

# PREMIER MULTI-ASSET FUNDS

## **Prospectus**

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**IMPORTANT:** If you are in any doubt about the contents of this prospectus you should consult the ACD or your authorised financial adviser.

Premier Portfolio Managers Limited, the Authorised Corporate Director of the Company, is the person responsible for the information contained in this Prospectus. To the best of its knowledge and belief (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained herein does not contain any untrue or misleading statement or omit any matters required by the Collective Investment Scheme Sourcebook (COLL) to be included in it.

## 1 CONSTITUTION

The Company is an investment company with variable capital incorporated with limited liability and registered in England and Wales under registered number IC000139. It is a non-UCITS retail scheme as defined in COLL, and also an umbrella company for the purposes of the OEIC Regulations.

This document constitutes the Prospectus for Premier Multi-Asset Funds, which has been prepared in accordance with COLL.

This Prospectus is dated, and is valid as at **05 July 2010**.

Copies of this Prospectus have been sent to the FSA and the Depositary. No person has been authorised by the Company to give any information or to make any representations in connection with the offering of Shares other than those contained in the Prospectus and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied on as having been made by the Company. The delivery of this Prospectus (whether or not accompanied by any reports) or the issue of Shares shall not, under any circumstances, create any implication that the affairs of the Company have not changed since the date hereof.

The distribution of this Prospectus and the offering of Shares in certain jurisdictions may be restricted. Persons into whose possession this Prospectus comes are required by the Fund to inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions. This Prospectus does not constitute an offer or solicitation by anyone in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not authorised or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation.

Shares have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended. They may not be offered or sold in the United States of America, its territories and possessions, any State of the United States of America and the District of Columbia or offered or sold to US Persons. The Funds have not been and will not be registered under the United States Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The ACD has not been and will not be registered under the United States Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

A "US Person", for the purposes of the above paragraph, is a person who is in either of the following two categories:

- (a) a person included in the definition of "US Person" under Rule 902 of Regulation S under the 1933 Act, or
- (b) a person excluded from the definition of a "Non-United States Person" as used in the US Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") Rule 4.7.

For the avoidance of doubt, a person is excluded from this definition of US Person only if he or it does not satisfy any of the definitions of "US Person" only if he or it does not satisfy any of the definitions of "US Person" in Rule 902 and qualifies as a "Non-United States Person" under CFTC Rule 4.7.

"US Person" under Rule 902 generally includes the following:

- (a) any natural person resident in the United States;
- (b) any partnership or corporation organisation or incorporated under the laws of the United States;
- (c) any estate which any executor or administrator is a US Person;
- (d) any trust of which any trustee is a US Person;
- (e) any agency or branch of a non-US entity located in the United States;
- (f) any non-discretionary account or similar account (other than an estate or trust) held by a dealer or other fiduciary for the benefit or account of a US Person;
- (g) any discretionary account or similar account (other than an estate or trust) held by a dealer or other fiduciary organised, incorporated or (if an individual) resident in the United States; and
- (h) any partnership or corporation if:
  - i. organised or incorporated under the laws of any non-US jurisdiction; and
  - ii. formed by a US Person principally for the purpose of investing in securities not registered under the 1933 Act, unless it is organised or incorporated, and owned, by accredited investors (as defined in Rule 501(a) of Regulation D under the 1933 Act) who are not natural persons, estates or trusts.

The Depositary is not a person responsible for the information contained in this Prospectus and accordingly does not accept any responsibility therefore under the COLL or otherwise.

Shares in the Company are not listed on any investment exchange.

Potential investors should not treat the contents of this Prospectus as advice relating to legal, taxation, investment or any other matters and are recommended to consult their own professional advisers concerning the acquisition, holding or disposal of Shares.

The provisions of the Company's Instrument of Incorporation are binding on each of its Shareholders (who are taken to have notice of them).

This Prospectus has been approved for the purpose of section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 by Premier Portfolio Managers Limited.

This Prospectus is based on information, law, regulation and practice at the date hereof. The Company is only bound by the latest version of its Prospectus and therefore, before relying on any information contained in this document, investors should check with the ACD that this is the most recently published Prospectus.

## 2 DEFINITIONS

'ACD'	Premier Portfolio Managers Limited, the authorised corporate director of the Company;
'COLL'	the Collective Investment Scheme Sourcebook made by the FSA pursuant to the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended from time to time;
'Class' or 'Classes'	in relation to Shares, means (according to the context) all of the Shares or a particular class or classes of Share;
'Company'	Premier Multi-Asset Funds;
'Dealing Day'	Monday to Friday (except for (unless the ACD otherwise decides) the last working day before Christmas and bank holidays in England and Wales) and other days at the ACD 's discretion;
'Depositary'	The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, the depositary of the Company;
'dilution levy'	is described on page 15;
'eligible institution'	one of certain credit institutions as defined in the First Banking Co-ordination Directive of the European Community (for example, a bank or a building society);
'Euro'	the currency of that name adopted under the Treaty of Rome;
'Fraction'	a smaller denomination Share (on the basis that a thousand smaller denomination Shares make one larger denomination Share);
'FSA'	the Financial Services Authority;
'Fund' or 'Funds'	a sub-fund of the Company (being part of the scheme property of the Company which is pooled separately) and to which specific assets and liabilities of the Company may be allocated and which are invested in accordance with the investment objective applicable to such sub-fund and 'Funds' shall be interpreted accordingly;
'In Specie'	a purchase or sale of Shares that is satisfied not by cash but by the transfer of securities or assets;
'Instrument'	The Company's Instrument of Incorporation, as amended, constituting and governing the Company;
'Investment Adviser'	Premier Fund Managers Limited;
'ISA'	Individual Savings Account;
'member State'	a member state of the European Community and any other state which is within the European Economic Area;
'Net Asset Value'	the value of the scheme property of the Company (or of any Fund as the context requires) less the liabilities of the Company (or of the Fund as the context requires) as calculated in accordance with the Company's Instrument of Incorporation;
'Non-UCITS retail scheme'	A collective investment scheme which is authorised by the FSA and therefore meets the standards set by the FSA to enable the scheme to be marketed to the public within the UK, but which does not comply with the conditions necessary for it to enjoy the rights conferred by the UCITS Directive;
'OEIC Regulations'	The Open Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001;
'PEP'	Personal Equity Plan;
'scheme property'	the property of the Company required under the COLL to be given for safe-keeping to the Depositary;
'Share' or 'Shares'	a share or shares in the Company (including larger denomination Shares and fractions);
'Shareholder'	a holder of registered or bearer Shares in the Company;
'Sterling'	Pounds Sterling of the United Kingdom;
'switch'	the exchange of Shares of one Class or Fund for Shares of another Class or Fund;
'UCITS Directive'	a Council Directive of 20 December 1985 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (as amended from time to time);
'VAT'	value added tax as provided for in the UK's Value Added Tax Act 1994 and similar sales and turnover taxes in other jurisdictions.

### 3 DETAILS OF THE COMPANY

The Company is an investment company with variable capital incorporated in England and Wales under registered number IC000139 and authorised by the FSA with effect from 3 December 2001.

Shareholders of the Company are not liable for the debts of the Company.

The Head Office is Eastgate Court, High Street, Guildford, Surrey GU1 3DE, which is the address in the United Kingdom for service on the Company of notices or other documents required or authorised to be served on it.

The base currency of the Company is pounds sterling.

The maximum size of the Company's share capital is £100,000,000,000 and the minimum is £1,000.

Operation of the Company is governed by the OEIC Regulations, COLL, the Company's Instrument and this Prospectus.

## 4 THE STRUCTURE OF THE COMPANY

### 4.1 THE FUNDS

The Company is a non-UCITS retail scheme which is structured as an umbrella Company so that different Funds may be established from time to time by the ACD with the approval of the FSA and the agreement of the Depositary. On the introduction of any new Fund or Class, a revised prospectus will be prepared setting out the relevant details of each Fund or Class. The Company currently has two Funds, details of which are set out below.

Each Fund would be a non-UCITS retail scheme if it were a stand alone fund directly authorised by the FSA.

The assets of each Fund will be treated as separate from those of every other Fund and will be invested in accordance with the investment objective and investment policy applicable to that Fund. Details of the Funds, including their investment objectives and policies are contained from page 8.

Each Fund has a specific portfolio of assets to which that Fund's assets and liabilities are attributable. So far as the shareholders are concerned, each Fund is treated as a separate entity.

Creditors of the Company may nevertheless look to all the assets of the Company for payment regardless of the Funds in respect of which that creditor's debt has arisen. Assets may be reallocated to and from other Funds if it is necessary to do so to satisfy any creditor proceeding against the Company. This is generally referred to as "contagion". In the event that any assets are so reallocated, the ACD will advise Shareholders in the next succeeding annual or half yearly report to Shareholders.

Each Fund will be charged with the liabilities, expenses, costs and charges of the Company attributable to that Fund and within the Fund charges will be allocated between Classes in accordance with the terms of the issue of such Shares or such Classes. Any assets, liabilities, expenses, costs or charges not attributable to a particular Fund may be allocated by the ACD in a manner which is fair to the Shareholders generally but they will normally be allocated to all Funds pro-rata to the value of the net assets of the relevant Funds. It is not intended that the Funds will acquire gold, immovable or tangible moveable property.

#### ISAs

**It is intended that all Funds will satisfy the eligibility requirements to be qualifying investments for a stocks and shares component of an ISA.**

### 4.2 SHARES

The classes of shares which the Company, in accordance with the Instrument, is permitted to issue in respect of each of the Funds, and the classes of shares which are currently available are set out in Appendix 2.

Further share classes may be established in accordance with the Company's Instrument. The Company is permitted to issue bearer shares but there are no present plans to do so.

Each share (accumulation and income shares) are deemed to represent one undivided unit of entitlement in the property of a fund. Subject to the terms set out in this Prospectus, holders of shares in a Fund are entitled to receive the net income derived from the Fund and to redeem their shares at a price linked to the value of the property of the Fund. Shareholders do not have any proprietary interest in the underlying assets of the Fund.

Holders of Net Income Shares are entitled to be paid the income attributed to such shares at the relevant interim and annual allocation dates whereas the number of undivided units of entitlement in the property of the Fund represented by each accumulation share increases as income as accumulated.

Each Class of Share may attract different charges and expenses and so monies may be deducted from Classes in unequal proportions, these are set out in Appendix 3. In these circumstances the proportionate interests of the Classes within a fund will be adjusted accordingly.

Shareholders are entitled (subject to certain restrictions) to switch all or part of their Shares in a Class or a Fund for Shares in another Class within the same Fund or for Shares of the same or another Class within a different Fund. Details of this switching facility and the restrictions are set out on page 11.

The Company offers a regular savings facility.

### 4.3 INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, POLICIES AND OTHER DETAILS OF THE FUNDS

Investment of the assets of each of the Funds must comply with COLL as they relate to non-UCITS retail schemes, and the investment objective and policy of the relevant Funds. Details of these investment objectives and policies are set out below.

Derivatives may be used by each of the Funds for investment purposes and for the purposes of efficient portfolio management (including hedging). **This may mean that the net asset value of a particular Fund could be subject to volatility from time to time however, it is the ACD's intention that the Funds, owing to the portfolio composition or the portfolio management techniques used, will not have volatility over and above the general market volatility of the relevant markets or their underlying investments and therefore it is not anticipated that the use of derivative techniques will alter the risk profile of the relevant Funds.**

The eligible securities markets and eligible derivatives markets in which the Funds may invest are set out in Appendix 1. A summary of the investment and borrowing restrictions which apply to the Funds is set out in Appendix 4.

#### Typical investor

A typical investor in the Company will understand and appreciate the risks involved in investing in Shares of any of the Funds and the associated risks which are set out on page 21. A typical investor in any of the Funds will either be an institutional investor or a retail investor who will have received advice from an authorised Financial Adviser.

Historical performance data for each Fund is set out in the details of the relevant Funds from page 8 and has been calculated in accordance with the FSA's Conduct of Business Sourcebook.

## 5 PREMIER MULTI-ASSET DISTRIBUTION FUND

### 5.1 INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY<sup>1</sup>

To provide income together with long term capital growth. The Fund will invest in the majority in a portfolio of collective investment schemes and may also invest in equities, fixed interest securities, money market instruments, deposits and warrants. The Fund may invest in unregulated collective investment schemes such as hedge funds (where investment in such funds would be consistent with the investment objective and policy of the Fund).

Subject to the above, the Fund may invest in any asset class and adopt any investment technique or strategy permitted under the rules in COLL as such rules are applied to Non-UCITS Retail Schemes and in accordance with the investment and borrowing powers applicable to Non-UCITS Retail Schemes as summarised in Appendix 4 to this Prospectus. The Fund may invest in derivatives and forward transactions for investment purposes as well as for the purposes of efficient portfolio management (including hedging).

### 5.2 LAUNCH DATE

3 December 2001.

### 5.3 CLASSES OF SHARE AVAILABLE

Sterling Net Income Shares and Sterling Net Accumulation Shares.

### 5.4 HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE DATA

June 2009–June 2010	June 2008 – June 2009	June 2007 – June 2008	June 2006 – June 2007	June 2005 – June 2006
19.79%	-19.03%	-13.33%	11.28%	10.75%

Notes: Source: *Financial Express Analytics*, total return, bid to bid, data to 30 June 2010, taken on 05 July 2010

The data above allows for net distributions having been reinvested.

Past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance.

<sup>1</sup> On 24 June 2008, the investment policy of the Fund was amended to the above policy with the approval of a resolution of Shareholders who, at the time, had Shares in the Fund. In addition, the name of the Fund was changed from the Selector Balanced Fund to the Premier Multi-Asset Distribution Fund.

**6 PREMIER MULTI-ASSET GROWTH FUND****6.1 INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY<sup>2</sup>**

To provide long term capital growth. The Fund will invest in the majority in a portfolio of collective investment schemes and may also invest in equities, fixed interest securities, money market instruments, deposits and warrants. The Fund may invest in unregulated collective investment schemes such as hedge funds (where investment in such funds would be consistent with the investment objective and policy of the Fund).

Subject to the above, the Fund may invest in any asset class and adopt any investment technique or strategy permitted under the rules in COLL as such rules are applied to Non-UCITS Retail Schemes and in accordance with the investment and borrowing powers applicable to Non-UCITS Retail Schemes as summarised in Appendix 4 to this Prospectus. The Fund may invest in derivatives and forward transactions for investment purposes as well as for the purposes of efficient portfolio management (including hedging).

**6.2 LAUNCH DATE**

3 December 2001.

**6.3 CLASSES OF SHARE AVAILABLE**

Sterling Net Income Shares and Sterling Net Accumulation Shares.

**6.4 HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE DATA**

June 2009–June 2010	June 2008 – June 2009	June 2007 – June 2008	June 2006 – June 2007	June 2005 – June 2006
19.7%	-15.42%	-12.48%	14.75%	16.16%

Notes:

Source: *Financial Express Analytics, total return, bid to bid, data to 30 June 2010, taken on 05 July 2010*

The data above allows for net distributions having been reinvested.

Past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance.

<sup>2</sup> On 24 June 2008, the investment policy of the Fund was amended to the above policy with the approval of a resolution of Shareholders who, at the time, had Shares in the Fund. In addition, the name of the Fund was changed from the Selector Growth Fund to the Premier Multi-Asset Growth Fund.

