method of gaining exposure because of pricing risk. Where the Investment Manager wishes to take short positions in equities, it will only do so synthetically through the use of contracts for difference and options (including equity options). The use of equity futures will allow the Investment Manager to take positive and negative views on the direction of equity prices. For long exposures to equities, the Investment Manager will utilise equity derivatives where it considers that such instruments are the most appropriate or cost-effective means of accessing the relevant underlying equities. Additional descriptions of these derivative instruments and their commercial purposes is set out under the heading "Financial Derivative Instruments" in the Prospectus.

Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund may be leveraged through the use of derivatives. The extent of this leverage at any one time is not expected to exceed 250% of the Net Asset Value of Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund.

This leverage is calculated as the sum of the notional value of Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund's long positions and the absolute notional value of Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund's synthetic short positions, with no differentiation made as to whether instruments are used for investment or hedging purposes and no netting, even in respect of underlying positions, is allowed. Synthetic short positions are positions which are in economic terms equivalent to short positions and will be implemented through the use of financial derivative instruments in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements.

As Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund will use an absolute VaR model to measure the global market risk, the VaR limit for Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund cannot be greater than 4.47 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund. The VaR for Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund will be calculated daily using a one-tailed 99 per cent. confidence level, a one day holding period and the historical period will not be less than one year (250 Business Days) and quarterly data set updates, or more frequent when market prices are subject to material changes.

From time to time a substantial portion of Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund may be held in cash deposits, treasury bills or short-term money market instruments as understood by reference to the UCITS Regulations and in money market funds (subject to the aggregate limit of 10 per cent. in collective investment schemes) ("Liquid Assets"). Investment to such extent in Liquid Assets may be made where this is considered to be in the best interests of Shareholders of Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund, for example, to mitigate Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund's exposure to market risk.

The Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund is denominated in Sterling.

### **Investment Approach**

The Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager has freedom to select the investments in order to seek to achieve the investment objective of the Merian

UK Specialist Equity Fund. As per the investment objective, stock selection is mainly from UK equities outside the FTSE 100 Index. However, the Investment Manager may invest in constituents of the FTSE 100 Index if it believes a particular stock offers the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund the opportunity to generate the returns envisaged by the investment objective. The Investment Manager does not otherwise manage the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund to, or control the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund's risk relative to, any market index.

In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund will aim to deliver a return, net of fees, in excess of the Sterling Overnight Interbank Average Rate over rolling 3 year periods. For performance measurement purposes, the cash benchmark will differ for non-base currency classes.

The Sterling Overnight Interbank Average Rate (SONIA) is the average interest rate that banks pay to borrow sterling overnight from other financial institutions on an unsecured basis.

The Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund adopts a flexible investment approach, which is considered by the Investment Manager to be paramount as no one rigid style of investment can accommodate all stages of the economic and business cycle. The investment approach aims to take account of and is responsive to anticipated changes in economic and market conditions. In order to achieve its investment objective the Investment Manager aims to blend top down and bottom up analysis and will be prepared to hold long or short positions (through the use of derivatives where appropriate or required) in the securities of both value and growth orientated companies as appropriate in order to generate consistent returns as outlined below.

Top down analysis is used by the Investment Manager to help to set the general direction and positioning of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund's portfolio. This analysis, which includes considerations such as the likely direction of interest rates, which industries the Investment Manager believes are likely to perform better or worse than the economy as a whole and whether there are any particularly significant economic events that should influence the positioning of the portfolio (such as currency weakness/strength or oil price movements) is particularly relevant when deciding relative exposure of stocks and sectors in the portfolio.

With regard to bottom up analysis, at a stock level the Investment Manager takes into account factors such as the nature of the business including its market position, the potential for earnings growth and dividend growth as well as a company's exposure to the economic cycle and its likely long term growth potential determined by revenue and profit growth. The Investment Manager also considers the ability of management, as evidenced by its track record, in the current business or in previous roles together with an assessment of its strategy for the business and the likelihood of its success coupled with the risks inherent in the strategy. The Investment Manager will also look to the company's financial position and ability to finance its growth plans and make an assessment of whether the company is likely to meet, beat or fall short of current market profit expectations which are assessed based on commercially available market data and broker forecasts and the potential for a valuation re-rating (where investors are willing to pay a higher price for shares in a company, on the basis of the company's expected future earnings). The Investment Manager selects positions on the basis of subjective judgement based on experience coupled with objective analysis utilising publicly available information such as companies' annual report and accounts to identify investments that are well placed to outperform in the market environment.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderate level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund and may



move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRI measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Manager**

The Investment Manager of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund is Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is Sterling/GBP for the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund.

### **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund, means a day (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) on which banks and stock exchanges are open for business both in Dublin and in London.

### **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

### **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A and N Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A or N Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Class F Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. The Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund does not intend to issue more than £100,000,000 (or its currency equivalent) of Class F Shares, however the Directors may, in their sole and absolute discretion, increase this limit.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing

portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class X Shares are only available to investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager under which Management Fees will be collected directly from the investor. The Class X is not yet available for subscription.

The Directors may, in their sole and absolute discretion, close some or all of the Share classes in the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund to subscriptions from existing and/or new Shareholders if the assets attributable to the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund are at a level, above which, as determined by the Directors, it is not in the best interests of Shareholders to accept further subscriptions – for instance where the size of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund may constrain the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the investment objective. However, notwithstanding such closure the Directors reserve the right to accept any application for Shares at their discretion. Share Classes may also be closed to subscription in accordance with the prospectus under the section titled “Temporary Suspension of Valuation of the Shares and of Sales and Repurchases”.

### Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price

The Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund which is available but not yet launched will close on 31 December, 2020. The initial offer period in respect of any new class of Shares may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any such extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis. After closing of the initial offer period Shares in the Fund will be issued at the Net Asset Value per Share.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, USD 10.00.

### Fees and Expenses

#### Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee
<b>A (GBP) Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR1,000	EUR 500	EUR 500	Up to 5.00%	1.50%	Nil	Nil

<b>I (USD) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (CHF) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Nil
<b>F (GBP) Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 25,000,000	GBP 12,500,000	GBP 12,500,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>F (USD) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 25,000,000	USD 12,500,000	USD 12,500,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>F (EUR) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	EUR	EUR 25,000,000	EUR 12,500,000	EUR 12,500,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>F (CHF) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	CHF	CHF 25,000,000	CHF 12,500,000	CHF 12,500,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>X (GBP) Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 20,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

## Performance Fee

With respect to the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund, the Investment Manager may be entitled to a performance fee out of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund's assets. With respect to the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund, the performance fee is applicable to all share classes with the exception of the Class X (GBP) Accumulation Shares.

The Performance Fee will accrue on a daily basis and the accrual will be reflected in the Net Asset Value and will be payable -annually in arrear in respect of each Performance Period (a "**Performance Period of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund**"). A Performance Period of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund will comprise of each successive twelve month period ending on 31 December.

The Performance Fee as at the end of each Performance Period of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund for all Share Classes shall be equal in aggregate to 20 per cent. of the amount by which any increase in the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class during the Performance Period of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund exceeds the "Hurdle Rate", subject to the Net Asset Value High Water mark (as defined below), multiplied by the weighted average number of total Shares in issue of each Class on each Dealing Day during the Performance Period of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund.

The Hurdle Rate will be the average of (1) Sterling Overnight Interbank Average Rate for the GBP Share Classes, (2) Euro Overnight Index Average Rate for the EUR Share Classes, (3) Federal Funds Effective Overnight Rate for the USD Share Classes, and (4) Swiss Average Overnight Rate for the CHF Share Classes for the relevant Class currency during the Performance Period of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund.

