## **CIRCULAR TO SHAREHOLDERS OF**

## **UBS (IRL) ETF PLC**

(an umbrella investment company with variable capital incorporated with limited liability in Ireland and having segregated liability between sub-funds. The Company is authorised and regulated by the Central Bank)

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

OF

## **UBS (IRL) ETF PLC**

(the "Company")

THIS CIRCULAR IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. IF YOU ARE IN ANY DOUBT AS TO THE ACTION TO BE TAKEN, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONSULT YOUR STOCKBROKER, BANK MANAGER, SOLICITOR OR ATTORNEY OR OTHER PROFESSIONAL ADVISOR.

If you have sold or otherwise transferred your holding in the Company, please send this document and the accompanying proxy form to the purchaser or transferee or to the stockbroker, bank manager, or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected, for transmission to the purchaser or transferee, as soon as possible.

The amendment of the Constitution of the Company is subject to the approval of the Shareholders of the Company.

21 December 2023

THE ACTION REQUIRED TO BE TAKEN IS SET OUT ON PAGE 4.

NOTICE OF AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF UBS (IRL) ETF PLC TO BE HELD AT 10 A.M. (IRISH TIME) ON 15 JANUARY 2024 AT THE COMPANY'S REGISTERED OFFICE AT SECOND FLOOR, 5 EARLSFORT TERRACE, DUBLIN 2, IRELAND IS SET OUT AT APPENDIX B HERETO.

FORMS OF PROXY FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF UBS (IRL) ETF PLC SHOULD BE RETURNED BY 10 A.M. (IRISH TIME) ON 13 JANUARY 2024 ARE AT APPENDIX C HERETO.

For investors trading shares through Clearstream, the Form of Proxy should be returned to:

- Clearstream electronically via COL/XACT/MT565 Swift

Alternatively, the Form of Proxy can be returned to:

Dechert Secretarial Limited Second Floor 5 Earlsfort Terrace Dublin D02 CK83 Ireland

Facsimile: +353 1 6335845

Email: dbnfsgcorporatesecretary@dechert.com

## **Definitions**

Capitalised terms used herein shall bear the same meanings as capitalised terms used in the Prospectus unless otherwise defined. A copy of the Prospectus is available upon request during normal business hours from the registered office of the Company or from the local representative of the Company in any jurisdiction in which the Company is registered for public distribution.

"Amended Constitution" the Constitution, including the proposed amendments which are

the subject of this Circular;

"Board" the board of directors of the Company;

"Central Bank" the Central Bank of Ireland;

"Circular" this circular to be issued to Shareholders;

"Constitution" the constitution of the Company comprising the memorandum of

association and articles of association of the Company, as amended by all Special Resolutions passed up to and including 6

November 2019;

"Resolution" the resolution to be considered at the EGM, as set out in <u>Schedule</u>

<u>A</u>;

"Shareholder" a holder of Shares of the Company; and

#### CIRCULAR TO SHAREHOLDERS OF

### **UBS (IRL) ETF PLC**

#### 21 December 2023

## Proposed Amendment of the Constitution of UBS (Irl) ETF Plc (the "Company")

Dear Shareholder.

#### 1. Amended Constitution

We are writing to you as a Shareholder of the Company to outline the proposal to adopt the Amended Constitution.

It is proposed that, subject to your approval, the Constitution of the Company be amended as detailed in the redline of the Constitution against the Amended Constitution, subject to Central Bank requirements, and attached at <u>Schedule B</u> to this Circular.

## 2. Approval

The approval by 75% of votes cast by Shareholders present (in person or by proxy) at the extraordinary general meeting ("EGM") is necessary in order for the Amended Constitution to be adopted by the Company.

The quorum for the EGM of the Company is one Shareholder present (in person or by proxy). If within half an hour from the time appointed for the EGM, a quorum is not present, it shall be adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place or to such other day and at such other time and place as the Board may determine.

You will find, in <u>Schedule A</u>, a notice convening the EGM together with a related proxy form which will enable Shareholders to vote at the EGM by proxy rather than in person.

Shareholders who cannot attend in person are urged to complete and return the proxy forms as soon as possible and in any event no later than 10 a.m. (Irish time) on 13 January 2024.

## 3. Action to be taken

If you do not intend to attend the EGM in person, it is important that you exercise your voting rights in respect of the EGM by completing and returning your enclosed proxy form at <u>Schedule A</u> so that it will arrive by 10 a.m. (Irish time) on 13 January 2024 at the address set out in the proxy forms.

If you require any further information concerning this Circular, please contact your usual financial adviser or contact the Investment Manager at ol-etf-pfm@ubs.com.