## 7 BUYING AND SELLING

The dealing office of the ACD is open from 9.00 am until 5.30 pm on each Dealing Day to receive requests for the issue, redemption and switching of Shares.

### 7.1 BUYING SHARES

#### Procedure

Shares can be bought either by sending or faxing a completed application form to Premier Portfolio Managers Ltd, 50 Bank Street, Canary Wharf, London E14 5NT or by telephoning 0845 605 6363 or faxing 0207 982 3924 or by electronic means acceptable to the ACD. Application forms may be obtained from the above address.

Subject to its obligations under COLL, the ACD has the right to reject, on reasonable grounds relating to the circumstances of the applicant, any application for Shares in whole or part, and in this event the ACD will return any money sent, or the balance of such monies, at the right of the applicant.

Any subscription monies remaining after a whole number of Shares have been issued will not be returned to the applicant. Instead, smaller denomination Shares will be issued in such circumstances. A smaller denomination Share is equivalent to one thousandth of a larger denomination Share.

Remittances should be in pounds Sterling.

Other currencies will only be acceptable at the ACD's discretion.

### 7.2 DOCUMENTS THE PURCHASER WILL RECEIVE

A contract note giving details of the Shares purchased and the relevant price will be issued by the end of the business day following the later of receipt of the application to purchase Shares or the valuation point by reference to which the purchase price has been determined, together with, where appropriate, a notice of the applicant's right to cancel.

Settlement is due on receipt by the purchaser of the contract note.

Share certificates will not be issued in respect of Shares. Ownership of Shares will be evidenced by an entry on the Company's Register of Shareholders. Statements in respect of periodic distribution on Shares will show the number of Shares held by the recipient. Individual statements of a Shareholder's (or, when Shares are jointly held, the first-named holder's) Shares will also be issued at any time on request by the registered holder.

### 7.3 MINIMUM SUBSCRIPTIONS AND HOLDINGS

The minimum initial and subsequent investment requirements and the minimum holding requirements applicable to each of the Funds are set out in Appendix 2

The ACD may at its discretion accept subscriptions lower than the minimum amounts set out in the Appendix. If a holding is below the minimum holding the ACD has discretion to require redemption of the entire holding.

Where a monthly savings facility is available in respect of certain share classes as shown in Appendix 2, the minimum initial monthly subscription for this facility is £50 and the minimum monthly increase is £10 per Fund.

### 7.4 SELLING SHARES

Every shareholder has the right to require that the Company redeem his Shares on any Dealing Day unless the value of Shares which a Shareholder wishes to redeem will mean that the Shareholder will hold Shares with a value less than the required minimum, in which case the Shareholder may be required to redeem his entire holding.

Requests to redeem Shares may be made by telephoning 0845 605 6363 or faxing 0207 982 3924 or by electronic means acceptable to the ACD.

### 7.5 DOCUMENTS THE SELLER WILL RECEIVE

A contract note giving details of the number and price of Shares sold will be sent to the selling Shareholder (the first-named, in the case of joint Shareholders) together (if sufficient written instructions have not already been given) with a form of renunciation for completion and execution by the Shareholder (and, in the case of a joint holding, by all the joint holders) no later than the end of the business day following the later of the request to redeem Shares or the valuation point by reference to which the redemption price is determined. Cheques in satisfaction of the redemption monies will be issued within four business days of the later of (a) receipt by the ACD of the form of renunciation (or other sufficient written instructions) duly signed by all the relevant Shareholders and completed as to the appropriate number of Shares, together with any other appropriate evidence of title, and (b) the valuation point following receipt by the ACD of the request to redeem.

### 7.6 MINIMUM REDEMPTION

The applicable minimum redemption in respect of the Funds are set out in Appendix 2.

## 8 SWITCHING

A holder of Shares in a Fund may at any time switch all or some of his Shares of one Class or Fund ('Original Shares') for Shares of another Class or Fund ('New Shares'). The number of New Shares issued will be determined by reference to the respective prices of New Shares and Original Shares at the valuation point applicable at the time the Original Shares are repurchased and the New Shares are issued. Switching may be effected either by telephoning 0845 605 6363 or faxing 0207 982 3924 or by electronic means acceptable to the ACD or in writing to the ACD and the Shareholder may be required to complete a switching form (which, in the case of joint Shareholders must be signed by all the joint holders). Switching forms may be obtained from the ACD.

The ACD may at its discretion charge a fee on the switching of Shares between Funds.

If the switch would result in the Shareholder holding a number of Original Shares or New Shares of a value which is less than the minimum holding in the Fund concerned, the ACD may, if it thinks fit, convert the whole of the applicant's holding of Original Shares to New Shares or refuse to effect any switch of the Original Shares. No switch will be made during any period when the right of Shareholders to require the redemption of their Shares is suspended. The general provisions on procedures relating to redemption will apply equally to a switch. A duly completed switching form must be received by the ACD before the valuation point on a Dealing Day in the Fund or Funds concerned to be dealt with at the prices at those valuation points on that Dealing Day, or at such other date as may be approved by the ACD. Switching requests received after a valuation point will be held over until the next day which is a Dealing Day in the relevant Fund or Funds.

The ACD may adjust the number of New Shares to be issued to reflect the imposition of any switching fee together with any other charges or levies in respect of the issue or sale of the New Shares or repurchase or cancellation of the Original Shares as may be permitted pursuant to COLL.

Please note that a switch of Shares in one Fund for Shares in any other Fund, or a switch of one class of Shares in a Fund for another class of Shares in the same Fund, is normally treated as a redemption and sale and will, for persons subject to United Kingdom taxation, normally be a realisation for the purposes of capital gains taxation.

A Shareholder who switches Shares in one Fund for Shares in any other Fund will not be given a right by law to withdraw from or cancel the transaction.

## 9 FEES, CHARGES AND EXPENSES

### 9.1 INITIAL CHARGE

The ACD may impose a charge on the sale of Shares which is payable in addition to the share price and is taken from the gross subscription monies. The initial charge is payable to the ACD. The current initial charges applicable to the Funds are set out in Appendix 3.

The ACD may waive or discount the initial charge at its discretion. If at any time the current initial charge applicable to Shares of a Fund is increased, the ACD is required to give not less than 60 days' prior notice in writing to all shareholders before such increase may take effect. The initial charge is exclusive of VAT which shall, if applicable, be payable in addition.

### 9.2 ANNUAL MANAGEMENT CHARGE

In payment for carrying out its duties and responsibilities the ACD is entitled to be paid an annual fee from the scheme property attributable to each Fund. The Annual Management Charge is accrued on the prior business day's Net Asset Value of the Fund (or, where more than one share class is available, on a class by class basis) calculated on a mid market basis. This charge is accrued daily and payable on, or as soon as is practicable after, the last business day in that calendar month. The current rate of the Annual Management Charge is set out in Appendix 3.

The ACD is also entitled to be reimbursed for the costs of stamp duty and stamp duty reserve tax on transactions in Shares and reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred in the performance of its duties.

Where the investment objective of a Fund is to treat the generation of income as a higher priority than capital growth, or the generation of income and capital growth have equal priority, all or part of the ACD's fee may be charged against capital instead of against income. This will only apply with the approval of the Depositary. This is currently the case with the Premier Multi-Asset Distribution Fund. This treatment of the ACD's fee will increase the amount of income available for distribution to Shareholders in such Funds but may constrain capital growth.

If a Class's expenses in any period exceed the income the ACD may take that excess from the capital property attributable to that Class.

The ACD may not introduce a new category of remuneration for its services or increase the current rate or amount of its remuneration payable out of the scheme property of the Fund or the preliminary charge unless either Shareholders are given at least 60 days' prior written notice or approval of the Shareholders is obtained at an EGM, depending on the nature of the increase in the remuneration.

### 9.3 INVESTMENT ADVISER'S FEES

The Investment Advisers' fees and expenses (plus VAT thereon) will be paid by the ACD out of its remuneration under the ACD Agreement (as defined in section 15.2 below).

### 9.4 DEPOSITARY'S FEES, CHARGES AND EXPENSES

The Depositary receives for its own account a periodic fee which will accrue and is due monthly on the last business day in each calendar month in respect of that day and the period since the last business day in the preceding month and is payable as soon as practicable after it has accrued (and in any event within seven days after the day on which it accrues due). The fee is calculated by reference to the value of each Fund on the last business day of the preceding month except for the first accrual, which is calculated by reference to the first valuation point of each Fund. The fee is payable out of the property attributable to each Fund.

The rate of the periodic fee is agreed between the ACD and the Depositary and in relation to each Fund is subject to a minimum fixed amount of £7,500 per annum. Subject to this minimum the charge is otherwise calculated on a sliding scale for each Fund on the following basis:

- 0.07% per annum of the first £20 million of the Scheme Property
- 0.05% per annum of the balance.

These rates can be varied from time to time in accordance with COLL.

Any increase in the above rate may only be effected after 60 days' notice has been given to shareholders and the Prospectus has been revised to reflect the new current rate and date of its commencement.

The first accrual in relation to any Fund will take place in respect of the period beginning on the day on which the first valuation of that Fund is made and ending on the last business day on which that day falls.

In addition to the periodic fees payable to the Depositary referred to above, the Depositary shall also be entitled to paid transaction and custody charges in relation to the transaction handling and safekeeping of the Scheme Property as follows:

Item	Range
Transaction charges	£7.50 to £120 per transaction
Custody charges	£0.003% and 0.27%

These charges vary from country to country depending on the markets and the type of transaction involved. The transactions charges accrue at the time the transactions are effected and are payable as soon as is reasonably practicable, and in any event not later than the last business day of the month when such charges arose or as otherwise agreed between the Depositary and the ACD. Custody charges accrue and are payable as agreed from time to time by the ACD and the Depositary.

Where relevant, the Depositary may make a charge for its services in relation to distributions, the provision of banking services, holding money on deposit, lending money, or engaging in stock lending transactions, in relation to the Fund and may purchase or sell or deal in the purchase or sale of Scheme Property, provided always that the services concerned and any such dealing are in accordance with the provisions of COLL.

The Depositary will also be entitled to payment by reimbursement of all costs, liabilities and expenses properly incurred in the performance of, or arranging the performance of, functions conferred on it by the Depositary Agreement, COLL, the OEIC regulations or by the general law.

On a winding up of the Company, the termination of a Fund or the redemption of a class of shares, the Depositary will be entitled to its pro rata fees, charges and expenses to the date of the commencement of the winding up or the redemption (as appropriate) and any additional

expenses necessarily realised in settling or receiving any outstanding obligations. No compensation for loss of office is provided for in the agreement with the Depositary.

Any value added tax on any fees, charges or expenses payable to the Depositary will be added to such fees, charges or expenses.

Expenses not directly attributable to a particular Fund will be allocated between Funds.

In such case such payments, expenses and disbursements may be payable to any person (including the ACD or an associate or nominee of the Depositary or of the ACD) who has the relevant duty delegated to it pursuant to COLL by the Depositary.

#### 9.5 ADMINISTRATOR'S AND REGISTRAR'S FEE

The Administrator's fees and expenses (plus VAT thereon) will be paid by the ACD out of its remuneration under the ACD Agreement with the exception of those services detailed in 9.9, which the Company may pay out of the property of the Company. These will include but are not limited to:

- (a) dealing administration: dealing charge of £18 on each transaction, subject to a minimum monthly charge of £250;
- (b) keeping the register and sub-plan register: £12 per annum per shareholder, or in the case of the sub-plan register, per account holder, subject to a minimum monthly charge of £250.

The Registrar's fees (plus VAT thereon) are payable out of the property of each Fund and are allocated to each share class based on the value of each share class as a proportion of the Fund value. The Registrar's fees are payable monthly in arrears and are subject to annual review subject to the agreement of the ACD.

#### 9.6 ALLOCATION OF FEES AND EXPENSES BETWEEN FUNDS

All the above fees, duties and charges (other than those borne by the ACD) will be charged to the Fund in respect of which they were incurred but where an expense is not considered to be attributable to any one Fund, the expense will normally be allocated to all Funds pro-rata to the value of the Net Assets of the Funds, although the ACD has discretion to allocate these fees and expense in a manner which it considers fair to shareholders generally.

#### 9.7 SWITCHING FEE

On the switching of Shares of a Fund to another Fund the Instrument authorises the Fund to impose a switching fee (currently 1%). The switching fee is payable to the ACD.

#### 9.8 REDEMPTION FEE

The Company's Instrument permits a redemption fee to be charged on the sale of Shares however currently no redemption fee is charged in respect of the Funds.

#### 9.9 GENERAL FEES AND EXPENSES

At the ACD's discretion the Company may pay out of the property of the Company charges and expenses incurred by the Company, which will include the following expenses:

- the fees and expenses payable to the ACD (which will include the fees and expenses payable to the Investment Adviser and to the Administrator) and to the Depositary;
- interest on and other charges relating to permitted borrowings;
- taxation and other duties payable by the Company;
- any costs incurred in acquiring or disposing of investments including by way of clarification broker's commissions, fiscal charges and other disbursements which are necessarily incurred in effecting transactions for the Funds;
- costs incurred in amending the Instrument of Incorporation including the removal of obsolete provisions and costs incurred in relation to taking out and maintaining an insurance policy in relation to the Company;
- expenses incurred in respect of establishing and maintaining the register of shareholders and any sub-register of shareholders and related functions including costs incurred in relation to company secretarial duties including the cost of maintenance of minute books and other documentation required to be maintained by the Company;
- any costs incurred in respect of any other meeting of shareholders convened on a requisition by holders not including the ACD or an associate of the ACD;
- any fees in relation to a unitisation, amalgamation or reconstruction where the property of a body corporate (such as an investment company) or of another collective investment scheme is transferred to the Company in consideration for the issue of shares in the Company to shareholders in that body corporate or to participation in that other scheme, any liability arising after the transfer which, had it arisen before the transfer, could properly have been paid out of that other property provided that the ACD is of the opinion that proper provision was made for meeting such liabilities as were known or could reasonably have been anticipated at the time of the transfer;
- the costs of convening and holding Shareholder meetings (including meetings of Shareholders, including by way of example any meeting of shareholders convened on a requisition by holders not including the ACD or an associate of the ACD);
- any audit fee and any proper expenses of the auditor;
- any fee and any proper expenses of any professional advisers (including by way of example, tax and legal advisers) retained by the Company or by the ACD in relation to the Company or any Fund;
- any costs of printing and distributing annual, half yearly and quarterly reports and any prospectus, including the costs incurred as a result of periodic updates of any prospectus, and any other information provided for shareholders, including by way of clarification the costs of preparing, printing and updating any simplified prospectus (or any successor or equivalent documentation required under the Regulations);

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- any costs of listing the prices of the Funds in publication and information services selected by the ACD including, by way of clarification, the Financial Times;
  - any costs incurred in producing and despatching any payment made by the Company including by way of clarification, expenses incurred in distributing income to shareholders;
  - the periodic fees of the FSA together with any corresponding periodic fees of any regulatory authority in a country or territory outside the United Kingdom in which the shares in the Company are or may be marketed;
  - any costs and expenses incurred in respect of monitoring the Funds' use of derivatives;
  - any costs and expenses incurred in respect of establishing and authorising new sub-funds;
  - any costs associated with the admission of shares to listings on any stock exchange and with the maintenance of that listing (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the fees levied by the exchange in questions as a condition of the admission to listing of the shares and the periodic renewal of that listing), any offer of shares, including the preparation and printing of any prospectus and the creation, conversion and cancellation of shares associated with such prospectus;
  - any expense incurred with respect to the publication and circulation of details of the Net Asset Value of the Funds;
  - any amount payable to the Company under any indemnity provisions provided for in the Instrument of Incorporation or any agreement to which the Company is party.

Value Added Tax on any fees, charges or expenses will be added to such fees, charges or expenses and will be payable by the Company.

Expenses not directly attributable to a particular Fund will be allocated proportionately between all Funds. Expenses are allocated between capital and income in accordance with COLL.

It is not currently proposed to seek a listing for the Shares on any stock exchange, but if a listing is sought in the future the fees connected with the listing will be payable by the Company as set out above.

## 10 OTHER DEALING INFORMATION

### 10.1 DILUTION LEVY AND LARGE DEALS

The basis on which the Company's investments are valued for the purpose of calculating the issue and redemption price of Shares as stipulated in COLL and the Instrument of Incorporation is summarised on pages 17 to 18. The actual cash flows from purchasing or selling the Company's investments may be higher or lower than the mid-market value used in calculating the Share price - for example, due to dealing charges, or through dealing at prices other than the mid-market price. Under certain circumstances (for example, large volumes of deals) this may have an adverse effect on the Shareholders' interest in the Company. In order to prevent this effect, called 'dilution', the ACD has the power to charge a 'dilution levy' on the sale and/or redemption of Shares. A dilution levy is a separate charge of such amount or rate as is determined by the ACD. As at 31 December 2009, the average dilution levy across all Funds where the manager is ACD was 0.59%; this amount is not fixed and may change in future. If charged, the dilution levy is not retained by the ACD but will be paid into the relevant Fund and will become part of the property of the relevant Fund. Although unlikely, on the occasions when the dilution levy is not applied there may be an adverse impact on the total assets of the relevant Fund. The dilution levy will be calculated by reference to the costs of dealing in the underlying investments of the Fund, including any dealing spreads, commission and transfer taxes. As dilution levy is directly related to the inflows and outflows of monies to and from the Fund, it is not possible to accurately predict how frequently the ACD will need to make such a dilution levy. However, for illustrative purposes, during 2009, a dilution levy has been charged on 0.28% of all deals.

The need to charge a dilution levy will depend on the volume of sales or redemptions. The ACD may charge a discretionary dilution levy on the sale and redemption of Shares if, in its opinion, the existing Shareholders (for sales) or remaining Shareholders (for redemption) might otherwise be adversely affected. In particular, the dilution levy may be charged in the following circumstances -

- (a) where a Fund is in continual decline;
- (b) on a Fund experiencing large levels of net sales relative to its size;
- (c) on 'large deals'. For these purposes, a large deal is defined as 1% of the size of the Fund;
- (d) in any other case where the ACD is of the opinion that the interests of Shareholders require the imposition of a dilution levy.

The ACD will charge no dilution levy on the purchase of shares for any new fund or sub-fund within the first twelve months of its launch. In addition, the ACD will charge no dilution levy on purchase of Shares in any funds where the value of Shares purchased is less than £500,000.

Any VAT on the dilution levy will be payable in addition.

### 10.2 SDRT PROVISION

This section is based on current law and HM Revenue & Customs' practice which may change.

A 0.5% Stamp Duty Reserve Tax ("SDRT") arises on the value of Shares redeemed by the ACD and on certain other transfers of Shares (such as redemptions and transfers are known as "surrenders"). For umbrella schemes such as the Company, SDRT is calculated on a Fund by Fund basis because each Fund is treated as a separate scheme for these purposes. The liability for SDRT is calculated each week by reference to surrenders in a prescribed two week period for the Fund in question.

This basic charge may be reduced if more Shares are surrendered than issued over the relevant period for the Fund in question or if the Fund is invested in certain exempt assets, being, broadly, any assets other than UK equities. When there are no issues or no surrenders of Shares in a Fund during the relevant period or when the Fund is invested wholly in exempt investments during that period, there is no liability to SDRT.

The ACD is primarily liable for the payment of the SDRT but to recover that liability the ACD may either charge a levy on Share purchases and Share redemptions or transfers (which would have the effect of increasing the amount payable on the purchase of Shares or reducing the amount receivable on the redemption of Shares) or charge the SDRT against the assets of the Fund (which would increase the expenses incurred by the Fund and would in turn affect the calculation of the price of the Shares in that Fund).

It is the current intention of the ACD that any SDRT liability it has shall be charged against the assets of the Fund in question. The ACD may in the future introduce a levy on individual Share redemptions or transfers to provide for any SDRT liability. Shareholders will be given 60 days' prior notice of such an introduction. However, the ACD reserves the right to charge any individual shareholder an SDRT provision of up to 0.5% on a Share redemption or transfer that constitutes a 'large deal'. A 'large deal' has the same meaning as in Section 10.1 above, (Dilution Levy and Large Deals).

An SDRT charge will be of such amount or at such rate as is determined by the ACD to be necessary to provide for SDRT for which the ACD may become liable under Schedule 19 of the Finance Act 1999 (or any statutory modification or re-enactment of it) in respect of a redemption or transfer of Shares.

In the case of a large deal, the Company may refuse to register a transfer of Shares unless there has been paid for the account of the Company an amount, determined by the ACD, not exceeding the amount that would be derived by applying the applicable rate of SDRT to the market value of the Shares being transferred.

Exchanging (or "switching") Shares in one Fund for Shares in another Fund will be treated as a surrender for SDRT purposes. Therefore such switches would give rise to an SDRT charge. However HM Revenue and Customs have stated that switching between income units and accumulation units in the same Fund should not be treated as a surrender, and on that basis should not give rise to an SDRT charge.

### 10.3 MONEY LAUNDERING

As a result of legislation in force in the United Kingdom to prevent money laundering, persons conducting investment business are responsible for compliance with money laundering regulations. In order to implement these procedures, in certain circumstances investors may be asked to provide proof of identity when buying Shares. Until satisfactory proof of identity is provided, the ACD reserves the right to refuse to sell Shares. The ACD will not be liable for any share price movements occurring during delays while money laundering checks are carried out.

### 10.4 RESTRICTIONS AND COMPULSORY TRANSFER AND REDEMPTION

The ACD may from time to time impose such restrictions as it may think necessary for the purpose of ensuring that no Shares are acquired or held by any person in breach of the law or governmental regulation (or any interpretation of a law or regulation by a competent authority) of any country or territory. In this connection, the ACD may, inter alia, reject in its discretion any application for the purchase, sale or switching of Shares.

If it comes to the notice of the ACD that any Shares ('affected Shares') are owned directly or beneficially in breach of any law or governmental regulation (or any interpretation of a law or regulation by a competent authority) of any country or territory or by virtue of which the Shareholder or Shareholders in question is/are not qualified to hold such Shares or if it reasonably believes this to be the case, the ACD may give notice to the holder(s) of the affected Shares requiring the transfer of such Shares to a person who is qualified or entitled to own them or that a request in writing be given for the repurchase of such Shares in accordance with COLL. If any person upon whom such a notice is served does not within thirty days after the date of such notice transfer his affected Shares to a person qualified to own them or establish to the satisfaction of the ACD (whose judgement is final and binding) that he or the beneficial owner is qualified and entitled to own the affected Shares, he shall be deemed upon the expiration of that thirty day period to have given a request in writing for the redemption of all the affected Shares pursuant to COLL.

A person who becomes aware that he is holding or owns affected Shares in breach of any law or governmental regulation (or any interpretation of a law or regulation by a competent authority) of any country or territory, or by virtue of which he is not qualified to hold such affected Shares, shall forthwith, unless he has already received a notice as aforesaid, either transfer all his affected Shares to a person qualified to own them or give a request in writing for the redemption of all his affected Shares pursuant to COLL.

#### **10.5 'IN SPECIE' REDEMPTIONS**

If a Shareholder requests the redemption or cancellation of Shares the ACD may, where it considers the deal to be substantial in relation to the total size of the Fund concerned, arrange that in place of payment of the price of the Shares in cash, the Company cancels the Shares and transfers scheme property or, if required by the Shareholder, the net proceeds of sale of relevant scheme property, to the Shareholder.

Before the proceeds of the cancellation of Shares become payable, the ACD must give written notice to the Shareholder that the scheme property or the proceeds of sale of scheme property will be transferred to that Shareholder.

The ACD will select the scheme property to be transferred in consultation with the Depositary. They must ensure that the selection is made with a view to achieving no more advantage or disadvantage to the Shareholder requesting cancellation/redemption than to the continuing Shareholders.

#### **10.6 ISSUE OF SHARES IN EXCHANGE FOR 'IN SPECIE' ASSETS**

The ACD may at its discretion arrange for the Company to issue Shares in exchange for assets other than money, but will only do so where the Depositary is satisfied that the acquisition by the Company of those assets in exchange for the Shares concerned is not likely to result in any material prejudice to the interests of Shareholders or potential Shareholders.

The ACD will ensure that the beneficial interest in the assets is transferred to the Company with effect from the issue of the Shares.

The ACD will not issue any Shares in any Fund in exchange for assets the holding of which would be inconsistent with the investment objective of that Fund.

#### **10.7 SUSPENSION OF DEALINGS IN THE COMPANY**

The ACD may, with the agreement of the Depositary, or must if the Depositary so requires, for a period of up to 28 days suspend the issue, cancellation, sale and redemption of Shares if the ACD or the Depositary is of the opinion that due to exceptional circumstances there is good and sufficient reason to do so having regard to the interests of Shareholders or potential Shareholders.

Re-calculation of the Share price for the purpose of sales and purchases will commence on the next relevant valuation point following the ending of the suspension.

#### **10.8 GOVERNING LAW**

All deals in Shares are governed by English law. The Company is constituted and subject to English law.

## 11 VALUATION OF THE COMPANY

Each Share linked to a Fund represents the proportional share of the overall property attributable to that Fund. Broadly, the price of a Share is calculated by reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund to which it relates and dividing that value (or that part of that value attributed to shares of the class in question) by the number of Shares (of that class) in issue. Valuations of Shares are currently calculated at 12 noon on each Dealing Day.

The ACD may at any time during a business day carry out an additional valuation if the ACD considers it desirable to do so. The ACD is required to notify the Depositary if it carries out an additional valuation. Valuations will not be made during a period of suspension (see "**Suspension of Dealings in the Company**" above).

## 12 CALCULATION OF THE NET ASSET VALUE

The value of the scheme property of the Company or of a Fund (as the case may be) shall be the value of its assets less the value of its liabilities determined in accordance with the following provisions.

- All the scheme property (including receivables) of the Company for a Fund is to be included, subject to the following provisions.
- Property which is not cash (or other asset dealt with below) shall be valued as follows and the prices used shall (subject as follows) be the most recent prices which it is practicable to obtain:
  - o units or shares in a collective investment scheme -
    - if a single price for buying and selling units is quoted, at the most recent quoted price; or
    - if separate buying or selling prices are quoted, at the average of the two prices provided the buying price has been reduced by any initial charge included therein and the selling price has been increased by any exit or redemption charge attributable thereto; or
    - where applicable the fair value price (see below).
  - o exchange-traded derivative contracts -
    - if a single price for buying and selling the exchange-traded derivative contract is quoted, at that price; or
    - if separate buying and selling prices are quoted, at the average of the two prices.
  - o over-the-counter derivative contracts shall be valued in accordance with the method of valuation as shall have been agreed between the ACD and the Depositary.
  - o any other investment -
    - if a single price for buying and selling the security is quoted at that price; or
    - if separate buying and selling prices are quoted, the average of those two prices; or
    - where applicable the fair value price of the security (see below).
  - o property other than that described above
    - at a value which, in the opinion of the ACD, represents a fair and reasonable mid-market price.
- Cash and amounts held in current, deposit accounts and margin accounts and other time-related deposits shall be valued at their nominal values.
- In determining the value of the scheme property, all instructions given to issue or cancel Shares shall be assumed (unless the contrary is shown) to have been carried out and any cash paid or received and all consequential action required by the Regulations or this Instrument of Incorporation shall be assumed (unless the contrary has been shown) to have been taken.
- Subject to the two paragraphs below, agreements for the unconditional sale or purchase of property which are in existence but uncompleted shall be assumed to have been completed and all consequential action required to have been taken. Such unconditional agreements need not be taken into account if made shortly before the valuation takes place and in the opinion of the ACD, their omission will not materially affect the final net asset amount.
- Futures or contracts for differences which are not yet due to be performed and unexpired and unexercised written or purchased options shall not be included under the paragraph above.
- All agreements are to be included under the second paragraph above which are, or ought reasonably to have been, known to the person valuing the property assuming that all other persons in the ACD's employment take all reasonable steps to inform it immediately of the making of any agreement.
- An estimated amount for anticipated tax liabilities (on unrealised capital gains where the liabilities have accrued and are payable out of the property of the Company; on realised capital gains in respect of previously completed and current accounting periods; and on income where liabilities have accrued) including (as applicable and without limitation) capital gains tax, income tax, corporation tax, value added tax, stamp duty and stamp duty reserve tax will be deducted.
- An estimated amount for any liabilities payable out of the scheme property and any tax thereon treating periodic items as accruing from day to day will be deducted.
- The principal amount of any outstanding borrowings whenever repayable and any accrued but unpaid interest on borrowings will be deducted.
- An estimated amount for accrued claims for tax of whatever nature which may be recoverable will be added.
- Any other credits or amounts due to be paid into the scheme property will be added.
- A sum representing any interest or any income accrued due or deemed to have accrued but not received and any stamp duty reserve tax provision anticipated to be received will be added.
- The total amount of any cost relating to the authorisation and incorporation of the Company and of its initial offer or issue of Shares will be deducted.
- Currencies or values in currencies other than base currency or (as the case may be) the designated currency of a Fund shall be converted at the relevant valuation point at a rate of exchange that is not likely to result in any material prejudice to the interests of shareholders or potential shareholders.
- The Company is required to allocate (and the ACD may from time to time reallocate) any assets, costs, charges or expenses which are not attributable to a particular Fund against all the Funds in a manner which is fair to the shareholders of the Company generally.

- Where the ACD has reasonable grounds to believe that no reasonable price exists for a security at a valuation point or the most recent price available does not reflect the ACD's best estimate of the value of a security at a valuation point, it will value an investment at a price which, in its opinion, reflects a fair and reasonable price for that investments (the fair value price) as explained below.

#### Fair Value Pricing

- Where the ACD has reasonable grounds to believe that:
  - (a) no reliable price exists for a security at a valuation point; or
  - (b) the most recent price available does not reflect the ACD's best estimate of the value of a security at the valuation point it should value an investment at a price which, in its opinion, reflects a fair and reasonable price for that investment (the fair value price).
- The circumstances which may give rise to a fair value price being used include:
  - (a) no recent trade in the security concerned; or
  - (b) the occurrence of a significant event since the most recent closure of the market where the price of the security is taken.

In (b), a significant event is one that means the most recent price of a security or a basket of securities is materially different to the price that it is reasonably believed would exist at the valuation point had the relevant market been open.
- In determining whether to use such a fair value price, the ACD should include in its consideration:
  - (a) the type of authorised fund concerned;
  - (b) the securities involved;
  - (c) the basis and reliability of the alternative price used; and
  - (d) the ACD's policy on the valuation of scheme property as disclosed in this prospectus.
- The Funds have credited to them the proceeds of all Shares attributed to them, together with the assets in which such proceeds are invested or reinvested and all income, earnings, profits, or assets deriving from such investments. All liabilities and expenses attributable to a Fund are charged to the relevant Fund.
- The Company is permitted to invest in immovable property directly in accordance with the Instrument however currently the Funds will only invest indirectly in immovable property primarily through investing in collective investment schemes and/or property companies which themselves invest directly in immovable property. In the event that the Prospectus is amended to permit the Funds to invest directly in immovable property, such immovable property will be valued in accordance with the following provisions:
  - by a standing independent valuer (as defined in the glossary to the FSA Rules) appointed by the ACD with the approval of the Depositary, on the basis of an 'open market value' as defined in Practice Statement 3 in the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors' Appraisal and Valuation Manual (first edition published September 1995) as updated and amended from time to time;
  - on the basis of a full valuation with physical inspection (including, where the immovable is or includes a building, internal inspection), at least once a year; and
  - on the basis of the last full valuation, at least once a month.

## **13 SHARE PRICE**

### **13.1 PRICE PER SHARE IN EACH FUND AND EACH CLASS**

Shares are "single priced". This means that subject to the dilution levy or any SDRT levy and the initial charge, the price of a share for both buying and selling purposes will be the same and determined by reference to a particular valuation point. The price of a share is calculated at or about the valuation point each dealing day (to at least four significant figures) by:

- taking the value of the property attributable to the relevant fund and therefore all shares (of the relevant class) in issue (on the basis of the units of entitlement in the property of the Company attributable to that class at the most recent valuation of the Company); and
- dividing the result by the number of shares of the relevant class in issue immediately before the valuation concerned.

### **13.2 PRICING BASIS**

The Company deals on a forward pricing basis. A forward price is the price calculated at the next valuation point (12 noon) after the sale or redemption is agreed.

### **13.3 PUBLICATION OF PRICES**

The most recent price of Shares will appear daily in the Financial Times and may also be published in one or more other UK newspapers. For reasons beyond the control of the ACD, this may not necessarily be the current price. The prices of Shares will also be available on the following website: [www.premierassetmanagement.co.uk](http://www.premierassetmanagement.co.uk).

## 14 RISK FACTORS

Potential investors should bear in mind that all investment carries risk and in particular should consider the following risk factors before investing in the Company.

### 14.1 GENERAL RISK FACTORS

Past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance. The investments of the Company are subject to normal market fluctuations and other risks inherent in investing in securities. Consequently, the value of shares in all sub-funds and the income derived from them can go down as well as up and as a result an investor may not get back the amount originally invested. This can be as a result of market movements and also variations on the exchange rates between currencies.

There can be no assurance that any appreciation in value of investments will occur. The value of investments and the income derived from them may fall as well as rise and investors may not recoup the original amount invested in the Company. There is no assurance that the investment objective of any Fund will actually be achieved.

The Funds are not "ring-fenced" and in the event of the Company being unable to meet liabilities attributable to any particular Fund out of the assets attributable to such Fund, the excess liabilities may have to be met out of the assets attributable to other Funds.

The levels of relief from taxation will depend upon individual circumstances. Please note current tax levels and reliefs may change and their value will depend on the investor's individual circumstances.

In certain circumstances, for hedging purposes to reduce or eliminate risk arising from fluctuations in interest or exchange rates and in the price of investments, the Investment Adviser may enter into certain derivatives transactions, including, without limitation, forward transactions, futures and options. The values of these investments may fluctuate significantly. By holding these types of investments there is a risk of capital depreciation in relation to certain Fund assets. There is also the potential for the capital appreciation of such assets.

The Company may invest in units in collective investment schemes which invest in property directly. The terms of these collective investment schemes may mean that redemption of units is restricted and this may consequently affect the liquidity of the Company. However, a proportion of the scheme property of the Company will be invested in cash and near cash with a view to enabling the Company to meet shareholders' redemption requests.

### 14.2 EFFECT OF INITIAL CHARGE

The Authorised Corporate Director's initial charge (see page 12) is deducted from an investment at the outset and an equivalent rise in the value of shares is required before the original investment can be recovered. Consequently an investor who realises his shares after a short period may not (even in the absence of a fall in the value of the relevant investments) realise the amount originally invested. Therefore, the Shares should be viewed as a mid to long term investment.

### 14.3 DERIVATIVES

Derivatives may be used by each of the Funds for investment purposes and for the purposes of efficient portfolio management (including hedging). **This may mean that the net asset value of a particular Fund could be subject to volatility from time to time however, it is the ACD's intention that the Funds, owing to the portfolio composition or the portfolio management techniques used, will not have volatility over and above the general market volatility of the relevant markets or their underlying investments and therefore it is not anticipated that the use of derivative techniques will alter the risk profile of the relevant Funds.**

The Funds may invest in derivatives and forward transactions for hedging purposes to reduce or eliminate risk arising from fluctuations in interest or exchange rates and in the price of investments, the Investment Adviser may enter into certain derivatives transactions, including, without limitation, forward transactions, futures and options. The values of these investments may fluctuate significantly. By holding these types of investments there is a risk of capital depreciation in relation to certain Fund assets. There is also the potential for the capital appreciation of such assets.

Efficient portfolio management enables the Funds to invest in derivatives and forward transactions (including futures and options) in accordance with COLL using techniques which relate to transferable securities and approved money market instruments (as defined in COLL) and which fulfil the following criteria:

- (a) they are economically appropriate in that they are realised in a cost effective way;
- (b) they are entered into for one or more of the following specific aims:
  - (i) reduction of risk;
  - (ii) reduction of cost;
  - (iii) generation of additional capital or income for the Funds with a risk level which is consistent with the risk profile of the relevant Fund and the risk diversification rules in COLL (as summarised in Appendix 4).

### 14.4 FIXED INTEREST SECURITIES

Fixed interest securities (such as bonds) are particularly affected by trends in interest rates and inflation. If interest rates go up, the value of capital may fall, and vice versa. The value of a fixed interest security may fall in the event of a default or reduced credit rating of the issuer.

### 14.5 SUSPENSION OF DEALINGS IN SHARES

Investors are reminded that in certain circumstances their right to redeem Shares may be suspended (see 'Suspension of Dealings in the Company' on page 16).

### 14.6 CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES

Depending on an investor's currency of reference, currency fluctuations may adversely affect the value of an investment.

### 14.7 EMERGING MARKETS

Where Funds invest in some overseas markets, these investments may carry risks associated with failed or delayed settlement of market transactions and with the registration and custody of securities.

Investment in emerging markets may involve a higher than average risk.

Investors should consider whether or not investment in such Funds is either suitable for or should constitute a substantial part of an investors portfolio.

Companies the subject of investment in emerging markets may not be subject:

- (a) to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards, practices in disclosure requirements comparable to those applicable to companies in major markets;
- (b) to the same level of government supervision and regulation of stock exchanges as countries with more advanced securities markets. Accordingly, certain emerging markets may not afford the same level of investor protection as would apply in more developed jurisdictions;
- (c) restrictions on foreign investment in emerging markets may preclude investment in certain securities by certain Funds and, as a result, limit investment opportunities for the Funds. Substantial government involvement in, and influence on, the economy may affect the value of securities in certain emerging markets;
- (d) the reliability of trading and settlement systems in some emerging markets may not be equal to that available in more developed markets, which may result in delays in realising investment;
- (e) lack of liquidity and efficiency in certain of the stock markets or foreign exchange markets in certain emerging markets may mean that from time to time the ACD may experience more difficulty in purchasing or selling holdings of securities than it would in a more developed market.

#### **14.8 STRUCTURED PRODUCTS**

The Funds may invest in structured products in accordance with COLL. For the purposes of the FSA's rules, structured products may be regarded as either transferable securities, collective investment schemes or derivatives depending on the product in question. The common feature of these products is that they are designed to combine the potential upside of market performance with limited downside. Structured products typically are investments which are linked to the performance of one or more underlying instruments or assets such as market prices, rates, indices, securities, currencies and commodities and other financial instruments that may introduce significant risk that may affect the performance of the Funds.

However, in addition to providing exposure to the asset classes described in the investment objective, the intention is that the use of structured products in the context of the Funds should assist with keeping the volatility levels of the Funds relatively low.

#### **14.9 INVESTMENT IN COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES**

Subject to COLL, the Funds may invest in unregulated collective investment scheme (including hedge funds). Investment in unregulated collective investment schemes carries additional risks as these may not be under the regulation of a competent regulatory authority, may use leverage and may carry increased liquidity risk as units/shares in such schemes may not be readily realisable.

#### **14.10 CHARGES TO CAPITAL**

Where the objective of a Fund is to treat the generation of income as a higher priority than capital growth, or the generation of income and capital growth have equal priority, all or part of the ACD's fee (and any other charges) may be charged against capital instead of income. This may result in capital erosion or constrain capital growth.

Currently, the Premier Multi-Asset Distribution Fund deducts all charges including the ACD's fee from capital.

#### **14.11 LIABILITIES OF THE COMPANY**

Although each Fund so far as possible will be treated as bearing the liabilities, expenses, costs and charges attributable to it, if its assets are not sufficient, the ACD may reallocate assets, liabilities, expenses, costs and charges between the Funds in a manner which is fair to the shareholders of the Company generally. The ACD would normally expect any such reallocation to be effected on a pro rata basis having regard to the net asset values of the relevant Funds. If there is any such reallocation the ACD will advise shareholders of it in the next succeeding annual or half yearly report to shareholders.

Shareholders are not, however, liable for the debts of the Company. A Shareholder is not liable to make any further payment to the Company after he has paid the purchase price of the Shares.

## 15 MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

### 15.1 AUTHORISED CORPORATE DIRECTOR

The ACD of the Company is Premier Portfolio Managers Limited, which is a private company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales No.1235867 under the Companies Act 1948 to 1967 on 1st December 1975.

The ACD's registered Office and Head Office is Eastgate Court, High Street, Guildford, Surrey GU1 3DE. This is the address at which notices or other documents may be served on the Company. The amount of the ACD's issued and fully paid share capital is £125,000.

The ACD is a wholly owned subsidiary of Premier Asset Management Limited, which is incorporated in England and Wales. Premier Portfolio Managers Limited is also the ACD of the following ICVCs and Manager of the Premier UK Money Market Fund, a unit trust scheme.

Premier Funds	Premier Alliance Trust Investment Funds	Premier Castlefield Funds	Premier Fulcrum Funds
The Berkshire Fund	The Brunel Funds	The Clarion Fund	The Compass Funds
The Discovery Fund	The Elan Fund	The Halcyon Fund	The Hurlingham Fund
The Liberation Fund	The Navigatio Fund	The Nevis Fund	The Pennine Fund
The Sentinel Fund	The Snowdonia Fund	Premier Income Fund ICVC	Premier Growth Fund ICVC
The Piccadilly UK Commercial Property Investment Fund			

The ACD is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority of 25 The North Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London E14 5HS. The ACD is responsible for managing and administering the Company's affairs in compliance with COLL.

The ACD may provide investment services to other clients and funds and to companies in which the Company may invest in accordance with COLL and the OEIC Regulations.

The directors of Premier Portfolio Managers Limited are:

- Neil Macpherson
- Mark Friend
- Michael O'Shea
- Simon Weldon
- Michael Hammond

### 15.2 TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

The ACD provides its services to the Company under the terms of a service agreement (the "ACD Agreement"). The ACD Agreement provides that the appointment of the ACD is for an initial period of three years and thereafter may be terminated upon 12 months' written notice by either the ACD or the Company, although in certain circumstances the agreement may be terminated forthwith by notice in writing by the ACD to the Company or the Depositary, or by the Depositary or the Company to the ACD. Termination cannot take effect until the FSA has approved the change of ACD.

The ACD is entitled to its pro rata fees and expenses to the date of termination and any additional expenses necessarily realised in settling compensation for loss of office is provided for in the agreement. The ACD Agreement provides indemnities to the ACD other than for matters arising by reason of its negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in the performance of its duties and obligations.

Under the ACD Agreement the ACD is entitled to delegate all of its functions to third parties, including without limitation, its investment advisory, administration and registrar functions. In accordance with COLL, the ACD may terminate these arrangements at any time with immediate effect where it is in the interests of the shareholders to do so.

The ACD is under no obligation to account to the Depositary or the Shareholders for any profit it makes on the issue or re-issue of Shares or cancellation of Shares which it has redeemed. The fees to which the ACD is entitled are set out in section 9.2.

### 15.3 THE DEPOSITARY

The Company's Depositary is The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. The Depositary is incorporated in Scotland as a public limited company. Its Head Office is Gogarburn, PO Box 1000, Edinburgh EH12 1HQ and its registered office is at 36 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YB.

The ultimate holding company of the Depositary is The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, which is also incorporated in Scotland. The principal business activity of the Depositary is banking. The Depositary is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority.

The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of all the scheme property of the Company and has a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that the Company is managed in accordance with the provisions of COLL relating to the pricing of, and dealing in, Shares and relating to the income of the Funds.

The Depositary provides its services under the terms of a depositary agreement between the Company and the Depositary (the 'Depositary Agreement') which may be terminated by three months notice given by either the Company or the Depositary, provided that the Depositary may not voluntarily retire except on the appointment of a new Depositary. Subject to COLL, the Depositary has full power under the Depositary Agreement to delegate (and authorise its sub-delegates to sub-delegate) all or any part of its duties as Depositary. The Depositary is entitled to the fees, charges and expenses detailed under "Depositary's Fees, Charges and Expenses" at 9.4. In general terms, the Depositary Agreement provides for the exemption of the Depositary from liability to the Company and for the indemnification of the Depositary by the Company in each case in respect of liabilities incurred as a consequence of its acting as Depositary except (in either case) any liability in respect of any failure by the Depositary to exercise due care and diligence in the discharge of its functions in respect of the Company or where necessary from another person.

The Depositary has delegated custody services to The Northern Trust Company.

#### 15.4 THE INVESTMENT ADVISER

The ACD has appointed Premier Fund Managers Limited to provide investment management and advisory services to the ACD in respect of the Funds.

#### 15.5 TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

The Investment Advisory Agreement between the ACD and the Investment Adviser may be terminated on written notice by the Investment Adviser or the ACD upon 3 months notice. In addition in accordance with COLL, the ACD may terminate the Investment Advisory Agreement at any time with immediate effect where it is in the interests of the shareholders to do so.

Under the Investment Advisory Agreement the ACD provides indemnities to the Investment Adviser (except in the case of any matter arising as a direct result of its fraud, negligence, default or bad faith). The ACD may be entitled under the indemnities in the ACD Agreement to recover from the Company amounts paid by the ACD under the indemnities in the Investment Advisory Agreement.

Premier Fund Managers Limited is in the same group of companies as the ACD. Its registered office is also at Eastgate Court, High Street, Guildford, Surrey GU1 3DE. The principal activity of Premier Fund Managers Limited is acting as an investment manager and adviser.

The Investment Adviser is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority. The Investment Adviser's duties under the Investment Advisory Agreement include making recommendations and advising the ACD on matters of policy (including advice on borrowing); searching out and evaluating investment opportunities; analysing the performance of companies in which assets have been invested; considering and effecting the purchase or sale of particular assets and payments into and withdrawals from accounts maintained by the Depositary; and ensuring that assets are managed in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

The ACD has delegated to the Investment Adviser all rights and powers as are necessary for the discharge by the Investment Adviser of its duties under the Investment Advisory Agreement, and the Investment Advisers are authorised to make decisions on behalf of the ACD in relation to the management, purchase, sale, retention, exchange or other dealings with assets, and has full discretion to make such investments on such markets as such times as the Investment Advisers think fit and otherwise to act as it shall deem appropriate.

Under the Investment Advisory Agreements, the Investment Adviser may delegate to any person the performance of its duties and services required to be performed by it under that Agreement.

#### 15.6 ADMINISTRATOR AND REGISTRAR

The ACD has appointed Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (UK) Limited to provide administration services to the ACD and Northern Trust Global Services Limited to act as registrar to the Company.

#### 15.7 TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

The Administrator was appointed by an agreement between the ACD and the Administrator dated 5th February 2001 and amended to include the Company. The Administration Services Agreement may be terminated on 180 days written notice by the Administrator or the ACD. The principal activity of the Administrator is the provision of administration services.

Northern Trust Global Services Limited is authorised and regulated by the FSA. Its registered office is at 50 Bank Street, Canary Wharf, London E14 5NT.

#### 15.8 THE AUDITOR

The auditor of the Company is Grant Thornton UK LLP of 30 Finsbury Square, London EC2P 2YU.

#### 15.9 LEGAL ADVISERS

The Company is advised by Burges Salmon LLP of Narrow Quay House, Narrow Quay, Bristol BS1 4AH.

#### 15.10 REGISTER OF SHAREHOLDERS

The Register of Shareholders is maintained by the Registrar and may be inspected at the address on page 41 during normal business hours by any Shareholder or any Shareholder's duly authorised agent.

#### 15.11 ADMINISTRATOR CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The ACD has appointed the RiskMetrics Group to provide from time to time, corporate governance services (including the voting of holdings at meetings) on behalf of the Company.

#### 15.12 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Subject to compliance with COLL, the ACD, the Investment Advisers and other companies within the Premier group may, from time to time, act as investment managers or advisers to other funds or sub-funds, which follow similar investment objectives to those of the Company. It is therefore possible that the ACD and/or the Investment Adviser may in the course of their business have potential conflicts of interest with the Company. Each of the ACD and the Investment Adviser will, however, have regard in such event to its obligations under the ACD Agreement and the Investment Adviser Agreement respectively and, in particular, to its obligation to act in the best interests of the Fund so far as practicable, having regard to its obligations to other clients when undertaking any investment where potential conflicts of interest may arise.

The Depositary may, from time to time, act as the depositary of other companies.

At the request of the ACD, the Depositary or any associate of the Depositary, or of any Investment Adviser may (subject to COLL) hold money on deposit from, lend money to, or engage in stocklending transactions in relation to the Company, so long as the services concerned are provided on arm's length terms.

The Depositary, the ACD, or any Investment Adviser or any associate of any of them may sell or deal in the sale of property to the Company or purchase property from the Company provided the applicable provisions of COLL apply and are observed. Any such transactions will be at the request of the Company or the ACD.

Subject to compliance with COLL the ACD may be party to or interested in any contract, arrangement or transaction to which the Company is a party or in which it is interested. The ACD is entitled at its own discretion to determine the terms of its appointment as such, and consequently amend the terms of the ACD Agreement referred to in paragraph 15.2 above.

The Depositary, the ACD, or any Investment Adviser or any associate of any of them will not be liable to account to the Company or any other person, including the holders of shares or any of them, for any profit or benefit made or derived from or in connection with:

- (a) their acting as agent for the Company in the sale or purchase of property to or from the Funds; or
- (b) their part in any transaction or the supply of services permitted by COLL; or
- (c) their dealing in property equivalent to any owned by (or dealt in for the account of) the Company.

**16 INSTRUMENT OF INCORPORATION****16.1 SHARE CAPITAL**

- (a) The Company may from time to time issue Shares of different Classes, and the ACD may by resolution from time to time create additional Classes in respect of a Fund (whether or not falling within one of the Classes in existence on incorporation).
- (b) The ACD may by resolution from time to time create additional Funds with such investment objectives and such restrictions as to geographic area, economic sector, monetary zone or category of transferable security and denominated in such currencies as the ACD from time to time determines.
- (c) The special rights attaching to a Class are not (unless otherwise expressly provided by the conditions of issue of such Shares) deemed to be varied by:
  - (i) the creation, allotment or issue of further Shares of any Class ranking pari passu with them;
  - (ii) the switch of Shares of any Class into Shares of another Class; or
  - (iii) the creation, allotment, issue or redemption of Shares of another Class within the same Fund, provided that the interests of that other Class in the Fund represent fairly the financial, contributions and benefits of Shareholders of that Class;
  - (iv) the creation, allotment, issue or redemption of Shares of another Fund;
  - (v) the exercise by the ACD of its powers to re-allocate assets, liabilities, expenses, costs or changes not attributable to one Fund or to terminate a Fund; or
  - (vi) the passing of any resolution at a meeting of another Fund which does not relate to the Fund in which the Class is interested.

**16.2 TRANSFER OF SHARES**

A Shareholder is entitled to (subject to as mentioned below) to transfers of Shares which must be effected by transfer in writing in any usual or common form or in any other form as may be approved by the ACD. The instrument of transfer, duly stamped if it is required to be stamped, must be lodged with the Registrar for registration. The transferor remains the holder until the name of the transfer has been entered in to the register.

- (a) No instrument of transfer may be given in respect of more than one Class.
- (b) In the case of a transfer to joint holders, the number of joint holders to whom a Share is to be transferred may not exceed four.
- (c) The ACD is not obliged to accept a transfer if it would result in the holder, or transferee, holding less than the minimum holding of shares in the class in question.

The Company or the Registrar may require the payment of such reasonable fee as the ACD and the Company may agree for the registration of any grant of probate, letters of administration or any other documents relating to or affecting the title to any share.

**16.3 REMOVAL OF ACD**

The Company may by ordinary resolution remove the ACD before the expiration of its period of office, notwithstanding anything in the Instrument of Incorporation or in any agreement between the Company and the ACD, but the removal will not take effect until the FSA have approved it and a new ACD approved by the FSA has been appointed.

**16.4 PROCEEDINGS AT EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS**

- The Depositary shall nominate the chairman of a meeting. If the nominated chairman is not present or declines to take the chair, the Shareholders may choose one of their number to be chairman.
- The chairman of any quorate meeting may with the consent of the meeting adjourn the meeting from time to time (or without date) and from place to place, and if he is directed by the meeting to adjourn he must do so. No business can be transacted at an adjourned meeting which might not lawfully have been transacted at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.
- The Shareholders have rights under COLL to demand a poll. In addition to these, a poll may be demanded by the chairman of the meeting or by the ACD on any resolution put to the vote of a meeting.
- Unless a poll is required, a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has been carried, or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect in the minute book or computer record of proceedings will be conclusive evidence of that fact. If a poll is required, it shall be taken in such manner as the chairman may direct.
- The chairman may take any action he considers appropriate for, for example, the safety of people attending a meeting, the proper and orderly conduct of the meeting or in order to reflect the wishes of the majority.

**16.5 CORPORATIONS ACTING BY REPRESENTATIVES**

- Any corporation which is a Shareholder may by resolution of its Directors or any governing body and in respect of any Share or Shares of which it is the holder authorise such individual as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any general meeting of the Shareholders or of any Class meeting. The individual so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of such corporation as the corporation could exercise in respect of such Share or Shares if it were an individual Shareholder.
- Any corporation which is a Director of the Company may by resolution of its directors or other governing body authorise such individual as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any general meeting of the shareholders or of any Class meeting of the Directors. The person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same powers at such meeting on behalf of such corporation as the corporation could exercise if it were an individual Director.

**17.6 POWERS OF A SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING**

The ACD must, by way of an extraordinary resolution (i.e. a resolution notified and proposed as such and passed by a majority of not less than three-quarters of the votes validly cast), obtain prior approval from the shareholders (or, where applicable, class of shareholders) for any

proposed change to the Company or any of its Funds which, in accordance with COLL, is a fundamental change. Such a fundamental change is likely to include:

- certain changes to the investment objective and policy of the Funds;
- the removal of the ACD;
- any proposal for a scheme of arrangement.

Other provisions of the Company's instrument of incorporation and the prospectus may be changed by the ACD without the sanction of a shareholders' meeting in accordance with COLL.

#### **16.6 INDEMNITY**

The Instrument contains provisions indemnifying the ACD, the auditor and the Depositary against liability incurred in defending any proceedings (whether civil or criminal) for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Company, in which judgment is given in their favour, or they are acquitted, for example. Such indemnity will not apply where any such liability is recovered from another person.

The ACD may also take out and maintain insurance for the benefit of any director, other officer, auditor of the Company against any liability which may attach to him in respect of any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust of which he may be guilty in relation to the Company, and for the benefit of the Depositary against any liability for any failure to exercise due care and diligence in the discharge of his functions in respect of the Company.

## **17 SHAREHOLDER MEETINGS AND VOTING RIGHTS**

### **17.1 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

In accordance with the OEIC Regulations, the Company has elected to dispense with the holding of the annual general meeting ("AGM"). A copy of the ACD Agreement is available to Shareholders on request.

### **17.2 REQUISITIONS OF MEETINGS**

The ACD may requisition a general meeting at any time.

Shareholders may also requisition a general meeting of the Company. A requisition by Shareholders must state the objects of the meeting, be dated, be signed by Shareholders who, at the date of the requisition, are registered as holding not less than one-tenth in value of all Shares then in issue and the requisition, must be deposited at the head office of the Company. The ACD must convene a general meeting no later than eight weeks after receipt of such requisition.

### **17.3 NOTICE AND QUORUM**

Shareholders will receive at least 14 days' written notice of a Shareholders' meeting and are entitled to be counted in the quorum and vote at such meeting either in person or by proxy. The quorum for a meeting is two Shareholders, present in person or by proxy or (in the case of a corporation) by a duly authorised representative. The quorum for an Adjourned Meeting is one Shareholder present in person or by proxy. Notices of Meetings and Adjourned Meetings will be sent to Shareholders at their registered addresses.

### **17.4 VOTING RIGHTS**

At a meeting of Shareholders, on a show of hands every Shareholder who (being an individual) is present in person or (being a corporation) is present by its representative properly authorised in that regard, has one vote.

On a poll vote, a Shareholder may vote either in person or by proxy. The voting rights attaching to each Share are such proportion of the voting rights attached to all the Shares in issue that the price of the Share bears to the aggregate price(s) of all the Shares in issue at the date seven days before the notice of meeting is deemed to have been served.

A Shareholder entitled to more than one vote need not, if he votes, use all his votes or cast all the votes he uses in the same way.

Except where COLL or the Instrument of Incorporation of the Fund require an extraordinary resolution (which needs 75% of the votes cast at the meeting to be in favour if the resolution is to be passed) any resolution required by COLL will be passed by a simple majority of the votes validly cast for and against the resolution.

The ACD is entitled to attend any meeting but, except in relation to third party shares, is not entitled to vote or be counted in the quorum and any shares it holds are treated as not being in issue for the purpose of such meeting. An associate of the ACD is entitled to attend any meeting and may be counted in the quorum, but may not vote except in relation to third party shares. For this purpose third party shares are shares held on behalf of or jointly with a person who, if himself the registered shareholder, would be entitled to vote, and from whom the ACD or the associate (as relevant) has received voting instructions.

'Shareholders' in this context means Shareholders on the date seven days before the notice of the relevant meeting was deemed to have been served but excludes holders who are known to the ACD not to be Shareholders at the time of the meeting.

### **17.5 FUND AND CLASS MEETINGS**

The above provisions, unless the context otherwise requires, apply to Class meetings and meetings of Funds as they apply to general meetings of Shareholders but by reference to Shares of the Class or Fund concerned and the Shareholders and prices of such Shares.

## 18 TAXATION

### 18.1 GENERAL

The taxation of both the Company and Shareholders in it is subject to the fiscal law and practice of the UK and of the jurisdictions in which Shareholders are resident or otherwise subject to tax. The following summary of the anticipated tax treatment in the UK does not constitute legal or tax advice and applies only to persons holding Shares as an investment. It is not a guarantee to any investor of the tax results of investing in the Company.

In particular, this summary does not take account of particular investors' individual circumstances, does not address the taxation consequences for investors who may be subject to taxation or exchange control in a jurisdiction other than the UK and does not address investors falling into particular categories (such as life insurance companies or employees of entities connected to the Company) which may be subject to special rules.

Prospective investors should consult their own professional advisers on the tax and exchange control implications of making an investment in, holding or disposing of Shares and the receipt of distributions with respect to Shares under the laws of the countries in which they may be liable to taxation.

This summary is based on the UK taxation law and HM Revenue & Customs' practice in force at the date of this document, but prospective investors should be aware that the relevant fiscal rules and practice or their interpretation may change.

### 18.2 THE COMPANY

The UK tax regime applicable to the Company is primarily set out in section 468A Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 and in the Authorised Investment Funds (Tax) Regulations 2006 SI 2006/964 (the "**Tax Regulations**"). Each Fund is regarded as a separate taxable entity in its own right, and the Company as a whole is not so regarded.

Each Fund is exempt from UK corporation tax on chargeable gains arising on the disposal of its investments, and is not entitled to corporation tax relief on losses which are treated as capital in nature.

The Funds will not be subject to corporation tax on any profits or gains (or be entitled to corporation tax relief for any losses) which they derive from their creditor loan relationships or their derivative contracts, to the extent that those profits, gains or losses are treated as "capital profits, gains or losses". Capital profits, gains or losses for this purpose are those profits, gains or losses arising from such creditor loan relationships or derivative contracts which fall to be dealt with under either the heading "net gains/losses on investments during the period" or the heading "other gains/losses" in the Fund's statement of total return for the accounting period in question.

Each Fund will be subject to corporation tax at a rate equal to the lower rate of income tax, currently 20 per cent, on its taxable income from investments after relief for allowable expenses. Dividend distributions or yearly interest distributions received by a Fund from other authorised investment funds (broadly UK OEICs and authorised unit trusts) will be taxed on that Fund in accordance with the rules described at paragraph 18.3 below.

However, a Fund is not subject to tax on dividends and similar distributions from UK resident companies.

To the extent that a Fund receives income from, or realises gains on investments issued in, foreign countries, it may be subject to withholding tax or other taxation in those jurisdictions and to UK corporation tax on the income.

Where a Fund distributes its income as yearly interest (as to which see below) the amount of income so distributed will be deducted from the income of that Fund in computing its liability to corporation tax.

There is no specific exemption from UK stamp taxes – stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax ("SDRT") – for the Company. Broadly speaking, stamp duty is paid on a transaction involving stock or marketable securities, and the rate is 0.5% of the value of the stock or securities. SDRT is paid on an agreement to transfer chargeable securities, and the rate is 0.5% of the value of the stock or securities. The Company may incur similar taxes in another jurisdiction if it carries out transactions involving that jurisdiction.

### 18.3 SHAREHOLDERS

#### Taxation of Distributions

The type of distribution made by a Fund may depend on its investments. Funds which have more than 60 per cent by market value of their investments in "qualifying investments", broadly meaning debt securities, money placed at interest (other than cash awaiting investment), building society shares or holdings in authorised unit trusts or OEICs with, broadly, more than 60 per cent of their investments similarly invested ("**Bond Funds**") can make a yearly interest distribution or a dividend distribution. Funds which are not Bond Funds can only pay dividend distributions.

The Company is currently making available shares in two Funds. It is not the ACD's intention that these Funds will qualify as a 'Bond Fund' (as defined above). It is the ACD's intention that these Funds will make dividend distributions and will not distribute income as yearly interest.

Where a Fund makes dividend distributions, such distributions should be treated in the same way as dividends from a UK resident company. As such they will carry a tax credit of 10% of the total of the net distribution and the tax credit. Each Shareholder should be sent a tax voucher notifying them of the amount of the distribution and of the associated tax credit. Where a Fund makes yearly interest distributions, such distributions should be treated in the same way as interest from a UK resident company. Each Shareholder should be sent a tax voucher notifying them of the amount of the distribution and of any tax deducted.

For Shareholders holding Accumulation Shares, the UK tax treatment will be the same as if they held Income Shares, albeit that they do not receive the income represented by the distribution at the time of that distribution and that income is instead re-invested. Such Shareholders will be treated for UK tax purposes as if they had received the re-invested income and should be issued with tax vouchers accordingly. The same applies to Shareholders who make use of the re-investment facility.

#### *Dividend distributions*

Except for Shareholders within the charge to corporation tax (as explained below), dividend distributions will carry a tax credit equivalent to 10 per cent of the aggregate of the distribution and the tax credit (ie one ninth of the amount distributed).

UK resident Shareholders within the charge to income tax who are liable to income tax at the higher rate will be subject to income tax on the gross dividend distributions at 32.5 per cent, but will be able to set the tax credit off against this liability giving an effective 25 per cent rate after the tax credit. In the case of such Shareholders who are liable to income tax at the starting rate or the basic rate, the 10 per cent tax credit will match the income tax liability in respect of the dividend distribution and there will be no further tax to pay.

Shareholders who are not liable to pay income tax in respect of a dividend distribution, or any part thereof, will not be able to reclaim from HM Revenue & Customs the excess tax credit applicable to that distribution.

For Shareholders within the charge to UK corporation tax, to the extent that the relevant Fund's gross income is not derived from franked investment income, part of the dividend distributions (known as the "unfranked part") will be reclassified as an annual payment received by the Shareholder after a deemed deduction of income tax at the lower rate, currently 20 per cent. Such Shareholders will be subject to corporation tax on the grossed-up amount of the annual payments but will be entitled to a credit for the tax deemed deducted. (The deemed deduction may also be the subject of a repayment claim, but such repayment is limited to the particular Shareholder's portion of Fund's net corporation tax liability.)

For such a shareholder, the remaining part of the dividend distribution (the "franked part") will be treated in the same way as a dividend from a UK resident company. As such a Shareholder within the charge to UK corporation tax will not generally be charged to corporation tax on that part.

Details of the proportions of the franked and unfranked parts of dividend distributions comprising franked investment income and annual payments will be shown on the tax vouchers.

Shareholders who are resident in jurisdictions other than the UK for tax purposes will generally not be charged to UK income tax on a dividend distribution unless they are carrying on a trade in the UK through a permanent establishment. Their tax position is likely to depend on the law and practice on taxation in the jurisdiction in which they are resident. They will not generally be entitled to reclaim the tax credit unless entitled to do so under the terms of any double taxation agreement between that jurisdiction and the UK.

### **Yearly interest distributions**

For Shareholders who are individuals resident in the UK for tax purposes and other Shareholders within the charge to UK income tax, interest distributions will suffer deduction of tax at the lower rate, currently 20 per cent. Such shareholders will be entitled to use the income tax withheld as a credit against their UK income tax liability. Such withholding will satisfy the liability of starting and basic rate taxpayers to tax on the income. Higher rate taxpayers will have additional tax to pay. For Shareholders whose income tax liability is less than the tax withheld, the tax withheld can be the subject of a repayment claim.

Shareholders subject to UK corporation tax will receive their interest distributions gross, i.e. no tax will be deducted at source. The tax regime relating to corporate loan relationships contained in Chapter 2 of Part 4 of Finance Act 1996 is generally applied to yearly interest distributions made to such a Shareholder as if the yearly interest distribution were interest on a loan by such Shareholder to the Fund in question.

Shareholders who are resident in jurisdictions other than the UK for tax purposes, a yearly interest distribution will be paid after deduction of income tax at source at the lower rate, currently 20%, except in the following circumstances:

- where the Shareholder is a company (other than a company which receives the distribution as trustee of a trust);
- where the Shareholder is the trustee(s) of a unit trust scheme;
- where a third party nominee company through which the Shares were purchased is subject to the EC Money Laundering Directive (Directive 91/308/EEC) and has reasonable grounds for believing that the beneficial owner is not ordinarily resident in the UK; or
- where, broadly, the Shareholder provides a valid declaration that he/she is not ordinarily resident in the UK for UK tax purposes.

Shareholders who are resident in jurisdictions other than the UK for tax purposes and to whom a yearly interest distribution is paid after deduction of tax may be entitled to reclaim that UK income tax deducted at source under the provisions of any double tax convention or agreement between the UK and the jurisdiction in which they are primarily subject to tax.

In relation to Accumulation Shares, any deduction of income tax at source is made before the yearly interest distribution is reinvested, thereby reducing the amount reinvested.

### **Taxation of Capital Gains**

Shareholders may, depending on their circumstances, be liable to capital gains tax or corporation tax on chargeable gains arising from a disposal of any Shares. For these purposes, a disposal includes a sale or a redemption of Shares. An exchange ("switching") between Income Shares and Accumulation Shares in the same Sub-Fund is usually treated as a disposal. Similarly an exchange of shares in one Fund for shares in any other Fund will be treated as a disposal and acquisition for those purposes. Proceeds on the redemption of Shares are paid to Shareholders without deduction of tax. For Accumulation Shares, income accumulated and on which income tax or corporation tax on income has been paid can generally be added to the cost of those Accumulation Shares when computing the amount of any gain.

Individual Shareholders who are resident or ordinarily resident in the UK and Shareholders who are UK resident trustees may be liable to UK taxation on chargeable gains arising from a disposal of Shares. A Shareholder who is an individual who was resident or ordinarily resident in the UK for tax purposes and who disposes of shares during the 5 years after he ceases to be so resident or ordinarily resident may also be liable to UK taxation on chargeable gains. Until 5 April 2008 on a disposal by an individual Shareholder or by trustees the amount of any chargeable gain may be reduced by taper relief depending on how long the Shares have been held. It is proposed that from 6 April 2008 taper relief will be abolished and that from that date chargeable gains for individuals and trustees will be taxed at a flat rate of 18%. Each individual has an annual exemption, currently £9,200 (tax year 2007/08), such that capital gains tax is chargeable only on net gains arising from all sources during the tax year in excess of this figure.

For a Shareholder within the charge to UK corporation tax, the corporation tax treatment on a disposal of its Shares in a Fund differs according to whether a Fund is a Bond Fund (as defined above) or not. It is the ACD's intention that the Funds will not qualify as a 'Bond Fund'.

In respect of these Funds, where a Shareholder within the charge to UK corporation tax makes a gain on a disposal of Shares in a Fund, that gain after deduction of any allowable losses and indexation relief should be treated as a chargeable gain and the Shareholder will be taxed accordingly (provided, in the case of a non-resident Shareholder carrying on a trade in the UK through a permanent establishment, the Shares disposed of were held for the purposes of such trade or such permanent establishment).

In respect of a Bond Fund, where a Shareholder within the charge to UK corporation tax makes a gain on a disposal of Shares in such a fund, that gain will be taxed as a profit from a loan relationship. The tax regime relating to corporate loan relationships contained in Chapter 2 of Part 4 of Finance Act 1996 will therefore apply and the profit should be brought into account accordingly (provided, in the case of a non-resident Shareholder carrying on a trade in the UK through a permanent establishment, the Shares disposed of were held for the purposes of such trade or such permanent establishment).

Shareholders who are not within the charge to UK taxation on chargeable gains, which will generally include Shareholders who are resident in jurisdictions other than the UK for tax purposes unless they are carrying on a trade in the UK through a permanent establishment, will not generally be charged to UK tax on gains made on a disposal of Shares. Their tax position is likely to depend on the law and practice on taxation in the jurisdiction in which they are resident.

#### **Income Equalisation**

Since the Funds operate income equalisation, the first allocation made after the acquisition of the Shares may include a sum ("equalisation") representing that part of the acquisition price of the Shares which was attributable to income accrued up to the time of acquisition.

This is treated for the purposes of both UK income tax and UK tax on chargeable gains as a refund of capital rather than a receipt of income.

As such it is not liable to income tax. It should however be deducted from the cost of the Shares when computing the base cost for any chargeable gain realised on the subsequent disposal of the Shares. This is the case regardless of whether the Shares in question are Accumulation Shares or Income Shares, and despite the fact that for Accumulation Shares the equalisation amount is re-invested.

A Shareholder who sells Shares part way through a distribution period will receive a price which includes an equalisation element. This equalisation element is taxable as income in the normal way.

#### **EU Savings Directive**

The European Union Directive on the Taxation of Savings Income (2003/48/EC) (the "EU Savings Directive") provides that "paying agents" established in a member state of the EU (or certain prescribed dependent or associated territories of member states) which pay "savings income" to individuals resident in another member state (or, depending on the state in which the paying agent is established, possibly also to individuals resident in the prescribed dependent or associated territories) are obliged, depending on the state in which the paying agent is established, either to disclose details of the payment and payee to taxation authorities or to withhold tax from the payment.

For the purposes of the UK's implementation of the EU Savings Directive, the proceeds of a sale, refund or redemption of Shares in the Scheme and/or the proceeds represented by a distribution from the Scheme may be classed as "savings income". Sale, refund or redemption proceeds will be savings income if more than 40% of the Scheme's assets are invested in money debts. Distribution proceeds will be savings income if more than 15% of the Scheme's assets are invested in money debts.

Under the UK's implementation, where savings income is paid by a paying agent established in the UK to an individual resident in another member state or prescribed territory, the paying agent is obliged to disclose details of the payment to the HM Revenue & Customs. The identity of the relevant paying agent depends on how a Shareholder purchases and holds Shares. For Shareholders who purchase Shares directly, the paying agent is likely to be the ACD.

Consequently, it may be necessary or desirable for the Scheme, the ACD or any other person or entity connected to the Scheme to collect certain additional information from Shareholders or to take other action connected to the EU Savings Directive to enable disclosures to be made to tax authorities or, where applicable, tax to be withheld.

#### **Inheritance Tax**

Shares held in any of the Funds will generally form part of an individual's estate and will therefore potentially be subject to inheritance tax (IHT). Shares held by trustees are potentially subject to special rules which may charge IHT periodically.

IHT is chargeable on the death of a person, on gifts made within the seven years before an individual's death and (immediately) on gifts to most types of trusts. The rate of tax is 0% up to a cumulative nil-rate limit. The excess is charged at 20% where the tax is charged during an individual's lifetime and 40% if the tax is charged on or by reference to the individual's death. Where tax is charged both during lifetime and again on death by reference to the same transfer, credit is given for the lifetime tax suffered. For these purposes gifts may include transfers at less than full market value unless the transferor can show that there was no gratuitous intent.

## 19 WINDING UP OF THE COMPANY OR A FUND

The Company shall not be wound up except as an unregistered Company under Part V of the Insolvency Act 1986 or under Chapter 7.3 of COLL. A Fund may only be terminated under COLL.

Where the Company or a Fund is to be wound up or terminated (as applicable) under COLL, such winding up or termination may only be commenced following approval by the FSA. The FSA may only give such approval if the ACD provides a statement (following an investigation into the affairs of the Company) either that the Company will be able to meet its liabilities within 12 months of the date of the statement or that the Company will be unable to do so. The Company may not be wound up under COLL if there is a vacancy in the position of ACD at the relevant time.

The Company or a Fund may be wound up or terminated under COLL if:

- an extraordinary resolution to that effect is passed by Shareholders of either the Company or the Fund (as appropriate); or
- the period (if any) fixed for the duration of the Company or a particular Fund by the Instrument expires, or the event (if any) occurs on the occurrence of which the Instrument of Incorporation provides that the Company or a particular Fund is to be wound up (for example, if the share capital of the Company is below its prescribed minimum or the Net Asset Value of the Fund is less than £10 million, or if a change in the laws or regulations of any country means that, in the ACD's opinion, it is desirable to terminate the Fund); or
- on the date of effect stated in any agreement by the FSA to a request by the ACD for the revocation of the authorisation order in respect of the Company or the relevant Fund.

The winding up of the Company or termination of a Fund under COLL is carried out by the ACD which will, as soon as practicable, cause the property of the Company or that property attributable to the relevant Fund to be realised and the liabilities to be met out of the proceeds. Provided that there are sufficient liquid funds available after making provision for the expenses of winding up and the discharge of the liabilities of the Company or the Fund (as the case may be) the ACD may arrange for interim distributions(s) to be made to shareholders. When all liabilities have been met, the balance (net of a provisions for any further expenses) will be distributed to shareholders.

The distribution made in respect of each Fund will be made to the holders of shares linked to that Fund, in proportion to the units of entitlement in the property of that Fund which their shares represent.

Shareholders will be notified of any proposal to wind up the Company. On commencement of such winding up the Company will cease to issue shares and cancel shares, and transfers of shares shall cease to be registered.

On completion of the winding up of the Company, the ACD shall notify the FSA that it has done so. On completion of a winding up, the Company will be dissolved and any money (including unclaimed distributions) standing to the account of the Company will be paid into court within one month of dissolution.

Following the completion of the winding up of the Company or the termination of a particular Fund, the ACD shall notify the FSA that it has done so. Following the completion of a winding up or termination, the ACD must prepare a final account showing how the winding up took place and how the scheme property was distributed. The auditors of the Company shall make a report in respect of the final account stating their opinion as to whether the final account has been properly prepared. This final account and the auditors' report must be sent to the FSA and to each Shareholder within two months of the termination or the winding up (as applicable).

## 20 GENERAL INFORMATION

### 20.1 ACCOUNTING PERIODS

The annual accounting period of the Company ends each year on 28th/29th February (the accounting reference date). The interim accounting period ends each year on 31st August.

### 20.2 INCOME ALLOCATIONS

Allocations of income are made in respect of the income available for allocation in each accounting period.

Distributions of income for the Premier Multi-Asset Growth Fund are paid on or before the annual income allocation date of 30th June and on or before the interim allocation date of 30th October in each year. Distributions of income for the Premier Multi-Asset Distribution Fund are paid quarterly on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 31<sup>st</sup> July and 31<sup>st</sup> October. A re-investment facility is available.

Distributions of income will be paid by BACS, cheque or any other means agreed between the ACD and the relevant Shareholder from time to time.

If a distribution remains unclaimed for a period of six years after it has become due, it will be forfeited and will revert to the Company. The payment of any unclaimed distribution, interest or other sum payable by the Company on or in respect of a Share into a separate account shall not constitute the Company a trustee thereof.

The amount available for distribution in any accounting period is calculated by taking the aggregate of the income received or receivable for the account of the relevant Fund in respect of that period, and deducting the charges and expenses of the relevant Fund paid or payable out of income in respect of that accounting period. The ACD then makes such other adjustments as it considers appropriate (and after consulting the auditors as appropriate) in relation to taxation, income equalisation, income unlikely to be received within 12 months following the relevant income allocation date, income which should not be accounted for on an accrual basis because of lack of information as to how it accrues, transfers between the income and capital account and any other adjustments (including for amortisation) which the ACD considers appropriate after consulting the auditors.

In relation to income shares, on or before each relevant income distribution date, the ACD will instruct the Depositary to enable it to distribute the income allocated to income shares among the holders of such shares in proportion to the number of shares held, or treated as held, by them respectively at the end of the relevant period.

The amount of income allocated to accumulation shares becomes part of the capital property and to the extent that shares of any other class (such as income shares) were in issue in relation to the relevant period, the interests of holders of accumulation shares in that amount must be satisfied by an adjustment at the end of the relevant period in the proportion of the scheme property to which the price of an accumulation share is related.

Income on debt securities, such as bonds and other fixed interest securities, is calculated on an Effective Yield basis. The Effective Yield basis treats any projected capital gain or loss on a debt security (when compared to its maturity or par value) as income and this, together with any future expected income streams on the debt security, is written off over the life of that security and discounted back to its present value and included in the calculation of the distributable income.

### 20.3 INCOME EQUALISATION

Income equalisation is applied to each of the Funds. An allocation of income (whether annual or interim) to be made in respect of each share issued or sold by the ACD during an accounting period in respect of which that income allocation is made may include a capital sum ("**income equalisation**") representing the ACD's best estimate of the amount of income included in the price of that share.

The amount of income equalisation in respect of any share may be the actual amount of income included in the issue price of the share in question or it may be an amount arrived at by taking the aggregate of the ACD's best estimate of the amounts of income included in the share price of shares of that class issued or sold in the annual or interim accounting period in question and dividing that aggregate by the number of those shares and applying the resultant average to each of the shares in question.

### 20.4 ANNUAL REPORTS

The annual report of the Company (the "**long report**") will be published within four months of each annual accounting period and half-yearly reports will be published within two months of each interim accounting period. Copies of these long reports may be inspected at, and copies obtained free of charge from the ACD at its operating address. These reports may also be inspected at the Depositary's office during normal office hours.

The ACD will issue short reports in relation to the Funds both half yearly and annually. These will be distributed to shareholders before the end of June and October each year.

### 20.5 DOCUMENTS OF THE COMPANY

The following documents may be inspected free of charge between 9.30 am and 5.30 pm on every business day at the offices of the ACD at Eastgate Court, High Street, Guildford, Surrey GU1 3DE.

- the most recent annual and half-yearly reports of the Company;
- the latest version of the Prospectus;
- the ACD Agreement;
- the latest version of the Instrument; and
- the material contracts referred to below.

Shareholders may obtain copies of the above documents from the above address. Copies of the Prospectus and the latest annual reports are available free of charge however the ACD may make a charge at its discretion for copies of the Instrument and the material contracts.

All notices or documents required to be served on shareholders shall be served by post to the address of such shareholder as evidenced on the register.

This Prospectus describes the constitution and operation of the Company at the date of this Prospectus. In the event of any materially significant change in the matters stated herein or any materially significant new matter arising which ought to be stated herein this Prospectus will be revised. Investors should check with the ACD that this is the latest version and that there have been no revisions or updates.

## 20.6 MATERIAL CONTRACTS

The following contracts, not being contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, have been entered into by the Company and are, or may be, material:

- the Agreement dated 3rd December 2001 between the Company and the ACD;
- the Investment Advisory Agreement;
- the Depositary Agreement dated 3rd December 2001 between the Company, the ACD and the Depositary; and
- the Administration Agreement dated 5th February 2001 between the Company, the ACD, Northern Trust Global Services Limited and Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (UK) Limited.

Details of the above contracts are given under the heading "Management and Administration" on page 23.

## 20.7 COMPLAINTS

Complaints concerning the operation or marketing of the Company or any of the Funds may be referred to the Compliance Officer of the ACD at Eastgate Court, High Street, Guildford, Surrey GU1 3DE. If a complaint cannot be resolved satisfactorily with the ACD it may be referred to the Financial Ombudsman Service at South Quay Plaza, 183 Marsh Wall, London E14 9SR. More details about the Financial Ombudsman Service are available from the ACD.

The Financial Services Compensation Scheme Limited has been established under the rules of the FSA as a "rescue fund" for certain clients of firms authorised and regulated by the FSA which have gone out of business. The ACD will supply you with further details of the scheme on written request to its operating address. Alternatively, you can visit the scheme's website at [www.fscs.org.uk](http://www.fscs.org.uk) or by writing to the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lloyds Chambers, Portoken Street, London, E1 8BN.

## 20.8 MARKET TIMING

The ACD does not permit the Funds to be used for the purposes of 'market timing'. For this purpose market timing is defined as a trading strategy with the intention of taking advantage of short term changes in market prices. The ACD will undertake monitoring activities to ensure that market timing is not taking place in relation to any of the Funds.

## 20.9 CANCELLATION RIGHTS

A notice of a Shareholder's right to cancel an agreement to purchase Shares in a Fund will be forwarded, where this is required in accordance with the rules made under the Act.

When the investment is a lump sum investment (or the first payment, being larger than the second payment, in a regular payment savings plan) a Shareholder who is entitled to cancel and does so will not get a full refund of the money by him if the purchase price of the shares falls before the cancellation notice is received by the ACD, because an amount equal to such fall (the "**shortfall**") will be deducted from the refund he would otherwise receive. Where the purchase price has not yet been paid the Shareholder will be required to pay the amount of the shortfall to the ACD. The deduction does not apply where the service of the notice of the right to cancel precedes the entering into of the agreement. Cancellation rights must be exercised by posting a cancellation notice to the ACD on or before the 14<sup>th</sup> day after the date of receipt of the notice of the right to cancel.

## 20.10 DATA PROTECTION

The information you provide on your application form (or afterwards) will be held and processed by us as data controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998.

We may hold and process information for the administration of the service(s) for which you are currently applying or may apply for in the future, for the operation of your investment (including, for example, for registration and distribution purposes), for the purposes of statistical analysis, and the marketing of goods and services by us or other companies in the Premier Asset Management Marketing Group.

We may transfer information to other companies in the Premier Asset Management Marketing Group and to third party agents of such companies or us for any of the above purposes. Such third party agents may be in countries located outside of the European Economic Area (EEA).

We will take steps to ensure that your privacy rights are respected since these countries may not have comprehensive data protection and other laws as countries in the EEA. Where an authorised financial adviser acts on your behalf, we will disclose information concerning your investment to that financial adviser.

Other than as noted above, we will not provide any other third party with any information about you unless you have given your consent or unless we are required to do so by law.

You are entitled to request details of information we hold about you upon payment of a fee and to require us to correct any inaccuracies in your personal data.

APPENDIX 1

ELIGIBLE SECURITIES MARKETS AND ELIGIBLE DERIVATIVES MARKETS

The Funds may deal through the securities and derivatives markets indicated below (subject to the investment objective and policy of each Fund).

ELIGIBLE MARKETS ADOPTED	FUND	
	Premier Multi-Asset Distribution Fund	Premier Multi-Asset Growth Fund
Any regulated (as defined in the Glossary to the FSA Handbook of Rules and Guidance).	x	x
Any market in an EEA State which is regulated, operates regularly and is open to the public.	x	x
Any other market:		
Australia - Australian Securities Exchange	x	x
Canada		
- TSX Venture Exchange	x	x
- Montreal Exchange	x	x
- The Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX)	x	x
Channel Islands – Channel Islands Stock Exchange (CISX)	x	x
Hong Kong - Hong Kong Exchanges	x	x
Japan –Tokyo Stock Exchange	x	x
- Nagoya Stock Exchange	x	x
- Osaka Securities Exchange	x	x
- Sapporo Stock Exchange	x	x
- JASDAQ Securities Exchange	x	x
The Republic of Korea – Korea Exchange Incorporated	x	x
Mexico - Bolsa Mexicana de Valores (Mexican Stock Exchange)	x	x
New Zealand - New Zealand Stock Exchange	x	x
Singapore - Singapore Exchange (SGX) (Stock Exchange of Singapore and Singapore International Monetary Exchanges)	x	x
South Africa – JSE Securities Exchange	x	x
Switzerland – SWX Swiss Exchange	x	x
Taiwan – The Taiwan Stock Exchange	x	x
Thailand - Stock Exchange of Thailand	x	x

<p>USA – American Stock Exchange                      - New York Stock Exchange                      - Boston Stock Exchange                      - National Stock Exchange                      - Chicago Stock Exchange                      - NYSE Arca                      - Philadelphia Stock Exchange                      - NASDAQ</p>	<p>X                      X                      X                      X                      X                      X                      X                      X</p>	<p>X                      X                      X                      X                      X                      X                      X                      X</p>
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ELIGIBLE DERIVATIVES MARKETS ADOPTED	FUND	
	Premier Multi-Asset Distribution Fund	Premier Multi-Asset Growth Fund
Any regulated market (as defined in the Glossary to the FSA's Handbook of Rules and Guidance)	x	x
Any market in an EEA State which is regulated, operates regularly and is open to the public	x	x
And the following markets:		
Australia – Australian Stock Exchange Sydney Futures Exchange	x	x
Canada - The Montreal Exchange - Toronto Stock Exchange	x x	x x
Channel Islands – Channel Islands Stock Exchange (CISX)	x	x
Hong Kong - Hong Kong Exchanges (Stock Exchange of Hong Kong)	x	x
Japan – Tokyo Stock Exchange - Osaka Securities Exchange	x x	x x
New Zealand - New Zealand Futures & Options Exchange	x	x
Singapore - Singapore Exchange (Singapore International Monetary Exchange)	x	x
South Africa - JSE Securities Exchange	x	x
Switzerland – Eurex	x	x
United States - Chicago Board Options Exchange (CBOE) - CME Group Inc. - New York Futures Exchange - New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) - New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) - NYSE Arca - Philadelphia Stock Exchange	x x x x x x x	x x x x x x x

**APPENDIX 2**  
**Share Classes**

Fund	Share Class	Currently available	Minimum initial subscription	Minimum subsequent investment requirement	Minimum holding requirement	Monthly savings	Minimum redemption
<b>Premier Multi-Asset Distribution Fund</b>	Sterling Net Income Shares (A shares)	✓	£1,000	£500	£500	✓	£500
	Sterling Net Accumulation Shares (B shares)	✓	£1,000	£500	£500	✓	£500
<b>Premier Multi-Asset Growth Fund</b>	Sterling Net Income Shares (A shares)	✓	£1,000	£500	£500	✓	£500
	Sterling Net Accumulation Shares (B shares)	✓	£1,000	£500	£500	✓	£500

**ADDITIONAL SHARE CLASSES:**

The Company may also issue the following Shares in respect of the Funds in accordance with the Instrument:

- Gross Accumulation (C Shares);
- Gross Income (D Shares);
- Euro Gross Accumulation (E Shares);
- Euro Gross Income (F Shares);
- Euro Net Accumulation (G Shares); and
- Euro Net Income (H Shares).

APPENDIX 3  
CURRENT CHARGES

Fund	Share Class	Initial Charge	Annual Management Charge
Premier Multi-Asset Distribution Fund	Sterling Net Income Shares (A shares)	5.25%	1.5%
	Sterling Net Accumulation Shares (B shares)	5.25%	1.5%
Premier Multi-Asset Growth Fund	Sterling Net Income Shares (A shares)	5.25%	1.5%
	Sterling Net Accumulation Shares (B shares)	5.25%	1.5%

## APPENDIX 4

## INVESTMENT AND BORROWING POWERS APPLICABLE TO THE FUNDS

The Company may exercise the full authority and powers permitted by COLL applicable to Non-UCITS Retail Schemes. However, this is subject to the applicable investment limits and restrictions set out in COLL, the Instrument of Incorporation, this Prospectus and the Funds' investment objective and policy. The Company may exercise in respect of the Funds, the full authority and powers permitted by COLL applicable to Non-UCITS Retail Schemes, subject to the relevant Fund's investment objective and policy.

Save for any investment purchased or transaction entered into for the purposes of efficient portfolio management and/or investment purposes, (referred to in more detail under the heading "Derivatives" below), the property of a Fund may not include any investment to which a liability (whether actual or contingent) is attached unless the maximum amount of such liability is ascertained at the time when such investment is acquired for the account of that Fund.

In accordance with the investment policy of Funds, the Funds shall invest in units and shares of collective investment schemes, transferable securities, money market instruments, deposits and warrants. The capital property attributable to the Funds is therefore required to consist of such investments although investment in other asset classes is also permitted as set out in COLL as it applies to non-UCITS retail schemes and as specified below. Therefore, the capital property of the Funds may at any time consist entirely of such assets or a mixture of such assets as well as investments of other asset classes described below.

The ACD shall ensure that, taking into account the investment objective of each of the Funds, the scheme property of each of the Funds aims to provide a prudent spread of risk. None of the Funds are expected to have high volatility owing to its portfolio composition or the portfolio management techniques used over and above the general market volatility of the markets of its underlying investments.

**Collective Investment Schemes**

The property of the Funds may consist of units in collective investment schemes.

Not more than 35% in value of the property of the Fund may consist of units or shares in any one collective investment scheme.

The Funds must not invest in units or shares of another collective investment scheme (the "Second Scheme") unless the Second Scheme satisfies the conditions referred to below.

The Second Scheme must fall within one of the following categories:

- (a) a scheme which satisfies the conditions necessary for it to enjoy the rights conferred by the UCITS directive; or
- (b) is a recognised scheme (as defined in COLL); or
- (c) is a non-UCITS retail scheme (as defined in COLL); or
- (d) a scheme which is constituted outside the United Kingdom and the investment and borrowing powers of which are the same or more restrictive than those of a non-UCITS retail scheme; or
- (e) any other scheme which does not fall within any of the above categories and in respect of which no more than 20% in value of the property of the scheme (including any transferable securities which are not approved securities) is invested.

The Second Scheme must also operate on the principle of a prudent spread of risk, it should be prohibited from having more than 15% in value of the property of that scheme consisting of units in collective investment schemes and the participants in the second scheme must be entitled to have their units redeemed in accordance with the scheme at a price which relates to the net value of the property to which the units relate and which are determined in accordance with the scheme.

The Company may invest in shares or units of collective investment schemes which are managed or operated by (or, in the case of companies incorporated under the OEIC Regulations, have as their authorised corporate director) the ACD or an associate of the ACD. However, if the Company invests in units in another collective investment scheme managed or operated by the ACD or by an associate of the ACD, the ACD must pay into the property of the Company before the close of the business on the fourth business day after the agreement to invest or dispose of units:

- (a) on investment – if the ACD pays more for the units issued to it than the then prevailing creation price, the full amount of the difference or, if this is not known, the maximum permitted amount of any charge which may be made by the issuer on the issue of the units; and
- (b) on a disposal – any amount charged by the issuer on the redemption of such units.

**Transferable Securities and Money Market Instruments**

The Funds may invest up to 100% of the scheme property in transferable securities and money market instruments which are:

- (a) admitted to or dealt in on an eligible market (as set out on page 35); or
- (b) are recently issued transferable securities, provided the terms of issue include an undertaking that an application will be made to be admitted to an eligible market, and such admission is secured within a year of issue; or
- (c) money market instruments which are normally dealt in on the money markets, are liquid and whose value can be accurately determined at any time, being an 'approved money market instrument' in accordance with COLL which fulfil the following requirements;
  - (i) the issuer or issuer is regulated for the purpose of protecting investors and savings, and
  - (ii) the instrument is issued or guaranteed in accordance with COLL 5.2.10BR

Not more than 20% in value of the property of the Funds may consist of transferable securities which do not fall within (a) to (c) above or which are money market instruments which are liquid and have a value which can be determined accurately at any time.

The Funds may also invest in an approved money market instrument provided the issuer is a company whose capital and reserves amount to at least EUR 10 million and which presents and publishes its annual accounts in accordance with Directive 78/660/EEC, is an entity which, within a group of companies which includes one or several listed companies, is dedicated to the financing of the group or is an entity which is dedicated to the financing of securitisation vehicles (as defined in COLL) which benefit from a banking liquidity line (as defined in COLL).

The requirements of COLL 5.2.10BR are that the money market instrument must be:

- (a) issued or guaranteed by a central, regional or local authority or central bank of an EEA State or if the EEA State is a federal state, one of the members making up the federation, the European Central Bank, the European Union or the European Investment Bank, a non-EEA State, or in the case of a federal state, one of the members making up the federation, or by a public international body to which one or more EEA State belongs; or
- (b) an establishment subject to prudential supervision in accordance with criteria defined by Community law or an establishment which is subject to and complies with prudential rules governed by the FSA to be at least as stringent as those laid down by Community law; or
- (c) issued by a body, any securities of which are dealt in on an eligible market.

A money market instrument that is normally dealt in on the money market and is admitted to or dealt in on an eligible market shall be presumed to be liquid and have a value which can be accurately determined at any time unless there is information available to the ACD that would lead to a different determination.

Not more than 10% in value of the property of the Funds may consist of transferable securities or money market instruments issued by any single body subject to COLL 5.6.23R however, the limit of 10% is raised to 25% in respect of covered bonds.

#### **Covered bonds**

In general a covered bond is a bond that is issued by a credit institution which has its registered office in an EEA State and is subject by law to special public supervision designed to protect bondholders and in particular protection under which sums deriving from the issue of the bond must be invested in conformity with the law in assets which, during the whole period of validity of the bond, are capable of covering claims attaching to the bond and which, in the event of failure of the issuer, would be used on a priority basis for the reimbursement of the principal and payment of the accrued interest, and which may be collateralised.

#### **Government and Public Securities**

Up to 100% of the Company may consist of Government and public securities. The Funds may invest more than 35% of the scheme property in Government and public securities issued or guaranteed by any one of the following:

- The Government of the United Kingdom; the Executive Committee of the Northern Ireland Assembly; the Scottish Administration; the National Assembly of Wales;
- The Governments of Austria; Belgium; Denmark; Finland; France; Germany; Greece; Ireland; Italy; Luxembourg; Netherlands; Portugal; Spain; Sweden; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Estonia; Hungary; Latvia; Lithuania; Malta; Poland; Slovakia; Slovenia;
- The Governments of Australia; Canada; Japan; New Zealand; Switzerland and the United States of America;
- The European Investment Bank; the World Bank; the European Bank of Reconstruction & Development (EBRD); the Inter American Development Bank (IADB); the Asian Development Bank; the International Finance Corporation; the Japan Development Bank; the Nordic Investment Bank; the Council of Europe Development Bank, and the Federal Home Loans.

Where more than 35% of the scheme property of the Funds is invested in Government and public securities issued by any one issuer, up to 30% of the scheme property may consist of such securities of any one issue and the scheme property must include at least six different issues whether of that issuer or another issuer.

#### **Warrants**

Not more than 5% in value of the scheme property attributable to the Funds may consist of warrants.

Securities on which any sum is unpaid may be held provided that it is reasonably foreseeable that the amount of any existing and potential call for any sum unpaid could be paid by the relevant Funds at any time when the payment is required without contravening COLL.

#### **Cash and Near Cash**

The property of the Funds may consist of cash or near cash to enable:

- (a) the pursuit of the Funds' investment objective;
- (b) the redemption of units; or
- (c) the efficient management of the Funds in accordance with its objectives or any other purposes which may reasonably be regarded as ancillary to the objectives of the Funds.

The Manager does not anticipate the Funds consisting of more than 50% of cash or near cash being held by the Funds at any one time. Liquidity may be at the upper end of, or even exceed this range under certain circumstances such as where there are large market movements and/or an exceptional number of redemptions are anticipated or the Funds is in receipt of large cash sums upon the creation of units or realisation of investments.

Cash which forms part of the property of the Funds may be placed in any current or deposit account with the Depositary, the Manager or any investment adviser or any associate of any of them provided it is an eligible institution or approved bank and the arrangements are at least as favourable to the Funds as would be the case for any comparable arrangement affected on normal commercial terms negotiated at arms length between two independent parties.

### *Derivatives*

The Funds may invest in derivatives and forward transactions for both efficient portfolio management purposes (including hedging) and for investment purposes, the applicable rules in COLL are summarised below.

#### ***Efficient Portfolio Management***

The Funds may invest in derivatives for efficient portfolio management purposes (including hedging) and the Investment Adviser may make use of a variety of derivative instruments in accordance with COLL. **Where derivatives are used for hedging, or in accordance with efficient portfolio management techniques, this will not alter the risk profile of the Funds.** Use of derivatives will not contravene any relevant investment objectives or limits.

Efficient portfolio management enables the Funds to invest in derivatives and forward transactions (including futures and options) in accordance with COLL using techniques which relate to transferable securities and approved money market instruments and which fulfil the following criteria:

- (a) they are economically appropriate in that they are realised in a cost effective way;
- (b) they are entered into for one or more of the following specific aims:
  - (i) reduction of risk;
  - (ii) reduction of cost;
  - (iii) generation of additional capital or income for the scheme with a risk level which is consistent with the risk profile of the scheme and the risk diversification rules laid down in COLL.

#### ***Permitted Transactions (derivatives and forwards)***

The Funds may also use derivatives and forward transactions for investment purposes. **The ACD does not anticipate that the use of derivatives will result in the Funds having a higher volatility than the general market due to the investments held and investment techniques adopted by the Investment Adviser.** A transaction in derivatives or a forward transaction must not be effected for the Funds unless the transaction is of a kind specified below and the transaction is covered.

A derivatives transaction may be either an approved derivative (i.e. one which is traded or dealt in on an eligible derivatives market as set out in Appendix 1) or an over-the-counter derivative in accordance with the applicable FSA rules.

A transaction in an approved derivative must be effected on or under the rules of an eligible derivatives market.

The underlying assets of a transaction in a derivative may only consist of any one or more of the following:

- (a) transferable securities;
- (b) money market instruments;
- (c) deposits (permitted under COLL 5.2.26R);
- (d) derivatives and forward transactions (permitted under COLL 5.6.13R);
- (e) gold;
- (f) immovables (permitted under COLL 5.6.18R);
- (g) units in collective investment schemes (permitted under COLL 5.6.10R);
- (h) financial indices (which satisfy the criteria set out in COLL 5.2.20AR);
- (i) interest rates;
- (j) foreign exchange rates; and
- (k) currencies.

A transaction in a derivative must not be entered into if the intended effect is to create the potential for an uncovered sale of one or more transferable securities, money market instruments, units in collective investment schemes or derivatives. The ACD must ensure compliance with COLL 5.3.6R.

Any forwards transaction must be made with an eligible institution or an approved bank in accordance with COLL

Where the Funds invest in derivatives, the exposure to the underlying assets must not exceed the general spread limits in accordance with COLL 5.6.7R (Spread: general), COLL 5.6.8R (Spread: government and public securities) and COLL 5.6.5R(2), except for index-based derivatives where the following rules apply.

Where the Funds invest in an index-based derivative, provided the relevant index falls within COLL 5.6.23R (Schemes replicating an index) the underlying constituents of the index do not have to be taken into account for the purposes of monitoring the spread requirements. The relaxation is subject to the ACD continuing to ensure that the property provides a prudent spread of risk.

Where a transferable security or money market instrument embeds a derivative, this must be taken into account for the purposes of complying with this section.

A transaction in a derivative must not cause the Funds to diverge from their investment objectives as stated in the instrument of incorporation and the most recently published version of this Prospectus.

All derivatives transactions are deemed to be free of counterparty risk if they are performed on an exchange where the clearing house is backed by an appropriate performance guarantee, and it is characterised by daily mark-to-market valuation of the derivative positions and an at least daily margining.

**Over-the-counter ("OTC") transactions in derivatives**

Any transaction in an OTC derivative must be:

- (a) with an approved counterparty. A counterparty to a transaction in derivatives is approved only if the counterparty is an eligible institution or an approved bank, or a person whose permission (as published in the FSA register), or whose home state authorisation, permits it to enter into such transactions as principal off-exchange.
- (b) on approved terms. The terms of a transaction in derivatives are approved only if, the ACD:
  - (i) carries out at least daily a reliable and verifiable valuation in respect of that transaction corresponding to its fair value and which does not rely only on market quotations by the counterparty; and
  - (ii) Can enter into one or more further transactions to sell, liquidate or close out that transaction at any time, at its fair value arrived, and
- (c) capable of reliable valuation. A transaction in derivatives is capable of reliable valuation only if the ACD having taken reasonable care determines that, throughout the life of the derivative (if the transaction is entered into), it will be able to value the investment concerned with reasonable accuracy:
  - (i) on the basis of an up-to-date market value which the ACD and the Depositary have agreed is reliable; or
  - (ii) if the value referred to in (i) is not available, on the basis of a pricing model which the ACD and the Depositary have agreed uses an adequate recognised methodology; and
- (d) subject to verifiable valuation. A transaction in derivatives is subject to verifiable valuation only if, throughout the life of the derivative (if the transaction is entered into) verification of the valuation is carried out by:
  - (i) an appropriate third party which is independent from the counterparty of the derivative, at an adequate frequency and in such a way that the ACD is able to check it; or
  - (ii) a department within the ACD which is independent from the department in charge of managing the scheme property and which is adequately equipped for such a purpose.

For the purposes of paragraph (b) above, "fair value" is the amount which an asset could be exchanged or a liability settled between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arms length transaction.

The Depositary must take reasonable care to ensure that the ACD has systems and controls that are adequate to ensure compliance with (a) to (d) above.

**Collateral required under OTC derivative transactions**

The Company's exposure in respect of an over the counter derivative may be reduced to the extent that collateral is held in respect of it if the collateral meets each of the conditions below such that the collateral must be:

- (a) marked-to-market on a daily basis and exceed the value of the amount of risk;
- (b) exposed only to negligible risks (e.g. government bonds of first credit rating or cash) and is liquid;
- (c) held by a third party custodian not related to the provider or is legally secured from the consequences of a failure of a related party; and
- (d) be fully enforceable by the Company at any time.

OTC derivative positions with the same counterparty may be netted provided that the netting procedures comply with the conditions set out in Section 3 (Contractual netting (Contracts for novation and other netting agreements)) of Annex III of the Banking Consolidation Directive; and are based on legally binding agreements.

**Risk Management: derivatives**

The ACD uses a risk management process, as reviewed by the Depositary, enabling it to monitor and measure as frequently as appropriate the risk of a Fund's positions and their contribution to the overall risk profile of the Company. However, the Investment Adviser's investment in derivative techniques has the overall intention of reducing the volatility of returns, reflecting the investment policies for the Funds generally.

**Derivative exposure**

The Company may invest in derivatives and forward transactions only where the exposure to which the Company is committed by that transaction itself is suitably covered from within the Company's property. Exposure will include any initial outlay in respect of that transaction.

Cover ensures that the Company is not exposed to the risk of loss of property, including money, to an extent greater than the net value of the Company's property. Therefore, the Company must hold scheme property sufficient in value or amount to match the exposure arising from a derivative obligation to which the Company is committed. The detailed requirements for cover of the Company are set out below.

Cover used in respect of one transaction in derivatives or forwards transactions should not be used for cover in respect of another transaction in derivatives or a forward transaction.

**Cover for transactions in derivatives and forward transactions**

A transaction in derivatives or forward transaction is to be entered into only if the maximum exposure, in terms of the principal or notional principal created by the transaction to which the Company is or may be committed by another person, is covered globally.

Exposure is covered globally if adequate cover from within the scheme property is available to meet the Company's total exposure, taking into account the value of the underlying assets, any reasonably foreseeable market movement, counterparty risk, and the time available to liquidate any positions.

Cash not yet received into the scheme property of the Company but due to be received within one month is available as cover for these purposes.

Property which is the subject of a stock lending transaction is only available for cover if the ACD has taken reasonable care to determine that it is obtainable (by return or re-acquisition) in time to meet the obligation for which cover is required.

The total exposure relating to derivatives held in the Company may not exceed the net value of the property.

#### **Deposits**

The property of the Funds may consist of deposits (as defined in COLL) but only if it:

- (a) is with an approved bank;
- (b) is repayable on demand or has the right to be withdrawn; and
- (c) matures in no more than 12 months.

#### **Gold**

Whilst the Company may invest in gold, it is currently not intended that the Funds will invest in gold.

#### **Immoveable and moveable property**

Whilst the Company may invest directly in immovable property it is currently intended that the Funds will only invest indirectly in immovable property primarily through investing in collective investment schemes and/or property companies which themselves invest directly in immovable property.

#### **Spread - General**

In applying any of the restrictions referred to above:

- (a) not more than 20% in value of the Fund property may consist of deposits with any single body;
- (b) not more than 10% in value of the Fund property is to consist of transferable securities or money market instruments issued by any single body (subject to COLL 5.6.23R);
- (c) the exposure to any one counterparty in an over the counter derivative transaction must not exceed 10% in value of the Fund property, (subject to COLL 5.6.7R(7) and(8) as explained above); and
- (d) not more than 35% in value of the Fund is to consist of units in any one collective investment scheme.

#### **Borrowing**

Subject to the Company's Instrument of Incorporation and COLL (as it relates to non-UCITS retail schemes), the Company may borrow money for the purposes of achieving the objectives of the Funds on terms that such borrowings are to be repaid out of the scheme property of the relevant Fund. The ACD does not anticipate significant use of this borrowing power. Such borrowing may only be made from an eligible institution or approved bank (as defined in COLL) The borrowing of a Fund must not, on any business day, exceed 10 per cent of the value of the property of the relevant Fund.

The above provisions on borrowing do not apply to "back to back" borrowing for hedging purposes, being an arrangement under which an amount of currency is borrowed from an eligible institution and an amount in another currency at least equal to the amount of currency borrowed is kept on deposit with the lender (or his agent or nominee).

Borrowings may be made from the Depositary, the ACD, the Directors or any Investment Adviser or any associate of any of them provided that such lender is an eligible institution or approved bank and the arrangements are at least as favourable to the Fund concerned as would be those of any comparable arrangements effected on normal commercial terms negotiated at arm's length between two independent parties.

#### **Stock lending**

The Company or the Depositary may enter into a repo contract, or a stock lending arrangement of the kind described in section 263B of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 but only if:

- (a) all the terms of the agreement under which securities are to be reacquired by the Depositary for the account of the Company are in a form which is acceptable to the Depositary and are in accordance with good market practice;
- (b) the counterparty is an authorised person or a person authorised by a home state regulator or otherwise permitted under COLL; and
- (c) collateral is obtained to secure the obligation of the counterparty under the terms referred to in (a) above and is acceptable to the Depositary and must also be adequate and sufficiently immediate as set out in COLL. These requirements do not apply to a stock lending transaction made through Euroclear Bank SAVN's Securities Lending and Borrowing programme.

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