The initial issue price as set out above in the section of the Supplement headed “**Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price**” was the starting price for the calculation of the first performance fee payable of any share class to which a performance fee is applicable. **The first Performance Period for each Class will begin on the date on which the first Shares of the relevant Class are issued and will end on 31 December in that year.**

In calculating the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class for Performance Fee purposes, no deduction is made on account of Performance Fees accrued in the Performance Period of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund and any net income distributed to Shareholders in respect of the period is added back.

The Performance Fee is only payable when the increase in the Net Asset Value of each Class exceeds the Hurdle Rate accrued during the relevant Performance Period. If, during a performance fee period, the performance of the Shares does not exceed the Hurdle Rate, no Performance Fee is payable.

The Depositary shall verify the calculation of the Performance Fee as at each Performance Period of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund.

All Performance Fee payments shall be subject to the restriction that in paying a Performance Fee, the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class at the relevant Performance Period of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund shall not be less than the Net Asset Value per Share Class on the last day that a Performance Fee was paid (the “**Net Asset Value High Water Mark**”). The Performance Fee is only payable on the increase in the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class during the Performance Period of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund over the Net Asset Value High Water Mark and the relevant Hurdle Rate during the Performance Period of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund.

The amount of the Performance Fee will be calculated by the Administrator. The calculation of the Performance Fee shall be verified by the Depositary.

The calculation of the Performance Fee shall also be reviewed by the Auditors as part of the annual audit of the Company.

The Investment Manager may, at its discretion, waive the Performance Fee payable in respect of a Performance Period of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund.

**Performance Fees are payable on net realised and net unrealised gains and losses as at the end of each Performance Period of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund and as a result, Performance Fees may be paid on unrealised gains which may subsequently never be realised.**

Performance Fees may be payable on the net realised and net unrealised gains and losses attributable to both the performance of the Investment Manager and market movements in general.

#### **Establishment Costs**

The cost of establishing the Fund and the preparation and printing of the relevant Supplement is expected not to exceed €50,000 and will be charged to the Fund and amortised over the three years of the Fund's operation or such other period as the Directors may determine.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “**Fees and Expenses**”.

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

### **Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed “**Financial Derivative Instruments**” and “**Risk Factors**”.

### **Total Return Swaps**

In the absence of regulatory guidance or a developed market practice which requires CFDs to be treated as Total Return Swaps for the purposes of SFTR, the Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund has not included any SFTR disclosures in this Supplement in respect of CFDs. In the event that such regulatory guidance or developed market practice emerges, this Supplement will be updated to address the disclosure requirements of SFTR.

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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**An investment in the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund should be regarded as a medium to long term investment.**

**Shareholders of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund should note that all or a part of fees and expenses will be charged to the capital at a Fund or Share Class level. This will have the effect of lowering the capital value of your investment.**

**From time to time a substantial portion of Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund may be held in cash deposits or short-term money market instruments. These investments are not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account. As a result, prospective investors should note that there is a risk that the value of their investment in the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund may fluctuate.**

**Due to the higher than average degree of risk because of its ability to invest in financial derivative instruments for investment purposes which may increase the volatility of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund, an investment in the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.**

**Prospective investors should note that the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund is closed and an application for revocation of authorisation will be submitted to the Central Bank in due course.**

## **Investment Objective and Policies**

The investment objective of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund is to seek to deliver positive total returns on a rolling twelve month basis with stable levels of volatility uncorrelated to bond and equity market conditions.

Investors should be aware that their capital is at risk and that there is no guarantee that the positive total returns will be achieved over the rolling twelve months or any time period.

The Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund shall seek to achieve its investment objective by investing in a globally diversified portfolio of equity and equity related securities (including but not limited to property related equities), fixed income securities, cash and other money market instruments and cash equivalents each of which are described in greater detail below. The Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund shall also seek to gain exposure to these asset classes indirectly (both long and short) through the use of financial derivative instruments in accordance with the investment strategy outlined below.

Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund will not focus on any specific industry sectors or geographical region but will pursue a policy of active asset class and security selection in the global markets in which it operates. For example, Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund may invest up to 20% of its Net Asset Value in emerging markets (as categorised by MSCI), when considered appropriate to the investment objective of Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund.

### *Asset Allocation and Investment Selection*

Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund is designed to provide exposure both directly and indirectly to equities (including property related securities), fixed income securities and currencies. Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund aims to invest actively across the various asset classes, rather than taking exposure to the broad markets. Allocations will be determined by the Investment Manager pursuing a theme-based strategy. The choice of theme is predicated on the theme's demonstrated persistency and pervasiveness across asset classes. The Investment Manager considers that this type of strategy can provide returns when applied across a diversified portfolio.

The Investment Manager will identify themes based on analysis of historic market data, analysis from other market participants and publicly available economic data coupled with the Investment Manager's own internal analysis. The Investment Manager's internal analysis identifies themes based on four criteria;

- Does the theme have strong grounding in academic research?
- Is there an underlying intuition on why the themes deliver a return (typically structural, behavioural or risk-based reasons)?
- Has the theme demonstrated a tendency to persist across time?
- Are the themes pervasive across multiple regions and/or asset classes (where applicable)?

The Investment Manager aims to select themes that will generate performance over time and then weight the exposure to each theme to generate a portfolio that will meet Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund's investment objective.

Examples of such themes are momentum and value. Momentum describes the tendency for assets that have recently performed relatively well to continue to perform while assets with poor relative performance in the short term tend to continue to underperform. Value is a style of investing which focuses on the relative value of assets with the Investment Manager buying assets that appear discounted and selling those that appear overpriced. While it is not practical to disclose every possible theme within this Supplement given the potential for market circumstances to evolve over the medium to long term life of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund, the Investment Manager has broad discretion to identify and gain exposure to themes which tend to perform over time, irrespective of the directional movement of the markets.

By constructing a portfolio of uncorrelated systematic themes, the strategy aims to capture diversification benefits to improve the risk-adjusted return profile of Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund. As per the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund's objective, the themes are also selected for their low aggregate correlation to traditional markets exposures.

Construction of the portfolio is determined by the Investment Manager on a fully systematic basis, utilising a range of portfolio construction and risk management tools in order to implement the desired asset allocation across both themes and asset classes. The portfolio construction process takes into account forecast risks and diversification effects of the individual systematic themes. The risk-based portfolio construction process is designed to target an ex-ante risk level for the overall portfolio while taking into account current market conditions. The aim is to ensure that the performance of each theme is reflected in the performance of the portfolio and that no single theme dominates the portfolio.

### *Equities*

The equities and equity related securities in which Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund may invest will generally be listed on recognised exchanges globally (within the list in Schedule I of the Prospectus). Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund may also invest up to 10% of its Net Asset Value in unlisted equities. Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund has no restrictions as to the proportion of assets allocated to companies of any particular market capitalisation and may invest across a range of economic sectors. Indirect exposure to Equity and Equity Related Securities may also be achieved through the use of FDI (as described further below).

The equity and equity-related securities in which Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund may invest include, ordinary shares or common stock, depositary receipts, preferred shares, warrants (not more than 5% of the Fund's Net Asset Value) and convertible securities (such as convertible preference shares, share purchase rights and bonds convertible into common or preferred shares which may embed an option or forward derivative component).