#### 4. Recommendation

The Board believes that the resolution to be proposed at the EGM is in the best interests of the Shareholders as a whole and, accordingly, the Board strongly recommend that you vote in favour of the resolution. The proposal does not change the value of your investments. Shareholders may continue to redeem their investments in the Company free of charge on any Dealing Day in accordance with the provisions of the prospectus of the Company.

Yours faithfully	
Director, for and on behalf of UBS (Irl) ETF PIc	Director, for and on behalf of UBS (IrI) ETF PIc

The Prospectus, together with the updated supplements relating to the Funds, the updated Key Investor Information Documents (KIIDs) and PRIIPs Key Information Documents (KIDs) for the Funds, and the constitution of the Company will be available free of charge at the Company's registered office at 2nd Floor, 5 Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, Ireland and online at www.ubs.com/etf, and/or free of charge from the local representatives in the countries where the Company is registered, including in Switzerland from UBS Fund Management (Switzerland) AG, Aeschenplatz 6, 4052 Basel, Switzerland, which acts as Swiss Representative, and UBS Switzerland AG, Bahnhofstrasse 45, CH-8090 Zurich, Switzerland, which acts as the Swiss Paying.

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## Schedule A

# Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting of UBS (IrI) ETF PIc

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of UBS (Irl) ETF PIc (the "EGM") will be held at the registered office of UBS (Irl) ETF PIc (the "Company") located at Second Floor, 5 Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin D02 CK83, Ireland on 15 January 2024 at 10 a.m. (Irish time) for the purposes of transacting the following business:

## Special Resolution:

To approve the amendments to the Constitution of the Company.

By order of the Board

for and on behalf of **Dechert Secretarial Limited Company Secretary** 

Dated this 21 December 2023

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#### Notes:

- 1. The required quorum at the meeting is one (1) shareholder present in person or by proxy. If a quorum is not present within half an hour (30 minutes) from the appointed time for the meeting, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, or to such other day and at such other time and place as the Board may determine. At the adjourned meeting, if a quorum is not present within half-an-hour from the time appointed for holding the meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved.
- 2. Shareholders are entitled to attend and vote at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company (or any adjournment thereof). A shareholder may appoint a proxy or proxies to attend, speak and vote on his/her behalf. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company.
- 3. At the Extraordinary General Meeting, the resolutions put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless before, or on the declaration of the result of, the show of hands, a poll is duly demanded by the Chairman or by any shareholder present in person or by proxy. Unless a poll is so demanded, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has been carried, or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, or not carried by a particular majority and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such a resolution. a demand for a poll may be withdrawn.
- 4. On a show of hands, each shareholder present in person or by proxy shall have one vote. On a poll every shareholder present in person or by proxy shall have one (1) vote for every share held by that shareholder.
- 5. Capitalised terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meaning as set out in the prospectus of the Company.

# Form of Proxy

for

# **UBS (Irl) ETF Pic**

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of				
nominate, or failing *him/her, the Chairm director of the Company or failing one of them, Pearce Manning o member of Dechert Secretarial Limited or employee of Dechert LLP on *my/our behalf at the Extraordinary General Meeting of UBS (Irl) ETF Plc (the "Company") located at Second Floor, 5 Earlsfort Terra at 10 a.m. (Irish time) and at any adjournment thereof.	r failing him, in Ireland, as ETF to be he	Amanda A *my/our pro ld at the re	fifi or failing loxy to vote for gistered office	her any staff r *me/us and e of UBS (Irl)
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TO:  (i) approve the amendments to the Constitution  Company.	ution of the			
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#### NOTES:

- 1. Only those Shareholders registered in the Register of Members at the Voting Record Time, being 10 a.m. (Irish time) on 15 January 2024 or, if the EGM is adjourned, 10 a.m. (Irish time) forty eight hours prior to the day of the adjourned EGM shall be entitled to attend, speak, ask questions and vote at the EGM or, if relevant, any adjournment thereof. The number and value of Shares which you are entitled to vote at the EGM will be determined by reference to the Register of Members as at the Voting Record Time. Furthermore, the value attributable to each Share for the purpose of voting at the EGM shall be the Net Asset Value per Share (as calculated in accordance with the Articles of the Company) of such Share at the Voting Record Time. Changes in the Register of Members after the Voting Record Time will be disregarded in determining the right of any person to attend and/or vote at the EGM.
- 2. A Shareholder must insert his full name and registered address in type or block letters. In the case of joint holders, the signature of any one holder will be sufficient, but the names of all joint holders should be stated. In the case of joint holders the vote of the senior who tenders a vote whether in person or by proxy shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders and for this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register of Members in respect of the joint holding.
- 3. If you wish to appoint a proxy other than the Chairman of the EGM, any other Director of the Company and the other individuals specified in this Form of Proxy please insert his/her name and address in the space provided. A proxy need not be a member of the Company but must attend the Meeting in person, or any adjourned EGM, to represent you.
- 4. Where the Shareholder is an individual, this Form of Proxy may be executed by an attorney on behalf of such Shareholder duly authorised in writing to do so.
- 5. Where this Form of Proxy is executed by a corporation or body corporate, it must be executed either under its seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised.
- 6. To be valid, a completed Form of Proxy and any power of attorney under which it is signed must be received as follows:
  - (i) in the case of investors with accounts in the Clearstream system, to Clearstream electronically via COL/XACT/MT565 Swift no later than 10 a.m. (Irish time) on 13 January 2024 or, if the EGM is adjourned, 10 a.m. (Irish time) forty eight hours prior to the day of the adjourned meeting. Failure to provide Clearstream with the required information will result in the rejection of the instruction. Please note that an additional fee will apply to free format MT568/599 instructions. For inquiries, Clearstream investors are advised to contact their regular customer support team.
  - (ii) or, alternatively, to the offices of Dechert Secretarial Limited, Second Floor, 5 Earlsfort Terrace Dublin D02 CK83, Ireland as soon as possible and in any event, not later than 10 a.m. (Irish time) on 13 January 2024.
- 7. If this Form of Proxy is properly executed and returned, it will be voted in the manner directed by the Shareholder executing it or, if no directions are given, will be voted at the discretion of the Chairman of the EGM or any other person duly appointed as proxy by the Shareholder.