### *Fixed Income and Debt Securities, Liquid Assets and Money Market Instruments*

Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund may invest in a range of fixed income securities which may be listed and unlisted, corporate and government issued, fixed or floating rate, investment grade or below investment grade and rated or unrated, secured or unsecured and including, but not limited to, convertible securities (which, as outlined above, may embed a derivative), corporate bonds, mortgage and asset-backed securities, , government securities, and U.S. Treasury issues. Indirect exposure to fixed income securities may also be achieved through the use of derivatives (as described further below). In respect of listed fixed income securities that Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund may invest in, they will be listed on recognised exchanges globally (within the list in Schedule I of the Prospectus).

### *Collective Investment Schemes*

Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in open-ended collective investment schemes which satisfy the requirements of the Central Bank. Such schemes will be domiciled in the EEA, Jersey, Guernsey or the UK. In particular, any investment in alternative investment funds will be subject to Regulation 114(6) of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and will be compatible with the investment objective of Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund.

Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund may also invest up to 10% of its net assets in closed-ended funds which (i) qualify as transferable securities, (ii) are subject to the corporate governance regime applied to companies and (iii) where asset management activity is carried out by another entity that entity is subject to national regulation for the purposes of investor protection. Any investment in closed-ended funds will be in accordance with the investment limits for investment in transferable securities as set out in Schedule III to the Prospectus and will be for the purpose of achieving the long term total return set out in the investment objective of Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund. While it is possible that investment in closed-ended funds could embed leverage, any additional leverage generated by investment in closed-ended funds will not cause the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund to exceed the leverage levels outlined below.



Where the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund invests in underlying funds which are managed by the Manager or any other company with which the Manager is linked by common management or control or by a substantial direct or indirect holding, the Manager (or other relevant entity) may not charge any subscription, conversion or redemption fees on account of such investment by the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund.

Where the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund invests in the Shares of other Funds of the Company, the rate of the Management Fee which investors in the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund are charged in respect of that portion of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund's assets invested in other Funds shall not exceed the rate of the maximum Management Fee which investors in the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund may be charged in respect of the balance of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund's assets, such that there shall be no double charging of the Management Fee to the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund as a result of its investments in other Funds.

### *Property Related Securities*

Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund may gain exposure to property through property related equities including listed real estate investment trusts ('REITs'), equity securities of companies whose principal business is the ownership, management and/or development of real estate or derivatives based on REITs, as well as fixed income securities issued by the aforementioned companies. In respect of listed property related equities that Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund may invest in, they will be listed on recognised exchanges globally (within the list in Schedule I of the Prospectus).

Investment in REIT and property-related indices may include direct exposure through investment in constituents of the relevant indices and indirect exposure through the use of the derivatives outlined herein such as excess return swaps. The rebalancing frequency of the relevant index has no direct impact on the transaction costs associated with Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund itself as any rebalancing within the index is not expected to require any higher frequency of position turnover in Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund than would otherwise be the case were the index to be static. The Investment Manager monitors the investment restrictions applicable to Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund. As soon as the Investment Manager becomes aware that the weighting of any particular component stock in the index exceeds the permitted investment restrictions resulting in the index no longer being eligible for UCITS investment, the Investment Manager will take action so as to ensure that Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund at all times operates within the permitted investment restrictions and complies with the requirements of the Regulations in respect of financial indices.

### *Long/Short Exposure*

The Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund may take long and synthetic short positions over a variety of time periods (depending on current market conditions and the Investment Manager's view relative to those conditions) in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. The proportion of long to short exposure in the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund will depend on the market conditions at any given time. Such positions may be taken across various asset classes contemplated under the investment policy of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund as set out herein. All of the asset classes listed in the supplement will be used for long exposure. Equities will be shorted using equity index futures and contracts for difference. Individual bond futures, bond index futures, CDS indices (such as the iTraxx Europe index)<sup>2</sup> and currency futures and forwards will be used for both long and short positions.

Long and short positions in each theme are identified utilising a systematic model. The aim is to capture the systematic theme efficiently by taking long positions where the forecast is for positive returns and short positions for those that have forecast negative returns, subject to systematic risk constraints. In terms of identification of both the long and the short positions, these are identified systematically applying the same filtering criteria. The interactions between the longs and shorts should result in a

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<sup>2</sup> Details of the iTraxx Europe index or any other CDS indices which the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund may seek exposure to are available from the Investment Manager upon request.

return series focused on the theme while filtering out the return of the broader index or asset class as the case may be.

It is intended that the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund will be managed to operate in normal circumstances with full flexibility from the perspective of long/short exposure (that is, all the assets of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund (i.e. 100%) could be in long positions at any given time and/or all the assets of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund (i.e. 100%) could be in synthetic short positions at any given time). Short positions will only be taken through the use of FDI.

Having the facility to take short exposure to certain investments gives the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund the ability to profit when the relevant investments fall in value. And by maintaining a blend of both long and short positions, the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund also seeks to reduce its exposure to directional market movements.

#### *Financial Derivative Instruments and Efficient Portfolio Management*

The Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund may employ investment techniques and instruments which may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives. These techniques and instruments may include contracts for difference, currency forwards, futures (equity futures, bond futures, treasury futures, interest rate futures, index futures, and currency future contracts and futures on the expected volatility of the foregoing), options (equity options, equity index options, bond index options, interest rate options, or currency options and options on the expected volatility of the foregoing), options on futures, forward settled transactions, and swap agreements such as total/excess return swaps, credit default swaps and interest rate swaps. A further detailed description of the relevant derivative instruments and their commercial purpose is set out in the Prospectus under the heading “**Financial Derivative Instruments**”. The Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund may only utilise derivatives instruments which are listed in both this investment policy and in the Company’s risk management process.

The use of derivatives will provide exposure to the underlying securities outlined above which include debt securities and equities. Such derivative instruments may be used for (i) hedging purposes, (ii) efficient portfolio management, and/or (iii) investment purposes when deemed necessary by the Investment Manager, subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank.

As outlined above, the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund is seeking to gain exposure to a number of systematic themes. In certain cases, the most efficient way to gain these exposures will be through the use of swaps on the relevant basket of positions, rather than seeking to construct and hold the basket of positions themselves. The use of swaps in this manner is a more efficient and cost-effective way of gaining the required exposure to a particular theme. However, should market circumstances or counterparty terms change, there may be times when it may be better for the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund to seek to gain the exposure to these themes directly via constructing its own basket of derivatives on holdings, or by holding the direct holdings themselves. Where this is the case, the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund would use the other derivatives outlined herein.

Futures contracts (including bond futures, interest rate futures, currency futures, equity futures and index futures (for example, indices of equities from issuers in Regulated Markets)) may be used to hedge against market risk or gain exposure to an underlying market. Options (both put and call, including options on equity securities, indices (for example, indices of equities from issuers in Regulated Markets) and currencies as well as on futures,) will be used to hedge or achieve exposure to a particular market instead of using a physical security.

Forward foreign exchange transactions may be used to reduce the risk of adverse market changes in exchange rates or to increase exposure to foreign currencies or to shift exposure to foreign currency fluctuations from one country to another. Contracts for differences will be used to gain exposure to equities.

Swaps including total/excess return swaps, credit default swaps and interest rate swaps) will be used to achieve profit as well as to hedge existing long positions.

The Investment Manager may enter into total return swaps/excess return swaps where the underlying assets are equity, currency or fixed income securities and it will only do so on behalf of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund with counterparties which shall be entities which satisfy the OTC counterparty criteria set down by the Central Bank in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and shall specialise in such transactions. Subject to compliance with those conditions, the Investment Manager has full discretion as to the appointment of counterparties when entering into a total return swap in furtherance of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund's investment objective and policies. It is not possible to comprehensively list in this Supplement all the counterparties as they have not, as of the date of issue of this Supplement, been selected and they may change from time to time. The failure of a counterparty to a swap transaction may have a negative impact on the return for shareholders. The Investment Manager would seek to minimise counterparty performance risk by only selecting counterparties with a good credit rating and by monitoring any changes in those counterparties' ratings. The counterparty to any total return swap entered into by the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund would not assume any discretion over the composition or management of the investment portfolio of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund or of the underlying of the total return swap and would meet the criteria set out in the Prospectus.

Currency hedging activities and currency positions will be implemented using spot and forward foreign exchange contracts, total/excess return swaps and currency futures, options and options on futures.

In order to protect Shareholders' interests, the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund will use VaR as a risk measurement technique to identify and monitor and manage risks. The Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund will use absolute VaR to calculate its global exposure on a daily basis. The risk of loss of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund will be calculated daily and monitored using an absolute VaR model to ensure that the VaR of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund shall not exceed 20 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund, based on a 20 day holding period and a one-tailed 99 per cent. confidence interval using a 1 year observation period.

The Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund will regularly monitor its leverage and the level of leverage of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund is expected to range from 200% to 2000% of Net Asset Value during normal market conditions. The Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund's leverage may increase to higher levels, for example, at times when the Investment Manager deems it most appropriate to use derivative instruments to alter the portfolio's equity, interest rate, currency or credit exposure. In particular, the use of derivatives such as swaps on equity or fixed income securities as outlined herein will generate higher leverage levels. The leverage figure is calculated as the sum of the notionals of the derivatives used as is required by the Regulations. The notional value of the investments varies significantly from their market value which is why the leverage limits are higher. These leverage limits do not take into account any netting and hedging arrangements that the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund has in place at any time even though these netting and hedging arrangements are used for risk reduction purposes. There are limitations in using VaR as a statistical measure of risk because it does not directly limit the level of leverage in the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund and only describes the risk of loss in normal market conditions.

In order to pursue its investment objective and due to the need to manage cover requirements in respect of the FDI used (in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements), at times Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund may need to hold large levels of or be fully invested in cash and cash equivalents and short-term money market instruments (including U.S. treasury bills, cash deposits, commercial paper, short term money market deposits and certificates of deposit). Such holdings may be used to act as collateral for any derivative positions that are used to meet the investment objective.

Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund's investments in cash and cash equivalents (as referred to above) may be in a range of currencies whereby Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund will seek to identify opportunities for returns in the global foreign currency market.

As part of its potential Emerging Markets exposure, Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund will typically invest up to 5% of net assets in securities traded on domestic Russian markets and any such investment will only be made in securities that are listed/traded on the Moscow Exchange.

## **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderately high level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRRI measurement of volatility.

## **Investment Manager**

The Investment Manager of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund is Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited.

## **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is USD for the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund.

## **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund, means a day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which retail banks are open for business in Dublin and London.

## **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

## **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below and/or investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those

providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries and/or investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U2 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class P2 and Class P3 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries and/or investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager.

Class F and Class F2 Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. The Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund does not intend to issue more than \$200,000,000 (or its currency equivalent) of Class F and Class F2 Shares. However the Directors may, in their sole and absolute discretion, increase this limit.

Class X Shares are only available to investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager under which Management Fees will be collected directly from the investor. The Class X is not yet available for subscription.

### Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price

Each Class of Shares in the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund which has not yet launched will be available until 30 April, 2020 (the "**Initial Offer Period**") at the initial subscription price and subject to acceptance of applications for Shares by the Company. However, the Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund will close on the date on which the first share of the relevant Class is issued if it is before the closing date above. The initial offer period may also be extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any such extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis. After closing of the initial offer period Shares in the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund will be issued at the Net Asset Value per Share.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, USD 10.00, CHF 10.00 or SGD 10.00.

### Fees and Expenses

#### Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund is set out below and is expressed as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee	Performance Fee
<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	1,000	500	500	Up to 5%	2.50%	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Hedged</b>	GBP	1,000	500	500	Up to 5%	2.50%	Nil	Nil	Nil

<b>Accumulation</b>									
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	1,000	500	500	Up to 5%	2.50%	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>A (CHF) Hedged Accumulation</b>	CHF	1,000	500	500	Up to 5%	2.50%	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>A (SGD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	SGD	1,000	500	500	Up to 5%	2.50%	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	10,000	5,000	5,000	Nil	1.25%	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>I (CHF) Hedged Accumulation</b>	CHF	10,000	5,000	5,000	Nil	1.25%	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>I (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	10,000	5,000	5,000	Nil	1.25%	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	10,000	5,000	5,000	Nil	1.25%	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	100,000,000	50,000,000	5,000,000	Nil	1.125%	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	250,000,000	125,000,000	125,000,000	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	250,000,000	125,000,000	125,000,000	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	250,000,000	125,000,000	125,000,000	Nil	1.00%	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>P2 (USD)</b>	USD	5,000,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil	15% above the Hurdle

<b>Accumulation</b>									Rate as describe herein
<b>P2 (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	5,000,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil	15% above the Hurdle Rate as describe herein
<b>P2 (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	5,000,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil	15% above the Hurdle Rate as describe herein
<b>P3 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	250,000,000	125,000,000	125,000,000	Nil	0.25%	Nil	Nil	15% above the Hurdle Rate as describe herein
<b>P3 (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	250,000,000	125,000,000	125,000,000	Nil	0.25%	Nil	Nil	15% above the Hurdle Rate as describe herein
<b>F (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	20,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>F (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	20,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>F (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	20,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	Nil	0.50%	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>F2 (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	20,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	Nil	0.20%	Nil	Nil	10% above the Hurdle Rate as describe herein
<b>F2 (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	20,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	Nil	0.20%	Nil	Nil	10% above the Hurdle Rate as describe herein
<b>F2 (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	20,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	Nil	0.20%	Nil	Nil	10% above the Hurdle Rate as describe herein

<b>P3 (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	250,000,000	125,000,000	125,000,000	Nil	0.25%	Nil	Nil	15% above the Hurdle Rate as describe herein
<b>X (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	20,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>X (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	20,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>X (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	20,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Shareholders of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund should note that all or a portion of Fees and Expenses in respect of Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund may be charged to capital at a Fund or Share Class level. Thus, on redemptions of holdings Shareholders of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund income class shares may not receive back the full amount invested due to capital reduction. In addition, it should be noted that as a result capital may be eroded and income may be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth. It is recommended that Shareholders of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund seek advice in this regard. The rationale for providing for the payment of fees and expenses out of capital is to increase the level of income distributed for income class shareholders.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “**Fees and Expenses**”.

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed “**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**”.

### **Performance Fee**

With respect to the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund, the Investment Manager may be entitled to a performance fee out of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund’s assets.

The Performance Fee will accrue on a daily basis and the accrual will be reflected in the Net Asset Value and will be payable semi-annually in arrears in respect of each Performance Period (a “**Performance Period of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund**”). A Performance Period of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund will comprise of each successive six month period ending on either 31 December or 30 June as the case may be. The first Performance Period for each Class will begin on the date on which the first Shares of the relevant Class are issued and will end on 30 June or 31 December respectively in that year.