#### Schedule B

#### **Amended Constitution**

#### **COMPANIES ACT 2014**

#### AND

THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (UNDERTAKINGS FOR COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT IN TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES) REGULATIONS, 2011 TOGETHER WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION (UNDERTAKINGS FOR COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT IN TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES) REGULATIONS, 2016 (AS MAY BE AMENDED SUPPLEMENTED OR REPLACED FROM TIME TO TIME)

A PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES
AN OPEN-ENDED INVESTMENT COMPANY WITH VARIABLE CAPITAL CONSTITUTED AS
AN UMBRELLA FUND WITH SEGREGATED LIABILITY BETWEEN SUB-FUNDS

#### MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

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## **UBS (IRL) ETF PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY**

As amended by all Special Resolutions passed up to and including 6 November 2019

- 1 The name of the Company is "UBS (Irl) ETF Public Limited Company".
- The Company is a public limited company being an investment company with variable capital structured as an umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds having as its sole object the collective investment in either or both transferable securities and other liquid financial assets of capital raised from the public operating on the principle of risk-spreading in accordance with the referred to in Regulation 68 of The European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations. 2011 (S.I. No. 352 of 2011) as may be amended, supplemented or consolidated or substituted from time to time which for the avoidance of doubt shall include reference to the European Union (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) (Amendment Regulations) 2016. (the "Regulations") of capital raised from the public and the Company operates on the principle of risk spreading. The Company may take any measures and carry out any operations which it may deem useful to the accomplishment and development of its sole object to the full extent permitted by the Regulations and the Central Bank UCITS Regulations including the powers listed hereafter.

#### **COMPANIES ACT 2014**

#### AND

THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (UNDERTAKINGS FOR COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT IN TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES) REGULATIONS, 2011 TOGETHER WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION (UNDERTAKINGS FOR COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT IN TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES) REGULATIONS, 2016 (AS MAY BE AMENDED SUPPLEMENTED OR REPLACED FROM TIME TO TIME)

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#### ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

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## **UBS (IRL) ETF PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY**

**COMPANIES ACT 2014** 

#### **COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES**

#### ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

**OF** 

## **UBS (Irl) ETF Public Limited Company**

## 1 Interpretation

- 1.1 In these Articles, any reference to an "Article" shall be deemed to be reference to the specified Article of these Articles.
- 1.2 In these Articles the words standing in the first column of the table next hereinafter contained, shall bear the meanings set opposite to them respectively in the second column thereof if not inconsistent with the subject or context:

Words Meanings

"Administration Agreement" Any agreement for the time being subsisting to which the

Company and <u>for the Manager and</u> the Administrator are parties and relating to the appointment and duties of the

Administrator;

"Administrator" Any person appointed by the Company or, where the

Company has appointed a Manager, the Manager in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, from time to time and for the time being responsible for the provision of administration, fund accounting and related

services to the Company;

"AIF"

An alternative investment fund as defined in regulation 5(1)

of the European Union (Alternative Investment Fund Managers) Regulations 2013 (S.I. No. 257 of 2013) and/or any other collective investment undertaking meeting the criteria outlined in Regulation 68(e) of the Regulations including, where relevant and in the event of the United Kingdom becoming a third country, UCITS authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority in the United Kingdom in accordance with Directive 2009/65/EC of the European

<u>Parliament and of the Council, as amended, supplemented, consolidated or otherwise modified from time to time;</u>

"Authorised Participant"	An entity or person authorised by the Company for the purposes of subscribing for and redeeming Shares in a Fund;
"Central Bank UCITS Regulations"	The Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2015 2019 as may be amended, supplemented, consolidated, substituted in any form or otherwise modified from time to time and any related guidance issued by the Central Bank from time to time;
"Distributor"	Any person appointed by the Company or, where the Company has appointed a Manager, the Manager from time to time and for the time being responsible for the marketing and distribution of Shares;
<u>"FDI"</u>	Financial derivative instruments;
"Investment Management Agreement"	Any agreement for the time being subsisting between the Company and/or the Manager and an Investment Manager and in relation to the appointment and duties of that Investment Manager;
"Investment Manager"	Each and any person or persons appointed by the Company or, where the Company has appointed a Manager, the Manager from time to time in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank and for the time being responsible for the provision of investment management and/or investment advisory services to the Company with respect to the Company and/or any Fund;
<u>"Manager"</u>	any person firm or corporation appointed and for the time being acting as manager of the Company's affairs.
"Management Agreement"	any management agreement made between the Company and the Manager relating to the appointment and duties of the Manager as amended from time to time subject to the requirements of the Central Bank.
"Net Asset Value per Share"	The amount determined as being the net asset value per Share of any Series or Class for any particular Business Day pursuant to Article <u>15.00</u> 15.00;
"UCITS Regulations"	Thethe European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011 together with the European Union (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities S.I. 352 of 2011) Regulations, 2016as amended and as may be further amended supplemented, consolidated or replaced substituted from time to time and any statutory instrument or administrative rules issued by the Central Bank pursuant to them;

1.6 The provisions of these Articles are binding on the Company and on the Shareholders as if such persons had been party to the Articles.

## 2 Preliminary

- 2.4 The Company may also bear the following expenses:
  - (d) all remuneration, fees, costs and expenses due to the <u>Manager, the</u> Depositary, the Investment Manager, the Administrator, the Distributor, the Auditors and the legal advisers to the Company and any other person, firm or corporation providing services to the Company;
- 3 <u>Manager</u> Depositary, Administrator and Investment Manager

<u>3.1</u>

- <u>The Company, with the prior approval of the Central Bank, may appoint a person, firm or corporation to act as Manager of the Company's affairs upon such terms and conditions including the right to remuneration payable by the Company and with such powers of delegation and such restrictions as it (with the agreement of the Manager) thinks fit.</u>
- (b) A Manager appointed by the Company shall be a person approved by the Central Bank and the terms of any Management Agreement shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations.
- (c) On the appointment of any new manager, unless the Manager otherwise consents, the Directors shall request the Secretary to convene an extraordinary general meeting of Shareholders of the Company at which there shall be proposed a Special Resolution to change the name of the Company to a name not including the word "UBS" and otherwise in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. The appointment of a new Manager shall be subject to the prior approval of the Central Bank.

3.2

- 3.1-The Company shall forthwith after its incorporation and before the issue of any Shares (other than the Subscriber Shares and Shares issues solely to satisfy minimum capitalisation requirements) and subject to the prior approval of the Central Bank appoint a Depositary with responsibility for the safe custody of all of the assets of the Company, perform its duties required of a trustee and depositary as prescribed by UCITS V and to perform such other duties upon such terms, including a right of indemnity, as the Directors may from time to time (with the agreement of the Depositary) determine. The Depositary appointed shall be approved by the Central Bank to act as depositary of a UCITS pursuant to the UCITS Requirements.
- (b) 3.2-Any contract or agreement entered into by the Company with any Depositary (other than the initial Depositary Agreement entered into by the Company in accordance with the provisions of Article 3.2(a)3.2) and any variation to any such contract or agreement then in force made after the issue of Shares (other than the Subscriber Shares) shall be subject to prior approval by the Central Bank, and shall reflect the regulatory obligations of the Depositary specified in the Regulations.
- (c) 3.4 The Depositary may pursuant to the Depositary Agreement, subject always to the requirements of the Central Bank and the Regulations, appoint sub-custodians, nominees, agents or other delegates to perform in whole or in part any of its duties or exercise any of its discretions as a depositary.

<u>3.3</u>

Without prejudice to the generality of Article 25, the Company, or where the Company has appointed a Manager, the Manager may appoint a person, firm or corporation to act as Investment Manager to the Company and such appointment may delegate and entrust to and confer upon that Investment Manager so appointed any of the powers, duties, discretions and/or functions exercisable by the Company or the Manager, upon such terms and conditions (including the right to remuneration payable by the Company and a right of indemnity) and with such powers of delegation and such restrictions as they think fit and either collaterally with or to the exclusion of their own powers provided that in the event that the Investment Manager shall resign or its appointment shall otherwise terminate under the terms of the Investment Management Agreement the Company and the Manager shall use their best endeavours to procure that some other person, firm or corporation to act as Investment Manager of any or all of the

powers from time to time entrusted to or conferred upon the Investment Manager in accordance with this Article 3.3 shall at all times remain subject to the supervision of the Company and the Manager and the Company and the Manager shall at all times retain the right to issue directions to the Investment Manager regarding the exercise by the Investment Manager of the said powers.

The terms of appointment of any Investment Manager may authorise such Investment Manager to appoint (with powers of sub-delegation) one or more sub-investment managers or other agents at the expense of the Investment Manager or otherwise and to delegate any of its functions and duties to any person or persons so appointed, provided that such appointment or appointments shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank and provided further that any such appointment shall terminate forthwith on termination of the appointment of the Investment Manager.

3.4

- (a) The Company, or where the Company has appointed a Manager, the Manager may appoint a person, firm or corporation to act as Administrator of the Company for the purpose of administering the affairs of the Company and, in each case, to perform such other duties upon such terms and conditions including the right to remuneration payable by the Company as the Directors may from time to time (with the agreement of the said Investment Adviser or Administrator) determine.
- (b) The appointment of an Administrator shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.

3.5

- (a) The Company, or where the Company has appointed a Manager, the Manager may appoint one or more persons, firms or corporations to act as distributor(s) for the purpose of marketing and distributing the Shares of the Company and to perform such other duties upon such terms and conditions including the right to remuneration payable by the Company as the Directors may from time to time (with the agreement of the said distributors) determine.
- (b) The appointment of a Distributor shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.

## 6 Share Certificates

The share certificates, if any, issued pursuant to Article **Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden** werden. shall be in such form as the Directors and the Depositary shall agree from time to time. Share certificates issued on behalf of the Company shall be signed by a Director on behalf of the Company and the Depositary each of whose signatures may be reproduced mechanically.

## 7 Permitted Investments

A Fund may invest up to 100% of its net assets in different transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by any Member State or any local authority of a Member State or by OECD Governments (provided the relevant issues are investment grade), Government of the People's Republic of China, Government of Brazil (provided the issues are of investment grade), Government of India (provided the issues are of investment grade), Government of Singapore, European Investment Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Finance Corporation, International Monetary Fund, Euratom, The Asian Development Bank, European Central Bank, Council of Europe, Eurofima, African Development Bank, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (The World Bank), The Inter American Development Bank, European Union, Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae), Student Loan Marketing Association (Sallie Mae), Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Tennessee Valley Authority or Straight-A Funding LLC.

## 10 Qualified Holders

10.1 Any person or persons to whom Article Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden., and Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden. shall apply shall indemnify the Directors, the Company, the Manager, the Administrator, the Depositary, the Investment Manager and the Shareholders (each an "Indemnified Party") from any claims, demands, proceedings, liabilities, damages,

losses, costs and expenses directly or indirectly suffered or incurred by such Indemnified Party arising out of or in connection with the failure of such person to comply with his obligations pursuant to this Article 10.00.

## 12 Total Redemption

12.1 The Company may (but is not obliged to) redeem all (but not some) of the Shares of any Series or Class then in issue in a Fund if Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden. the Shareholders of the relevant Fund pass a special resolution providing for such redemption at a general meeting of the holders of the Shares of that Class; Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden. the redemption of the Shares in that Class is approved by a resolution in writing signed by all of the holders of the Shares in that Class of the relevant Fund: Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden, the Directors and/or the Manager deem it appropriate because of adverse political, economic, fiscal or regulatory changes affecting the relevant Fund in any way; Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden. the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund falls below such amount as may be determined by the Directors and specified in the Prospectus or the prevailing currency equivalent in the currency in which Shares of the relevant Fund are denominated; Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden. the Shares in the relevant Fund, if listed, cease to be listed on a stock exchange; Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden. the Shares are or become owned directly or indirectly by a person defined in the Prospectus as a "Prohibited Person"; Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden. the Directors and/or the Manager deem it appropriate for any other reason; or Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden. a period of ninety days has expired since the date on which the Depositary served notice of retirement on the Company or the date on which notice of the termination of the appointment of the Depositary is served on the Depositary by the Company or since the date on which the Depositary ceases to be qualified to act as Depositary under the Regulations and no replacement Depositary has been appointed by the Company.

## 14 Compulsory Conversion

- 14.1 The Company may, without prejudice to any rights previously conferred on the holders of any existing class of shares, compulsorily convert all or any Shares of one class in a Fund (the "X Class") for Shares of any class of the same Fund (the "Y Class") by not less than four weeks' notice expiring on a Dealing Day to holders of Shares in the X Class (the "Compulsory Conversion Notice") on the following terms:-
  - (a) The exchange of the Shares specified in the Compulsory Conversion Notice pursuant to this Article shall occur on the Dealing Day the Compulsory Exchange Notice expires;
  - (b) Conversion of the Shares of the X Class as specified in the Compulsory Conversion Notice shall be effected in the following manner, that is to say:-
    - such Shares of the X Class shall be repurchased by the issue of Shares of the Y Class;
    - the Shares of the Y Class shall be issued in respect of and in proportion to (or as nearly as may be in proportion to) the holding of the Shares of the X Class which is being converted; and
    - the proportion in which Shares of the Y Class are to be issued in respect of Shares of the X Class shall be determined in accordance with the following provisions of this Article.
  - (c) The Directors shall determine the number of Shares of the Y Class to be issued on conversion in accordance with the formula as outlined in the Prospectus;
  - (d) The conversion of the Shares of the X Class for Shares of the Y Class shall take place on the Dealing

    Day as specified in the Compulsory Conversion Notice and the holder's entitlement to Shares as recorded in the Register shall be altered accordingly with effect from that Dealing Day.
  - (e) A compulsory conversion of Shares as an initial investment in a Class Fund will only be made if the value of the Shares to be converted is equal to or exceeds the Minimum Shareholding for the relevant Class Fund.
  - (f) In the event of a compulsory conversion as set out in this Article 14 where there is more than one class of Shares in a Fund the conversion can only be effected where the holder of Shares of the X Class satisfies the criteria laid down by the Directors for investment in the Y Class of Shares in the Fund.

## **15 14**-Determination of Net Asset Value

15.7 Notice of any such suspension shall be published by the Company at its registered office and in such newspapers and through such other media in such manner as the Directors may from time to time determine, if in the opinion of the Directors, it is likely to exceed thirty days, and shall be transmitted deem appropriate to notify the persons likely to be affected thereby and given immediately to the Central Bank and the Shareholders in any event within the Business Day on which such suspension took effect. Shareholders who have requested the issue or redemption of Shares of any Series or Class will have their subscription or redemption request dealt with on the first Business Day after the suspension has been lifted unless applications or redemption requests have been withdrawn prior to the lifting of the suspension. Where possible, all reasonable steps will be taken to bring any period of suspension to an end as soon as possible.

## **16 45** Valuation of Assets

- 16.1 The value of the assets of the Company shall be determined as follows:
  - (b) The value of any instrument or security which is not listed or traded on a Recognised Market, or which is so listed or traded on a Recognised Market but for which the market price is unrepresentative or not available shall be the probable realisation value as estimated with care and in good faith which may be further described in the Prospectus by (i) the Directors or <a href="tel:the Manager or of of the Manager or of the Manager or of of the Directors and approved for the purpose by the Depositary or (iii) any other means provided that the value is approved by the Depositary. Where reliable market quotations are not available for fixed income securities the value of such securities may be determined using matrix methodology compiled by the Directors whereby such securities are valued by reference to the valuation of other securities which are comparable in rating, yield, due date and other characteristics.
  - (f) The value of any off-exchange traded derivative contracts shall be the probable realisation value estimated with care and in good faith (which may be further described in the Prospectus) by the Directors or <a href="mailto:the Manager or">the Manager or</a> a competent person approved for such purpose by the Depositary, or by such other means provided that the value is approved by the Depositary.
- 16.4 15.4 In determining the Company's Net Asset Value per Share, all assets and liabilities initially expressed in foreign currencies will be converted into the Base Currency of the Company using market rates. If such quotations are not available, the rate of exchange will be determined to be the probable realisation value estimated with care and in good faith by the Directors or the Manager.
- 16.5 The liabilities of the Company shall be deemed to include any and all actual or estimated liabilities of whatsoever nature of the Company (except liabilities taken into account in determining the value of the assets of the Company under Article 16.1 above) including, without limitation to the generality of the foregoing:
  - (a) all administrative and professional fees and expenses payable and/or accrued including, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, all remuneration, fees, costs and expenses payable by the Company and/or accrued and/or estimated to be payable by the Company to the Manager, the Depositary, the Administrator and the legal advisers of the Company and to any other person, firm or corporation providing services to the Company and all other projected expenses as the Directors consider fair and reasonable and properly payable out of the assets of the Company and all value added tax chargeable, if any, in respect of the provision of any of the foregoing services to the Company;
- 16.6 Without prejudice to their general powers to delegate their functions, the Directors may delegate any of their functions in relation to the calculation of Net Asset Values and Net Asset Values per Share to the Manager, the Administrator or to any duly authorised person. In the absence of bad faith or manifest error, every decision taken by the Directors or any duly authorised person on behalf of the Company in calculating a Net Asset Value or Net Asset Value per Share, shall be final and binding on the Company and on present, past and future Shareholders.

## 19 General Meetings

The rights attached to any class of Shares may, whether or not the Company is being wound up, be varied or abrogated with the sanction of a Special Resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of the shares of that class. To every such separate general meeting the provisions of these Articles relating to general meetings shall apply.

## **20** Notice of General Meetings

- 20.1 19.1 AtSubject to the provisions of the Companies Act permitting a general meeting to be called by shorter notice, at least twenty one Clear Days' notice specifying the place, the day and the hour of the meeting, and in the case of special business the general nature of such business (and in the case of an annual general meeting specifying the meeting as such) shall be given in the manner hereinafter mentioned to such persons as are under the provisions of these Articles or the conditions of issue of the Shares held by them entitled to receive notices from the Company.
- <u>20.2</u> The Directors, the Manager, the Depositary, the Administrator, the Investment Manager and the Auditors shall be entitled to receive notice of and attend and speak at any general meeting of the Company.

## **27** Proceedings of Directors

- 27.2 26.2 The Directors may meet together for the dispatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit. Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes and where there is an equality of votes, the chairperson shall have a second or casting vote. A Director may, and the Secretary on the requisition of a Director shall, at any time summon a Board meeting.
- 27.10 26.10 The Directors may, whether by standing resolution or otherwise, delegate their powers relating to the issue and re-purchase of Shares and the calculation of Net Asset Value and Net Asset Values per Share and all management and administrative duties in relation to the Company to the Manager, the Administrator or to any duly authorised officer or other person subject to such terms and conditions as the Directors in their absolute discretion may resolve.

## 31 Dividends and Participation

- 30.1 The Company may in general meeting declare dividends on the Shares, or on any Class, but no dividend shall exceed the amount recommended by Directors and no dividends shall be payable in respect of the Subscriber Shares or Shares issued solely to comply with minimum capitalisation requirements. The Company may establish different dividend policies for different Classes within any Series or Class of Shares and the Company may create both accumulating and distributing Classes in any Series or Class of Shares.
- 31.1 Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act, the Directors may declare such dividends on Shares as appear to the Directors to be justified.
- 31.2 The Directors may, before recommending or declaring any dividend, set aside out of the funds legally available for distribution such sums as they think proper as a reserve or reserves which shall, at the discretion of the Directors, be applicable for meeting contingencies, or for equalising dividends or for any other purpose to which those funds may be properly applied and pending such application may, at the like discretion, either be employed in the business of the Company or be invested in such investments as the Directors may from time to time think fit.

## 31.3 The Directors may:-

- (a) if they think fit declare and pay such dividends in respect of any Shares of any Fund or Class in the Company as appear to the Directors to be justified, subject to any policy statement in relation to dividends in the Prospectus:
- (b) <u>in their absolute discretion differentiate between the Shares in any Fund and Shares in different Classes</u> within the same Fund as to the dividends declared on such Shares.
- 31.4 The dividend policy for each Fund or Class will be specified in the Prospectus.
- 31.7 Subject to Article Fehler! Unbekanntes Schalterargument.31.1 the amount available for distribution by the Company in respect of any Accounting Period and any Series or Class shall be a sum equal to the net income (including dividend and interest income) received by the Company in respect of Investments attributable to the relevant Series or Class and/or the excess, if any, of realised and unrealised capital gains over realised and unrealised capital losses attributable to the relevant Series or Class, or out of the capital of the relevant Fund in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, subject to such adjustments as may be appropriate under the following headings:

(g) deduction of such sum as the Company with the approval of the Auditors may think appropriate in respect of the Preliminary Expenses and Duties and Charges, including, without limitation, all fees and expenses payable to the Manager, the Administrator, the Depositary and the Investment Manager and all expenses of and incidental to any amendments to the Memorandum and Articles of Association for the purpose of securing that the Company conforms to legislation coming into force after the date of incorporation hereof and any other amendments made pursuant to a resolution of the Company, expenses comprising all costs, charges, professional fees and disbursements bona fide incurred in respect of the computation, claiming or reclaiming of all taxation reliefs and payments, and any interest paid or payable on borrowings provided always that the Company shall not be responsible for any error in any estimates of corporation tax repayments or double taxation relief expected to be obtained or of any sums payable by way of taxation or of income receivable, and if the same shall not prove in all respects correct, the Directors shall ensure that any consequent deficiency or surplus shall be adjusted in the Accounting Period in which a further or final settlement is made of such tax repayment or liability or claim to relief or in the amount of any such estimated income receivable, and no adjustment shall be made to any dividend previously declared;

## **35** Winding Up

- 35.3 The Directors shall have the power to propose and implement a reconstruction and/or amalgamation of the Company or any Fund on such terms and conditions as are approved by the Directors subject to the following conditions namely:
  - (a) that the prior approval of the Central Bank has been obtained; and
  - (b) that the Shareholders in the relevant Fund have been circulated with particulars of the scheme of reconstruction and/or amalgamation in a form approved by the Directors and a special resolution of the Shareholders in the relevant Fund has been passed approving the said scheme.

The relevant scheme of reconstruction and/or amalgamation shall take effect on such conditions being satisfied or on such later date as the scheme may provide or as the Directors may determine where upon the terms of such scheme shall be binding on all the Shareholders and the Directors shall have the power to and shall do all such acts and things as may be necessary for the implementation thereof.

## 36 Indemnity

- The Manager, the Depositary, the Administrator, the Investment Manager and any other service provider to the Company shall be entitled to such indemnity from the Company upon such terms and subject to such conditions and exceptions and with such entitlement to have recourse to the assets of the Company with a view to meeting and discharging the cost thereof as shall be provided under the Depositary Agreement, the Administration Agreement, the Investment Management Agreement or other service agreement, if any, (as applicable) PROVIDED THAT in the case of the Depositary no such indemnity shall extend to any matters arising from breach of the minimum standard of liability applicable to the Depositary pursuant to the Regulations and UCITS V.
- 36.3 The Company, the Directors, the Manager, the Depositary, the Administrator, the Investment Manager and any other service provider to the Company shall be entitled to rely absolutely on any declaration received from a Shareholder as to residence or otherwise of such Shareholder and shall not incur any liability in respect of any action taken or thing suffered by any of them in good faith in reliance upon any paper or document believed to be genuine and to have been sealed or signed by the proper parties nor be in any way liable for any forged or unauthorised signature on or any common seal affixed to any such document or for acting on or giving effect to any such forged or unauthorised signature or common seal but shall be entitled though not bound to require the signature of any person to be verified by a banker, broker or other responsible person or otherwise authenticated to its or their satisfaction.
- The Company, the Directors, the Manager, the Depositary, the Administrator, the Investment Manager and any other service provider to the Company shall incur no liability to the Shareholders for doing or (as the case may be) failing to do any act or thing which by reason of any provision of any present or future law or regulation made pursuant thereto, or of any decree, order or judgment of any court, or by reason of any request announcement or similar action (whether of binding legal effect or not) which may be taken or made by any person or body acting with or purporting to exercise the authority of any government (whether legally or otherwise) either they or any of them shall be directed or requested to do or perform or to forbear from doing or performing. If for any reason it becomes impossible or impracticable to carry out any of the provisions of these Articles neither the Company nor the Director nor, subject to the terms of the Depositary Agreement, the

Administration Agreement, the Investment Management Agreement, or other service agreement, if any, (as applicable), the Depositary nor the Administrator nor the Investment Manager nor any other service provider, shall be under any liability therefore or thereby. This Article shall not, however, exempt the Company, any manager, any Investment Manager, any sub-investment manager, any investment adviser, the Administrator, the Depositary, or any distributor from any liability they may incur as a result of a failure to adhere to their obligations as set out in the Companies Act, the Regulations and/or UCITS V.

## 40 Dealings by Manager, Administrator, Investment Manager and Depositary

- 40.1 Any person being the Manager, the Investment Manager, the Depositary or the Administrator and any associate or affiliate of the Manager, the Investment Manager, the Depositary or the Administrator may:
  - (a) subject to Article 10, become the owner of Shares and hold, dispose or otherwise deal with Shares;
  - (b) deal in property of any description on its own notwithstanding the fact that property of that description is included in the property of the Company; or
  - (c) act as principal or agent in the sale or purchase of property to or from the Company without having to account to the Company, to the Shareholders or to any other person for any profits or benefits made by or derived from or in connection with any such transaction, provided that such transaction is carried out as if effected on normal commercial terms negotiated at arm's length and is in the best interest of Shareholders and:
    - (i) a certified valuation of such transaction by a person approved by the Depositary (or the Directors in the case of a transaction involving the Depositary) as independent and competent has been obtained;
    - (ii) such transaction has been executed on best terms on organised investment exchanges under their rules; or
    - (iii) where **Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden.** and (ii) are not practical, such transaction has been executed on terms which the Depositary is satisfied (or in the case of a transaction involving the Depositary, on terms which the Directors are satisfied) conform with the principle that such transactions be carried out as if effected on normal commercial terms negotiated at arm's length and in the best interest of Shareholders.

## Appendix I

## **Recognised Markets**

With the exception of permitted investments in unlisted securities <u>and over the counter financial derivative instruments</u>, the Company will only invest in securities <u>and financial derivative instruments listed or traded on a stock exchanges and regulated exchange or market (including derivative markets) which which meet <u>with</u> the regulatory criteria (regulated, operate regularly, be recognised and open to the public) and which are listed in the Prospectus. <u>The Central Bank does not issue a list of approved stock exchanges or markets.</u></u>