For the P2 and P3 Share Classes, the Performance Fee as at the end of each Performance Period of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund shall be equal in aggregate to 15 per cent. of the amount by which any increase in the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class during the Performance Period of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund exceeds the “Hurdle Rate”. For the F2 Share Classes, the Performance Fee as at the end of each Performance Period of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund shall be equal in aggregate to 10 per cent. of the amount by which any increase in the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class during the Performance Period of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund exceeds the “Hurdle Rate”. For all Share Classes, the Hurdle Rate will be the average (1) Sterling Overnight Interbank Average Rate for the GBP Share Classes, (2) Euro Overnight Index Average Rate for the EUR Share Classes, (3) Federal Funds Effective Overnight Rate for the



USD Share Classes, and (4) Swiss Average Overnight Rate for the CHF Share Classes for the relevant Class currency during the Performance Period of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund multiplied by the weighted average number of total Shares in issue of each Class on each Dealing Day during the Performance Period of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund. Where no central bank base rate exists, an equivalent inter-bank reference rate will be used.

The initial issue price as set out above in the section of the Supplement headed “**Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price**” was the starting price for the calculation of the first performance fee payable of any share class to which a performance fee is applicable.

In calculating the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class for Performance Fee purposes, no deduction is made on account of Performance Fees accrued in the Performance Period of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund and any net income distributed to Shareholders in respect of the period is added back.

The Performance Fee is only payable when the Net Asset Value of each Class exceeds the Hurdle Rate. If, during a performance fee period, the performance of the Shares does not exceed the Hurdle Rate, no Performance Fee is payable until such unachieved performance is reclaimed.

The Depositary shall verify the calculation of the Performance Fee as at each Performance Period of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund.

All Performance Fee payments shall be subject to the restriction that in paying/accruing a Performance Fee, the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class at the relevant Performance Period of Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund shall not be less than the Net Asset Value per Share Class on the last day that a Performance Fee was paid (or the initial subscription price if higher) (the “**Net Asset Value High Water Mark**”). The Performance Fee is only payable on the increase in the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class during the Performance Period of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund in excess of the relevant Hurdle Rate during the Performance Period of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund.

The amount of the Performance Fee will be calculated by the Administrator. The calculation of the Performance Fee shall be verified by the Depositary.

The calculation of the Performance Fee shall also be reviewed by the Auditors as part of the annual audit of the Company.

The Investment Manager may, at its discretion, waive the Performance Fee payable in respect of a Performance Period of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund.

**Performance Fees are payable on net realised and net unrealised gains and losses as at the end of each Performance Period of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund and as a result, Performance Fees may be paid on unrealised gains which may subsequently never be realised.**

### **Establishment Costs**

The cost of establishing the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund and the preparation and printing of the relevant Supplement is expected not to exceed €50,000 and will be charged to the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund and amortised over a period of up to three years of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund’s operation.

### **Distribution Policy**

The Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund currently does not offer any Distributing Share Classes. The income and capital gains of the Share Classes of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund will be reinvested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policies of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund.

### **Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed “**Financial Derivative Instruments**” and “**Risk Factors**”.

### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund:-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.

### **Total Return Swaps**

As set out under Investment Objective and Policies, the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund may engage in total return swaps.

The maximum exposure of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund in respect of total return swaps, shall be 100% of the Net Asset Value. However, the Investment Manager does not anticipate that the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund’s exposure to total return swaps will exceed 50% of the Net Asset Value. The collateral supporting will be valued daily at mark-to-market prices and daily variation margin used if the value of collateral falls below coverage requirements.

In respect of total return swaps, a counterparty selected will be either an investment firm, authorised in accordance with the EU MiFID Directive (2004/39/EC) or a group company of an entity issued with a bank holding company licence from the Federal Reserve of the United States of America where that group company is subject to bank holding company consolidated supervision by that Federal Reserve or an “Approved Credit Institution”. An Approved Credit Institution is:

- (i) a credit institution authorised in the EEA; or
- (ii) a credit institution authorised within a signatory state, other than a Member State of the EEA, to the Basle Capital Convergence Agreement of July 1988 (Switzerland, Canada, Japan, United States); or
- (iii) a credit institution authorised in Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Australia or New Zealand.

Counterparties to a total return swap will have a minimum credit rating of A-2 or equivalent or have been deemed by the Company (or the Investment Manager) to have an implied rating of A-2. Alternatively, an unrated counterparty may be acceptable where the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund is indemnified or guaranteed against losses suffered as a result of a failure by the counterparty by an entity which has and maintains a rating of A-2 or equivalent.

In respect of total return swaps, collateral received other than cash, will be highly liquid and traded on a regulated market or multilateral trading facility with transparent pricing in order that it can be sold quickly at a price that is close to pre-sale valuation. Collateral received will be issued by an entity that is independent from the counterparty and is not expected to display a high correlation with the performance of the counterparty. Collateral will be sufficiently diversified in terms of country, markets and issuers with a maximum exposure to a given issuer of 20% of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund’s Net Asset Value. If the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund is exposed to different counterparties, the different baskets of collateral will be aggregated to calculate the 20% limit of exposure to a single issuer. Furthermore, the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund may be fully collateralised in different transferable securities and Money Market Instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State, one or more of its local authorities, a third country, or a public international body to which one or more Member State belongs, as set out in Schedule III Section 2.12 of the Prospectus. In this instance, the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund will receive securities from at least 6 different issuers, but securities from any single issuer will not account for more than 30 per cent of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund’s Net Asset Value.

### **Collateral**

In accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, the Investment Manager employs a collateral management policy in respect of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund in relation to collateral received in respect of OTC financial derivative transactions whether used for investment or for efficient portfolio management purposes. Any collateral and/or assets received by the Company for and on behalf of the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund on a title transfer basis shall be held in safekeeping by the Depositary. For other types of collateral arrangements, the collateral will be held with a third party custodian which is subject to prudential supervision and which is unrelated to the collateral provider.

Where necessary, the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund will accept collateral from its counterparties in order to reduce counterparty risk exposure generated through the use of over the counter derivative instruments and efficient portfolio management techniques. The Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund may receive cash collateral, high quality government bonds, other government-backed securities of varying maturity and equities to the extent deemed necessary by the Investment Manager in respect of over-the-counter derivative transactions, provided however that such collateral and its re-use must comply with the requirements of the Central Bank and the conditions for the receipt of eligible collateral set out in Schedule II of the Prospectus.

The level of collateral required to be posted may vary by counterparty with which the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund trades and shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. A documented haircut policy is in place for the Company detailing the policy in respect of each class of assets received and which takes into account the characteristics of the assets and the results of any stress tests conducted as required. The haircut policy applied to posted collateral will be negotiated on a counterparty basis and will vary depending on the class of asset received by the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund, taking into account the characteristics of the assets received as collateral such as the credit standing or the price volatility and the outcome of any liquidity stress testing policy. Any re-investment of cash collateral shall be diversified in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank and the conditions for reinvesting collateral set out in Schedule II of the Prospectus. Re-invested cash collateral exposes the Company to certain risks such as the risk of a failure or default of the issuer of the relevant security in which the cash collateral has been invested.

### **Counterparty Procedures**

The Investment Manager approves the counterparties used for dealing, establishes counterparty credit limits for them and monitors them on an on-going basis.

The Investment Manager selects counterparties on the basis of their ability to supply liquidity and competitive pricing to the Merian Style Premia Absolute Return Fund. This is subject to the minimum credit rating requirements and legal status requirements specified in the Regulations and set out in this Supplement in the section headed "Total Return Swaps".

The Investment Manager's counterparty approval process reviews the financial strength, internal controls and general reputation of the counterparty in question, as well as the legal, regulatory and political environment in the relevant markets. Counterparty exposure is monitored and reported to the Investment Manager on a regular basis. Any broker counterparty selected must be appropriately registered and meet operational efficiency requirements of the Investment Manager.

Investors should consult the "Risk Factors" of the Prospectus for information on counterparty risk and credit risk in this regard.

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## Merian Global Investors Series plc

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An umbrella type open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds and incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 271517, authorised by the Central Bank on 10 October 1997 as a UCITS, pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund, a sub-fund of Merian Global Investors Series plc (the "**Company**"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 22 July 2020 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.**

### Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund

22 July 2020

*Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.*

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "**Management and Administration**" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

**An investment in any of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investor's investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.**

**Investment in the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund is not in the nature of a deposit in a bank account and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account.**

**Shareholders of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund should note that all or a part of fees and expenses will be charged to the capital at a Fund or Share Class level. This will have the effect of lowering the capital value of your investment.**

## Investment Objective and Policies

The Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund aims to generate a total return.

The Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective through a combination of income and capital growth from a portfolio of primarily fixed and variable rate debt securities issued by financial institutions with minimum capital requirements, such as insurers and banks. The Investment Advisor will focus on investing primarily in bonds issued by such institutions that are at the lower end of their capital structure and in particular on contingent capital bonds, also known as contingent convertible bonds ("CoCos"). CoCos are lower down in a financial institution's capital structure (rank below standard debt securities, but above common stock/equities) in the priority of claim on the institution's assets.

CoCos are a form of hybrid subordinated debt security that are intended to either convert into equity or have their principal written down upon the occurrence of certain 'triggers' linked to regulatory capital thresholds or where the issuing banking institution's regulatory authorities question the continued viability of the entity as a going-concern. CoCos have some properties of both bonds and equity and were created in the wake of the financial crisis in order to increase banks' ability to take losses beyond the banks' equity buffers. CoCos have unique equity conversion or principal write-down features which are tailored to the issuing banking institution and its regulatory requirements.

The Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund will typically look to invest at least 75% of its net assets in CoCos with up to 25% of the portfolio invested in a combination of equity instruments, collective investment schemes, cash, government bonds or other fixed interest instruments, as described in greater detail below.

The Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund may invest debt securities including securities issued or guaranteed by any government, state, local authority or other political sub-division of government (including any agency or instrumentality thereof, securities issued by supranational bodies) and securities issued by corporate entities. Investment may also include convertible and non convertible debt securities, fixed and floating rate bonds, zero coupon and discount bonds, mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, certificates of deposit, commercial paper and treasury bills. Subject to the investment restrictions 2.1 and 2.12 respectively in Schedule III in the Prospectus, the securities shall be listed, traded or dealt in on any Regulated Market worldwide and that such securities shall be issued from at least 6 different issues, with securities from any one issue not exceeding 30% of net assets.

Up to 100 per cent. of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund's Net Asset Value may be invested in debt securities which are rated below Investment Grade.

The Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund may hold up to 25% of its net assets in equity securities issued by corporates and listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market worldwide from time to time. The equity and equity-related securities in which the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund may invest include ordinary shares or common stock, preferred stock, ADRs, GDRs, preference shares, rights issues and warrants.

The Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund may invest up to 10 per cent. of its Net Asset Value in open-ended collective investment schemes whose objective is to invest in any of the foregoing securities. Investment in collective investment schemes shall include both UCITS and alternative investment funds. In particular, any investment in open-ended alternative investment funds will be subject to Regulation 114(6) of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations").

The Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund may also hold and invest up to 25% of its net assets in cash deposits and short-term money market instruments such as treasury bills, commercial paper, certificates of deposit and in money market funds ("Liquid Assets") (subject to the aggregate limit of 10 per cent. in collective investment schemes outlined above). Investment to such extent in Liquid Assets may be made where this is considered to be in the best interests of Shareholders of the Merian

Financials Contingent Capital Fund; for example, to mitigate the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund's exposure to market risk.

The Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund may employ investment techniques and instruments which may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives. These techniques and instruments comprise futures (such as currency future contracts), options, options on futures, forward settled transactions, convertible securities, hybrid securities (such as CoCos), credit default swaps and swap agreements. Such derivative instruments may be used for (i) hedging purposes, (ii) efficient portfolio management, and/or (iii) investment purposes, subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank. The derivatives will assist in achieving the investment objective of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund by allowing for the adjustment of risk (including credit, currency and interest rate risk) and by implementing trades in a more efficient and cost effective manner.

In line with investment objective and policies of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund, futures contracts (including bond futures and currency futures) may be used to hedge against market risk, currency risk or to gain exposure to an underlying market. Forward contracts will be used to hedge or gain exposure to an increase in the value of an asset, currency, or deposit. Options and options on futures will be used to hedge or achieve exposure to a particular market instead of using a physical security. Options and options on futures will also be used to hedge exposure to individual securities, sectors or markets in order to protect the value of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund. Swaps including total/excess return swaps, credit default swaps and interest rate swaps) will be used to achieve profit as well as to hedge existing long positions. Currency hedging activities and currency positions will be implemented using spot and forward foreign exchange contracts and currency futures, options and options on futures. Forward foreign exchange transactions may be used to reduce the risk of adverse market changes in exchange rates.

The Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund may enter into total return swaps/excess return swaps where the underlying assets are equity, currency or fixed income securities and it will only do so on behalf of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund with counterparties which shall be entities which satisfy the OTC counterparty criteria set down by the Central Bank in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and shall specialise in such transactions. Subject to compliance with those conditions, the Investment Manager has full discretion as to the appointment of counterparties when entering into a total return swap in furtherance of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund's investment objective and policies. It is not possible to comprehensively list in this Supplement all the counterparties as they have not, as of the date of issue of this Supplement, been selected and they may change from time to time. The failure of a counterparty to a swap transaction may have a negative impact on the return for shareholders. The Investment Manager would seek to minimise counterparty performance risk by only selecting total return swap counterparties by reference to the counterparty approval process as set out in the Prospectus under "Counterparty Procedures". The counterparty to any total return swap entered into by the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund would not assume any discretion over the composition or management of the investment portfolio of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund or of the underlying of the total return swap and would meet the criteria set out in the Prospectus.

A hybrid security is a security which combines two or more financial instruments. Hybrid securities generally combine a traditional stock or bond with an option or forward contract. In the case of a hybrid security such as a convertible bond, for example, the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund will seek to benefit from a steady income stream and the repayment of principal at maturity. Each of these factors contributes to the value and price of the security, The convertible securities and hybrid securities (including CoCos) in which the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund may invest may embed an option. However, it is not expected that such embedded component will generate any additional leverage in the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund.

In order to protect Shareholders' interests, the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund will use VaR as a risk measurement technique to identify and monitor and manage risks. The Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund will use relative VaR to calculate its global exposure. This measures the maximum potential loss due to market risk at a given confidence level over a specified time period under normal conditions. The risk of loss of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund will be monitored using a relative VaR model comprising a reference portfolio to ensure that the VaR of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund shall not exceed twice that of the relative VaR of the reference

portfolio based on a 20 day holding period and a “one-tailed” 99 per cent. confidence interval using a 1 year observation period. The reference portfolio is Bloomberg Barclays Contingent Capital Western Europe Index which is a market capitalisation weighted index of bonds and which has a risk profile similar to that of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund.

The Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund will regularly monitor its leverage and the level of leverage may range from approximately 0 to 200 per cent of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund's Net Asset Value at any point in time however the average level of leverage of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund is expected to be up to 100 per cent of Net Asset Value. The Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund's leverage is expected to increase to the higher levels, for example, at times when the Investment Manager deems it most appropriate to use financial derivative instruments to alter the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund's sensitivity to credit risk. The leverage figure is calculated as the sum of the notionals of the derivatives used as is required by the Regulations. These leverage limits do not take into account any netting and hedging arrangements that the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund has in place at any time even though these netting and hedging arrangements are used for risk reduction purposes. There are limitations in using VaR as a statistical measure of risk because it does not directly limit the level of leverage in the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund and only describes the risk of loss in normal market conditions.

The Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund may use derivatives to acquire synthetic long and synthetic short positions over a variety of time periods (depending on current market conditions and the Investment Manager's view relative to those conditions) in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. The expected range for the percentage of Net Asset Value for the long and short positions the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund may take is between 0% to 200% short exposures in combination with 0% to 200% long exposures. This range for derivatives use is not a limit and the exposures can exceed the range in certain circumstances. However, this will remain within the constraints under the VaR approach set out above. For fixed income funds, derivatives are integral to the management of an active portfolio. A high level of derivative usage, either long or short, does not necessarily mean a high level of risk. Derivative exposures may be hedges or offsets used in an unleveraged sense to control the portfolio.

The Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund is denominated in USD but will hold assets denominated in other currencies. For the purposes of efficient portfolio management the Investment Manager may enter into foreign exchange transactions to hedge against exchange risk. Suitable hedging transactions may not be available in all circumstances. Such transactions may not be successful and may eliminate any chance for the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund to benefit from favourable fluctuations in relevant foreign currencies.

### **Investment Approach**

The Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager has freedom to select the investments in order to seek to achieve the investment objective of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund. In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund will aim to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than that of the Bloomberg Barclays Contingent Capital Western Europe Index (USD Hedged) (the “**Index**”) over rolling 3 year periods.

The Index represents the performance of contingent capital issuance of a wide range of Western European banks.

The Investment Manager will select the positions through a combination of top down and bottom up analysis. The top-down process involves analysing interest rates, macro-economic outlook, inflationary expectations as well as fiscal and external account balances. The bottom up process will comprise the Investment Manager selecting investments using subjective judgement based on their experience coupled with objective analysis utilising its proprietary tools and publically available information, such as companies' annual report and accounts, and debt to equity ratios, to select the individual positions for the portfolio.

In order to maximise the potential total return of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund the Investment Manager will determine the size of each position in the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund relative to the weightings of those positions in the benchmark by taking into account the level of conviction in each investment and risk management considerations. As well as assessing individual positions the investment process will also be used to identify potential sector and index relative value positions. Sector and index positions, may also be used to hedge or reduce risk in the portfolio during times of market volatility.

The Index is a broad representation of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund's investment universe. Although a large proportion of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund's investments may be components of the Index, the Investment Manager does not seek to replicate the performance of the Index; it is seeking to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than the Index. In particular, the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund may invest in securities which are not included in the Index and the security selection and portfolio construction process, as set out above, mean that the number of holdings and weightings of the issues, issuers, industries, sectors and countries of the holdings of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund may diverge materially from the Index. Therefore, the risk and return profile of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund will likely be significantly different to that of the Index.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

A typical investor has a long term investment horizon and is prepared to accept a moderate level of volatility. This is not a guide to the future volatility of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund and may move over time. Investors may also refer to the KIID for the most up-to-date SRRI measurement of volatility.

### **Investment Manager**

The Investment Manager of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund is Merian Global Investors (UK) Limited.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency is USD for the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund.

### **Business Day**

In respect of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund , means a day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which retail banks are open for business in Dublin and London.

### **Dealing Day**

Means in respect of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.

### **Classes of Shares**

The Classes of Shares in the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund are distinguished principally on the basis of the initial charge, the redemption charge, the contingent deferred sales charge and the management and distribution fees applicable to them.

Class A, C and N Shares are offered primarily as an investment to Retail Investors. Investors wishing to purchase Class A, C and N Shares should do so via their financial intermediary.

Class F Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. The Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund does not intend to issue more than



\$200,000,000 (or its currency equivalent) of Class F Shares, however the Directors may, in their sole and absolute discretion, increase this limit.

Class R Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. This may include Retail Investors who invest via their UK platforms and independent financial advisers whose business is not eligible for commission. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class R Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class I Shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances to Institutional Investors or distributors and platforms who have separate fee arrangements with their clients, and who in the Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class I Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U1 Shares are only available to investors who in the Manager or Investment Manager's reasonable opinion are able to subscribe an amount in excess of the investment minimum as set out below and who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U1 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class U2 Shares are offered only as an investment through designated financial intermediaries who have agreed specific terms of business with the Investment Manager. With regard to MiFID distributors, Class U2 Shares will be available to those providing portfolio management or independent investment advice as defined by the MiFID II Directive and those providing non independent advice who have a separate fee arrangement with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements.

Class X Shares are only available to investors who have agreed specific terms of business with the Manager or Investment Manager under which Management Fees will be collected directly from the investor. The Class X is not yet available for subscription.

### **Initial Offer Period and Subscription Price**

Each Class of Shares in the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund which has not yet launched will be available until 31 December, 2020 (the "**Initial Offer Period**") at the initial subscription price and subject to acceptance of applications for Shares by the Company. However, the Initial Offer Period for any Class of Shares in the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund will close on the date on which the first share of the relevant Class is issued if it is before the closing date above. The initial offer period may also be extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any such extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis. After closing of the initial offer period Shares in the Fund will be issued at the Net Asset Value per Share.

The initial subscription price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be, depending on the denomination of the Share Class, AUD 10.00, CHF 10.00, EUR 10.00, GBP 10.00, RMB 10.00, SGD 10.00, USD 10.00.

### **Fees and Expenses**

#### **Management Fee, Initial Charge, Redemption Fee, Distribution Fee and Minimum Investment and Holding Amounts**

The amount of the fees for each of the various Classes of Shares of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund is set out below and is expressed as a maximum percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Share in the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund.

Class	Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment	Minimum Holding Requirement	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Redemption Fee	Distribution Fee
<b>A (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (CHF) Hedged Accumulation</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR 500	Up to 5%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 5%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (CHF) Hedged Income</b>	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 500	CHF 500	Up to 5%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (RMB) Hedged Income</b>	RMB	RMB 1,000	RMB 500	RMB 500	Up to 5%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (RMB) Hedged Accumulation</b>	RMB	RMB 1,000	RMB 500	RMB 500	Up to 5%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 1,000	EUR 500	EUR 500	Up to 5%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 1,000	GBP 500	GBP 500	Up to 5%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (SGD) Hedged Income</b>	SGD	SGD 1,000	SGD 500	SGD 500	Up to 5%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (SGD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	SGD	SGD 1,000	SGD 500	SGD 500	Up to 5%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (AUD) Hedged Income</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 5%	1.50%	Nil	Nil
<b>A (AUD) Hedged Accumulation</b>	AUD	AUD 1,000	AUD 500	AUD 500	Up to 5%	1.50%	Nil	Nil

<b>N (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.00%
<b>N (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 3.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.00%
<b>C (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>C (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 1,000	USD 500	USD 500	Up to 1.00%	1.50%	Nil	Up to 1.50%
<b>I (USD) Accumul ation</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (CHF) Hedged Accumula tion</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (CHF) Hedged Income</b>	CHF	CHF 10,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>I (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 10,000	EUR 5,000	EUR 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>R (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 10,000	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000	Nil	0.75%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,00 0	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U1 (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 100,000,00 0	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 50,000,000	Nil	0.675%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Hedged Accumul ation</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil
<b>U2 (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 250,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	GBP 125,000,00 0	Nil	0.60%	Nil	Nil

<b>F (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 25,000,000	GBP 12,500,000	GBP 12,500,000	Nil	0.40%	Nil	Nil
<b>F (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 25,000,000	USD 12,500,000	USD 12,500,000	Nil	0.40%	Nil	Nil
<b>F (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 25,000,000	EUR 12,500,000	EUR 12,500,000	Nil	0.40%	Nil	Nil
<b>F (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 25,000,000	GBP 12,500,000	GBP 12,500,000	Nil	0.40%	Nil	Nil
<b>F (USD) Income</b>	USD	USD 25,000,000	USD 12,500,000	USD 12,500,000	Nil	0.40%	Nil	Nil
<b>F (EUR) Hedged Income</b>	EUR	EUR 25,000,000	EUR 12,500,000	EUR 12,500,000	Nil	0.40%	Nil	Nil
<b>X (GBP) Hedged Accumulation</b>	GBP	GBP 20,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>X (GBP) Hedged Income</b>	GBP	GBP 20,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	GBP 10,000,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>X (USD) Accumulation</b>	USD	USD 20,000,000	USD 10,000,000	USD 10,000,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>X (EUR) Hedged Accumulation</b>	EUR	EUR 20,000,000	EUR 10,000,000	EUR 10,000,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Shareholders of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund should note that all or a portion of Fees and Expenses in respect of Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund may be charged to capital at a Fund or Share Class level. As a result capital may be eroded and income may be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth. Thus, on redemptions of holdings Shareholders of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund income share classes may not receive back the full amount invested due to capital reduction. It is recommended that Shareholders of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund seek advice in this regard. The rationale for providing for the payment of fees and expenses out of capital is to increase the level of income distributed for income class shareholders.

#### **Distribution Fee**

As set out in the Prospectus and in the table above, the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund shall pay a distribution fee to the Investment Manager of up to 1.5 per cent. per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to the Class C Shares and up to 1 per cent. per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to the Class N Shares. The distribution fee shall accrue on each Dealing Day and shall be paid monthly.

#### **Establishment Costs**

The cost of establishing the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund and the preparation and printing of the relevant Supplement is expected not to exceed €30,000 and will be charged to the Merian Global Financials Contingent Capital Fund and amortised over a period of up to three years of the Merian Global Financials Contingent Capital Fund's operation or such other shorter period as the Directors may determine.

### Contingent Deferred Sales Charge

A contingent deferred sales charge may be payable on the repurchase of the Class C Shares of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund. The amount of the contingent deferred sales charge payable will depend on the length of time between the date the Shares were purchased and their repurchase at the rates set out below.

Years since purchase	Contingent deferred sales charge as a percentage of the subscription price paid
	<b>Class C Shares</b>
0 - 1	1.00%
1 - 2	Nil
2 - 3	Nil
3 - 4	Nil
4 and thereafter	Nil

Any contingent deferred sales charge will be payable to the Manager. The Manager may pay some or all of any contingent deferred sales charge to its delegates as reimbursement for the expense of distribution, intermediary and/or other services rendered to the Manager, the Company and the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on Shares issued arising as a result of the reinvestment of dividends. No contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on any increase on the Net Asset Value per Share above the subscription price paid for the Share and no contingent deferred sales charge shall be payable on transfers or conversions of Shares. For the purposes of determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge is payable any Shares redeemed shall be deemed to be those first subscribed.

A detailed summary of each of the fees and expenses of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund and the Company is set out in the section of the Prospectus headed "**Fees and Expenses**".

For further details on the subscription, repurchase, transfer or conversion of Shares in the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed "**Subscriptions, Repurchases and Dealings in Shares**".

### Distribution Policy

Dividends in respect of the Classes of Shares of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund will be distributed in accordance with the distribution frequency set out in the table below (the "**Distributing Share Classes**").

Dividends will be declared on the last Business Day of each month.

CLASS	Distribution Frequency
Class A (USD) Income	Monthly
Class A (CHF) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (RMB) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (EUR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (GBP) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (SGD) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class A (AUD) Hedged Income	Monthly

Class C (USD) Income	Monthly
Class I (USD) Income	Monthly
Class I (CHF) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class I (EUR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class F (GBP) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class F (USD) Income	Monthly
Class F (EUR) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class N (USD) Income	Monthly
Class R (GBP) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class U1 (GBP) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class U2 (GBP) Hedged Income	Monthly
Class X (GBP) Hedged Income	Monthly

It is the intention of the Directors that dividends will be paid from the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund's net income.

As the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund currently charges fees and expenses to capital, the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund's net income available for distribution will in practice be a gross rather than net income figure. Gross income shall generally consist of interest, dividends and other investment income less withholding and other taxes or adjustments as applicable. The rationale for providing for the payment of fees and expenses out of capital is to increase the level of income distributed for income class shareholders.

Dividends of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund will be paid on a monthly basis save in extreme circumstances including but not limited to significant downturn in the global economy or global political turmoil resulting in default by a significant number of issuers of the debt securities in which the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund invests. The rate of the monthly distribution is neither fixed nor guaranteed and is determined at the discretion of the Directors.

### **Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the sections of the Prospectus headed "**Financial Derivative Instruments**" and "**Risk Factors**".

### **High Yield Risk**

As the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund invests in high yield below Investment Grade securities and unrated securities of similar credit quality (commonly known as "junk bonds"), it may be subject to greater levels of interest rate, credit and liquidity risk than Funds that do not invest in such securities. These securities are considered predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's continuing ability to make principal and interest payments. While offering a greater potential opportunity for capital appreciation and higher yields, high yield securities typically entail greater potential price volatility and may be less liquid than higher-rated securities. An economic downturn or period of rising interest rates could adversely affect the market for high yield securities and reduce the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund's ability to sell its high yield securities. If the issuer of a security is in default with respect to interest or principal payments, the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund may lose its entire investment.

### **Risks associated with investment in CoCos**

The following risks are associated with investment in Cocos:

- Loss absorption risk: CoCo features have been designed to meet specific regulatory requirements imposed on banking institutions. In particular, CoCos can be converted into equity of the issuing banking institution or have their principal written down if their regulatory capital ratio falls below a pre-determined level or when the relevant regulatory authority deems the banking institution being non-viable. In addition those hybrid debt instruments have no stated maturity and fully discretionary coupons. This means coupons can potentially be cancelled at

the banking institution's discretion or at the request of the relevant regulatory authority in order to help the bank absorb losses.

- Subordinated Instruments. CoCos will, in the majority of circumstances, be issued in the form of subordinated debt instruments in order to provide the appropriate regulatory capital treatment prior to a conversion. Accordingly, in the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of an issuer prior to a conversion having occurred, the rights and claims of the holders of the CoCos, such as the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund, against the issuer in respect of or arising under the terms of the CoCos shall generally rank junior to the claims of all holders of unsubordinated obligations of the issuer. In addition, if the CoCos are converted into the issuer's underlying equity securities following a conversion event, each holder will be subordinated due to their conversion from being the holder of a debt instrument to being the holder of an equity instrument.
- Market Value will fluctuate based on unpredictable factors. The value of CoCos is unpredictable and will be influenced by many factors including, without limitation (i) the creditworthiness of the issuer and/or fluctuations in such issuer's applicable capital ratios; (ii) supply and demand for the CoCos; (iii) general market conditions and available liquidity and (iv) economic, financial and political events that affect the issuer, its particular market or the financial markets in general.

### **Material Contracts**

The following contract has been entered into and is, or may be, material in respect of the Merian Financials Contingent Capital Fund :-

The Management and Distribution Agreement dated 31 October 2019 between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager.