

# NCM Alternative Assets, fonds à risque particulier

Contractual umbrella fund under Swiss law in the "other funds for alternative investments" category with specific risks for qualified investors

Fund contract with information memorandum

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Bank J. Safra Sarasin SA Elisabethenstrasse 62 4002 Basel "NCM Alternative Assets, fonds à risque particulier" is an umbrella fund under Swiss law in the "other funds for alternative investments" category with specific risks. The sub-funds use investment techniques whose risks cannot be compared to those of funds with traditional investments; in particular, the subfunds may have significant leverage. Investors must be prepared to bear potential capital losses, which may be substantial or even total. However, the fund management company and the asset manager endeavour to minimise these risks. In addition to market and currency risks, investors should be aware of risks relating to management, the tradability of units, the liquidity of investments, the impact of redemptions, unit prices, service providers, lack of transparency and legal matters. These risks are detailed in the information memorandum.

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#### I. Basics

# § 1 Name; company name and registered office of the fund management company, custodian and asset manager.

1. Under the name NCM Alternative Assets, fonds à risque particulier, there exists a contractual umbrella fund under Swiss law in the "other funds for alternative investments" category with specific risks for qualified investors (hereinafter "the umbrella fund" or the "Fund") within the meaning of Art. 25 et seqq., in connection with Art. 68 et seqq., and in connection with Art. 92 et seqq. of the Swiss Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes of 23 June 2006 (CISA). This fund is divided into sub-funds as follows:

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Each sub-fund is only liable for its own commitments.

- The fund management company (hereinafter "the management company") is J. Safra Sarasin Investmentfonds SA, Basel
- 3. The custodian is Bank J. Safra Sarasin SA, Basel
- The asset manager is Noble Capital Management (NCM) SA, Collonge-Bellerive
- 5. Investor eligibility for the fund NCM Alternative Assets fonds à risque particulier is limited to qualified investors according to § 5 below.
- 6. Pursuant to Art. 10 para. 5 CISA and Art. 50 FinSA, at the request of the fund management company and the custodian, the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA has approved an exemption for this investment fund from the following provisions relating to:
  - a) the obligation to publish a semi-annual report;
  - b) the obligation to grant investors the right to terminate the contract at any time;
  - the obligation to publish the issue and redemption prices or the net asset value;
  - risk-spreading, with the exception of the provisions set forth in § 15.

FINMA has also exempted this fund from the obligation to publish a prospectus within the meaning of Art. 50 of the Federal Act on Financial Services of 15 June 2018 (FinSA). At the request of the fund management company and the custodian and in accordance with Art. 78 para. 4 CISA, FINMA has approved an exemption for this investment fund from the obligation to issue and redeem units in cash.

# II. Rights and obligations of the contracting parties

# § 2 Investment fund contract

The legal relationship between the investors on the one hand and the fund management company and custodian on the other is governed by this investment fund contract and the applicable legal provisions of the Collective Investment Schemes Act.

# § 3 Fund management company

- The fund management company manages the sub-funds on behalf of the investors, independently and in its own name. In particular, it has discretion over the issuance of units, investments and their valuation. It calculates net asset values, sets the issue and redemption prices of the units and decides on the distribution of profits. It exercises all the rights of the umbrella fund or sub-funds.
- 2. The fund management company and its agents are subject to a duty of loyalty, a duty to proceed with due diligence and a duty to provide information. They act independently and exclusively in the interests of investors. They implement the organisational measures that are necessary for irreproachable management. They report on the collective investments that they manage and provide investors with information on all fees and costs incurred directly or indirectly and on the remuneration received from third parties in the form of commissions, rebates and other financial benefits.
- 3. The fund management company may delegate investment decisions for all or some of the sub-funds as well as certain tasks to third parties, whenever this may be in the interests of ensuring appropriate management. It only appoints people who have the required skills, knowledge and experience, as well as the necessary authorisations, in order to perform these activities. It instructs and carefully supervises the persons it has appointed.
  - Investment decisions may only be delegated to asset managers in possession of the requisite authorisation. The fund management company remains responsible for compliance with prudential obligations and ensures that the interests of investors are protected when tasks are delegated. The fund management company is responsible for its own actions as well as the actions of the persons it has entrusted with these tasks.
- With the consent of the custodian, the fund management company submits amendments to this investment fund contract to the supervisory authority for approval (see § 26).
- The fund management company may merge certain subfunds with other sub-funds or with other investment funds in accordance with the provisions of § 24 or dissolve such sub-funds in accordance with the provisions of § 25.
- 6. The fund management company is entitled to the remuneration provided for in §§ 18 and 19, to be released from the commitments entered into in the proper execution of the collective investment agreement and to be reimbursed for the costs incurred in the execution of these commitments.

# § 4 Custodian

- The custodian is responsible for the safekeeping of the sub-funds' assets. It issues and redeems fund units and manages payment transfers on behalf of the sub-funds.
- 2. The custodian and its agents are subject to a duty of loyalty, a duty to proceed with due diligence and a duty to

provide information. They act independently and exclusively in the interests of investors. They implement the organisational measures that are necessary for irreproachable management. They report on the collective investments in their custody and provide investors with information on all fees and costs incurred directly or indirectly and on the remuneration received from third parties, particularly in the form of commissions, rebates and other financial benefits.

- 3. The custodian is responsible for keeping accounts and deposits, but may not itself dispose of the assets therein.
- 4. For transactions involving the assets of the investment fund or the sub-funds, it guarantees that payments are submitted to it within the usual timeframes. The custodian informs the fund management company if payments are not made within the usual time limits and requires the counterparty to restitute the asset value, insofar as this is possible.
- The custodian manages the obligatory registers and accounts to ensure that the assets held in custody belonging to each of the various collective investment schemes may be identified at all times.
  - It verifies the fund management company's ownership of assets and manages the corresponding registers when the assets cannot be held in custody.
- 6. The custodian may transfer the responsibility for the safe-keeping of the sub-funds' assets to third-party custodians and central securities depositories in Switzerland or abroad, provided that appropriate custody is assured. It ensures that the third-party custodian or central securities depository it appoints:
  - has an adequate business structure, financial guarantees and the technical qualifications required for the type and complexity of the assets entrusted to it;
  - is subject to regular external verification which guarantees that the financial instruments are in its possession;
  - safeguards the assets received from the custodian in a manner allowing the latter to identify them unmistakeably at any time as belonging to the fund's assets, by regularly cross-checking the portfolio and the accounts;
  - complies with the instructions applicable to the custodian for performing the tasks for which it was appointed and preventing conflicts of interest.
    - The custodian shall be liable for any damage caused by an agent unless it can prove that it exercised due care in selecting, instructing and supervising the agent.

Safekeeping of financial instruments may only be entrusted as set out in the paragraph above to a third party or central securities depository that is subject to supervision. This rule does not apply to obligatory custody at a location where delegation to a third party or to a central securities depository subject to supervision is not possible, in particular due

to legally binding restrictions or the terms of the investment product.

- 7. The custodian ensures that the fund management company complies with the law and the investment fund contract. It verifies that net asset value calculations, unit issue and redemption prices and decisions relating to the investments are compliant with the law and the investment fund contract, and that any revenue is used in accordance with said contract. The custodian is not responsible for the choice of investments made by the fund management company within the limits of the provisions on investments.
- 8. The custodian is entitled to the remuneration provided for in §§ 18 and 19, to be released from the commitments entered into in the proper execution of the collective investment agreement and to be reimbursed for the necessary costs incurred in the fulfilment of these commitments.
- The custodian is not responsible for the safekeeping of the assets of the target funds in which the sub-funds invest, unless this task has been delegated to it.
- 10. The custody of the assets of the sub-funds in the form of physical precious metals may only be undertaken by the custodian bank or sub-custodian banks in Switzerland, with a guarantee of segregation of the assets for each sub-fund (non-fungibility) for which it shall be held liable.

#### § 5 Investors

- Investor eligibility for NCM Alternative Assets, fonds à risque particulier, is limited to qualified investors according to Art. 10 para. 3 and 3ter CISA. Together with the custodian, the fund management company ensures that investors meet the eligibility requirements.
- 2. On concluding a contract and paying in cash, investors acquire a claim against the fund management company to participate in the assets and income of a sub-fund of the umbrella fund in accordance with the fund units they acquire. A contribution in kind may be made instead of a cash payment in accordance with § 17 para. 7 at the request of the investor and with the approval of the fund management company. The investors' claim is based on units.
- Investors are only entitled to the assets and income of the sub-funds in which they participate. Each sub-fund is only liable for its own commitments.
- Investors are only bound as regards payment for units in the sub-fund for which they have subscribed. They are not personally liable for the commitments of the fund or subfunds, respectively.
- 5. The fund management company shall at all times inform investors of the basis for calculating the net asset value of the units. If investors wish to obtain detailed information from the management company regarding specific operations, such as the exercise of membership and creditors' rights, risk management, or contributions or payments in kind, the management company provides the

- information requested in a timely manner. The investors may apply to the court with jurisdiction over the registered office of the fund management company to have the audit company or another expert investigate the matter requiring clarification and furnish the investors with a report.
- 6. Investors may terminate the fund contract on a daily basis and request the redemption of their units in the relevant sub-fund in cash. A redemption in kind may be made instead of a redemption in cash in accordance with § 17 para. 7 at the request of the investor and with the approval of the fund management company.
- 7. On request, investors must prove to the fund management company and/or the custodian and their agents that they meet or continue to meet the legal or contractual requirements for participation in a sub-fund. They must also immediately inform the fund management company and its agents if they no longer meet these requirements.
- 8. The fund management company, in cooperation with the custodian, must conduct an enforced redemption of the investor's units at the relevant redemption price if:
  - this is necessary to safeguard the reputation of the financial market, and specifically to combat money laundering;
  - b) the investor no longer meets the statutory, regulatory or contractual requirements, or the requirements set out in the articles of association, for participation in a sub-fund.
- Furthermore, the fund management company, in cooperation with the custodian, may conduct an enforced redemption of the investor's units at the relevant redemption price if:
  - the investor's participation in a sub-fund is likely to have a significant impact on the economic interests of the other investors, in particular when the participation may result in tax disadvantages for the umbrella fund and/or a sub-fund in Switzerland and abroad;
  - b) investors have acquired or hold their units in violation of Swiss or foreign law or of this fund contract;
  - c) the economic interests of investors are affected, particularly in cases where certain investors are attempting to make money through systematic subscriptions followed by immediate redemptions so as to exploit the time lags between the fixing of closing prices and the valuation of the sub-funds' assets (market timing).

# § 6 Units and unit classes

1. For each sub-fund, the fund management company may create, liquidate or merge unit classes at any time, subject to the consent of the custodian bank and the approval of the supervisory authority. All unit classes entitle investors to a share in the total assets of the sub-fund; the sub-fund is not segmented. This participation may differ due to class-specific charges, costs, or distributions, and the various unit classes of a sub-fund may therefore have a

- different net asset value per unit. The assets of the subfund as a whole are used to cover class-specific costs.
- 2. The fund management company announces the creation, dissolution or merging of unit classes in the media of publication. Only a merger is deemed to be an amendment to the fund contract within the meaning of § 26.
- 3. The various unit classes of the sub-funds may differ in terms of cost structure, reference currency, currency hedging, distribution or accumulation of income, minimum investment amount and investor eligibility. Remuneration and expenses are only charged to the unit classes to which a specific service has been provided. Remuneration and expenses that cannot be allocated with certainty to a given unit class are distributed among all classes in proportion to the share of each class in the assets of the sub-fund.
- 4. The sub-funds are divided into the following unit classes: "A" classes, which are unit classes restricted to qualified investors in accordance with § 5 para. 1 who have entered into an advisory, management or cooperation agreement with Noble Capital Management (NCM) SA; these are accumulation unit classes.
  - "D" classes, which are unit classes restricted to qualified investors in accordance with § 5 para. 1; these are distribution unit classes.
- Units are not issued as securities, but are accounted for.
   The investor is not entitled to insist upon the issuance of a registered or bearer certificate.

# III. Investment policy guidelines

# A Investment principles

# § 7 Compliance with investment guidelines

- In selecting the investments of each sub-fund, the management company observes the principle of weighted risk diversification, in accordance with the limits expressed as percentages below. These limits apply to the assets of each sub-fund estimated at market value and must be complied with at all times. Each sub-fund must be in compliance with the investment limits six months after the expiry of the subscription period (launch).
- When limits are exceeded due to market fluctuations, investment volumes must be reduced to the allowable rate within a reasonable period of time, taking into account the interests of investors. If limitations in connection with derivatives are affected by a change in the delta in accordance with § 12 below, the regular statement must be drawn up within three bank business days at the latest, while safeguarding the interests of investors.

# § 8 Investment policy

 The fund management company may, within the framework of the specific investment policy of each sub-fund, invest the assets of each sub-fund in the investments listed below:

- a) Transferable securities, i.e. securities issued on a large scale, in non-securitised rights having the same function (uncertified securities) and which are traded on a stock exchange or other regulated market that is open to the public, and which incorporate a right of participation or claim or the right to acquire such securities or security rights by subscription or exchange, such as warrants; Investments in newly issued transferable securities are only permitted if their admission to a stock exchange or other regulated market open to the public
  - are only permitted if their admission to a stock exchange or other regulated market open to the public is provided for in the terms of issue. Securities that have not been admitted to the stock exchange or to another market open to the public within one year of their acquisition must be sold within one month or handled in accordance with the limitation rules set out in para. 1 letter i.
- b) Derivatives if (i) their underlying assets are represented by transferable securities as per letter a, derivatives as per letter b, commodities, units in collective investment schemes as per letter d, money market instruments as per letter e, precious metals as per letter g, physical gold as per letter h, financial indices, interest rates, exchange rates, credits or currencies, and (ii) their underlying assets are eligible for investment in accordance with the fund contract. Derivatives are traded on a stock exchange or other regulated market open to the public or OTC;
  - OTC transactions are only permitted if (i) the counterparty is a financial intermediary specialising in such transactions and subject to supervision, and (ii) if the OTC derivatives are traded on a daily basis, or it is possible to request redemption from the issuer at any time. Moreover, it must be possible to value them in a reliable and clear manner. Derivative financial instruments may be used in accordance with § 12.
- Structured products if (i) their underlying assets are represented by transferable securities as per letter a, derivatives as per letter b, structured products as per letter c, commodities, units in collective investment schemes as per letter d, money market instruments as per letter e, precious metals as per letter g, physical gold as per letter h, financial indices, interest rates, exchange rates, credits or currencies, and (ii) their underlying assets are eligible for investment in accordance with the fund contract. Structured products are traded on a stock exchange or other regulated market open to the public or OTC; OTC transactions are only permitted if (i) the counterparty is a financial intermediary specialising in such transactions and subject to supervision, and (ii) the OTC derivatives are traded on a daily basis, or it is possible to request redemption from the issuer at any time. Moreover, it must be possible to value them in a reliable and clear manner.

- Units of other collective investment schemes (target funds) if (i) their documentation limits their investment in other target funds to 49% in total; (ii) the provisions governing these target funds - as regards their purpose, their organisation, their investment policy, investor protection, risk diversification, ringfenced custody of fund assets, borrowing, lending, short selling of securities and money market instruments, issuance and redemption of units, and the contents of annual and semi-annual reports are comparable to those of a fund investing in transferable securities or another traditional investment fund or another alternative investment fund; and (iii) these target funds are authorised as collective investment schemes in the country in which they are headquartered and are subject in this country to supervision to protect investors comparable to that exercised in Switzerland, and international administrative assistance is guaranteed.
  - Subject to § 19, the management company may acquire units in target funds that are directly or indirectly managed by it or by a company with which it is linked by common management, control or a substantial direct or indirect participating interest.
- e) Money market instruments if these are liquid and can be valued and are traded on a stock exchange or other regulated market that is open to the public; money market instruments that are not traded on a stock exchange or other regulated market open to the public may only be acquired if the issue or issuer is subject to provisions regarding creditor or investor protection and if the instruments are issued or guaranteed by the issuer in accordance with Art. 74, para. 2 CISO.
- f) Sight or time deposits with a term to maturity not exceeding twelve months held with banks domiciled in Switzerland or in a member state of the European Union or in another country provided that the bank is subject to supervision in that country which is equivalent to the standard of supervision in Switzerland
- Precious metals in the form of precious-metal accounts (Gold, Silver, Platinum and Palladium).
- h) Gold in physical form (in standard unit bars, including 12.5kg, 100g and 1kg, with a purity of 995/1000 or more). The Fund may hold physical gold both as a hedge and for investment purposes, deposited with a Swiss bank.
- Investments other than those mentioned under letters a to h, up to a maximum total of 10% of the fund's assets.
- The objective of the fund management company is to outperform physical gold holdings by means of derivatives on precious metals, physical gold, currencies and commodities. To do this, the fund management company invests

the assets of the NCM Enhanced Physical Gold Macro sub-fund as follows, subject to the limits under letter c):

- a) Up to 100%:
  - aa) Physical gold, as per para. 1 letter h;
  - ab) Precious-metal accounts, as per para. 1 letter g;
  - ac) units of other collective investment schemes which, according to their documents, invest their assets in accordance with investments listed above in aa) to ab);
  - ad) derivatives (including warrants) with one of the investments listed above from aa) to ac), currencies or commodities as an underlying asset.

The fund management company will ensure that at all times direct exposure to gold is at least 60%.

- b) Subject to letter c), the fund management company may also invest a maximum of 40% of the fund's assets in:
  - ba) sight and time deposits;
  - bb) money market instruments;
  - bc) securities and participation rights (shares, dividend right certificates, company shares, participation certificates and related rights) of companies worldwide:
  - bd) zero coupon bonds, coupon bonds, convertible bonds, convertible notes, option bonds, notes and other fixed- or floating-rate debt securities and rights, denominated in US dollars or in any currency, issued by private, public or semipublic issuers worldwide;
  - be) units of other collective investment schemes which, according to their documents, invest their assets in accordance with letter bb), bc) and bd);
  - bf) structured products on the above-mentioned investments from aa) to be);
  - bg) derivatives with any of the above investments from aa) to bf) as their underlying asset;
- In addition, the fund management company must comply with the following investment restrictions for the entirety of the fund's assets:
  - a maximum of 35% of the sub-fund's assets in non-investment grade bonds, i.e. bonds with a rating of less than BBB- or with no rating issued by issuers in emerging markets and in alternative collective investment schemes;
  - The fund management company may invest up to 49% in collective investment schemes.
  - a maximum of 10% of the sub-fund's assets in exotic derivatives.

The management company may invest in derivatives not only for hedging purposes.

#### § 9 Liquid assets

In addition, the fund management company may hold adequate liquid assets for each sub-fund in the unit of account of

the respective sub-fund and in all the currencies in which the sub-fund in question is permitted to invest. Liquid assets are defined sight deposits and time deposits with a term not exceeding 12 months held with banks.

#### **B** Investment techniques and instruments

#### § 10 Securities lending

The management company does not engage in securities lending.

# § 11 Repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements

The management company does not engage in repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions.

#### § 12 Derivative financial instruments

- 1. The fund management company may carry out derivative transactions. It ensures that the use of derivatives does not lead to divergence from the investment objectives set out in the fund contract or to a change in the characteristics of the sub-fund as a result of its economic effect, even in the event of extraordinary market circumstances. In addition, the underlying assets of the derivatives must be accepted as investments for the corresponding sub-funds in accordance with this fund contract.
  - Derivatives may only be used in connection with collective investment schemes for currency hedging purposes. Hedging of market, interest rate and credit risk through collective investment schemes is possible, insofar as the risks are clearly defined and measurable.
- 2. The sub-funds are qualified as "alternative funds with specific risks" from the viewpoint of the use of derivatives. Commitment approach II is applied in the measurement of risk. The overall exposure linked to derivatives may not exceed 450% of the sub-fund's net assets and the overall exposure of the sub-funds may not exceed 550% of the sub-fund's net assets. Taking into account the possibility of temporarily borrowing up to a maximum of 50% of the sub-fund's net assets in accordance with § 13, para. 2, the overall exposure of the sub-fund may amount to up to 600% of the net assets of the sub-fund. The calculation of the overall exposure is done according to Art. 35 CISO-FINMA.
  - The management company ensures that it can fulfil its payment and delivery obligations with respect to derivatives at all times in accordance with the legislation on collective investment schemes.
- 3. In particular, the management company may use basic types of derivative such as call or put options, the expiration value of which is linearly dependent on the positive or negative difference between the market value of the underlying and the strike price and is zero if the difference is preceded by the opposite algebraic sign; credit default swaps (CDS); swaps where the payments are dependent on the value of the underlying or on an absolute amount in both a linear and a path-independent manner; as well

as futures and forwards, the value of which is linearly dependent on the value of the underlying. In addition, it can use combinations of basic forms of derivatives as well as derivatives whose economic effect can be described neither by a basic form of derivative nor by a combination of basic forms of derivatives (exotic derivatives).

- 4.
- Opposite positions in derivatives of the same underlying, as well as opposite positions in derivatives and investments of the same underlying, may be offset, notwithstanding the netting of derivatives, if the derivative transaction has been entered into solely for the purpose of hedging against risks in connection with the acquired derivatives or investments, if significant risks are not disregarded, and if the chargeable amount of the derivatives is calculated in accordance with Art. 35 CISO-FINMA
- b) If, in hedging transactions, the derivatives do not relate to the same underlying as the asset to be hedged, the following conditions, in addition to those set out in letter a, must be met for offsetting (hedging): the derivative transactions must not be based on an investment strategy that serves to realize a gain; the derivative must result in a verifiable reduction of risk, the risks of the derivative must be offset, the derivatives, underlyings or asset items to be offset must relate to the same category of financial instruments and the hedging strategy must also be effective under exceptional market conditions.
- c) If interest rate derivatives are predominantly used, the amount attributable to the total commitment resulting from derivative instruments may be calculated using internationally recognised duration netting rules, provided that these rules lead to a correct calculation of the investment fund's risk profile, the main risks are taken into account, their application does not lead to an unjustified leverage effect, no interest rate arbitrage strategy is pursued, and the leverage effect of the investment fund is not increased by the application of these rules or by investments in short-term positions.
- d) Derivatives that are used solely for the purpose of hedging currency risks and that do not involve leverage or additional market risks may be offset when calculating the total commitment resulting from the derivatives without having to comply with the requirements stipulated in letter b.
- e) Payment obligations resulting from derivatives must be covered at all times by means close to cash, debt securities, security rights or shares traded on a stock exchange or other regulated market open to the public, in accordance with the legislation on collective capital investments.
- f) If the fund management company enters into a commitment to physically deliver an underlying by means of a derivative, the derivative must be

- hedged by the corresponding underlyings, or by other investments if the investments and underlyings are highly liquid and can be bought or sold at any time if delivery is required. These underlyings or investments must be available to the fund management company at all times without restriction.
- The fund management company may carry out standardised and non-standardised derivative transactions. It can effect transactions on derivatives traded on a stock exchange or other regulated market open to the public, or OTC (over the counter) transactions.
- 6.
- a) The fund management company may only enter into OTC transactions with financial intermediaries that specialise in this type of transaction, that are subject to supervision and that guarantee proper execution of the transactions. If the counterparty is not a custodian, the counterparty or guarantor must have a high credit rating.
- b) It must be possible to reliably and verifiably value an OTC derivative on a daily basis and to sell or close out the derivative at market value at any time.
- If no market price is available for an OTC derivative, the price, determined by means of an appropriate valuation model recognized in practice, on the basis of the market value of the underlyings from which the derivative is derived, must be understandable at all times. Before concluding a contract on such a derivative, concrete offers must in principle be obtained from at least two counterparties. In principle, the contract must be concluded with the counterparty that submitted the most advantageous offer from a price point of view. Exceptions to this principle are permitted for reasons of risk spreading or if other elements of the contract, such as the counterparty's creditworthiness or service offering, indicate that another offer is, as a whole, more advantageous for investors. In addition, the request for bids from at least two counterparties may be waived in exceptional cases in order to serve the best interests of investors. The contract concluded and the price determined must be documented in a comprehensible manner.
- d) In the context of an OTC transaction, the fund management company or its agents may only accept collateral that meets the requirements of Art. 51 CISO-FINMA. The issuer of the collateral must be highly creditworthy and the collateral may not be issued by the counterparty or by a company belonging to the counterparty's group or dependent on it. The collateral must be highly liquid, traded at a transparent price on a stock exchange or other regulated market open to the public and valued at least every trading day. In managing the securities, the fund management company or its agents must meet the obligations and requirements pursuant to Art. 52 CISO-FINMA. In particular, they are obliged to diversify the

collateral appropriately by country, market and issuer; issuer diversification is considered appropriate if the collateral held by a single issuer does not exceed 20% of the net asset value. The exceptions relating to investments issued or guaranteed by public-law institutions within the meaning of Article 83 CISO remain reserved. Furthermore, the fund management company or its agents must be able to obtain the power and capacity to dispose of the collateral at any time, without the intervention or consent of the counterparty, in the event of default by the counterparty. The securities received must be kept with the custodian bank. At the request of the fund management company, the securities received may be held by a supervised third-party custodian, provided that ownership of the securities is not transferred and that the third-party custodian is independent of the counterparty.

7. To ensure compliance with legal and regulatory limits (minimum and maximum limits), derivatives must be accounted for in the manner provided for in the legislation on collective investment schemes.

#### § 13 Borrowing and lending

- The fund management company is not authorised to grant loans on behalf of the sub-funds.
- For each sub-fund, the fund management company may temporarily borrow up to a maximum of 50% of the subfund's net assets.

#### § 14 Pledging of sub-fund assets

- The fund management company may not encumber any sub-fund by creating a pledge or guarantee for over 100% of that sub-fund's net assets.
- 2. The assets of the sub-funds may not be encumbered by the granting of guarantees.
  - A credit enhancement derivative is not deemed to be a guarantee within the meaning of this paragraph.

#### **C** Investment restrictions

# § 15 Risk diversification

- 1. The following should be incorporated in the risk diversification provisions below:
  - investments in accordance with § 8; with the exception of index derivatives, provided that the index is sufficiently diversified, is representative of the market to which it refers and is published in an appropriate manner;
  - b) liquid assets according to § 9;
  - c) claims against counterparties arising from OTC transactions.
- The risk diversification provisions apply to each of the subfunds. Companies which form a group in accordance with international accounting regulations are deemed to be a single issuer.

- 3. The fund management company may invest a maximum of 20% of the sub-fund's assets in the transferable securities and money market instruments of a single issuer, including derivatives and structured products. The total value of the transferable securities and money market instruments of issuers with whom more than 10% of the sub-fund's assets have been invested may not exceed 60% of the sub-fund's assets. The provisions of para. 4 and 5 remain applicable.
- 4. The fund management company may invest a maximum of 30% of the sub-fund's assets in sight and time deposits with a single bank. Both liquid assets pursuant to § 9 and bank deposits pursuant to § 8 para. letter 1 let. f shall be considered within this limit.
- 5. The fund management company may invest a maximum of 10% of the sub-fund's assets in OTC transactions with a single counterparty. If the counterparty is a bank domiciled in Switzerland or in a member state of the European Union, or in another State in which it is subject to supervision comparable to Swiss supervision, this limit is raised to 20% of the sub-fund's assets.
  - Where the claims arising from OTC transactions are secured using collateral in the form of liquid assets in accordance with Articles 50 to 55 CISO-FINMA, such claims are not included in the calculation of the counterparty risk.
- 6. The investments, deposits and claims in para. 3 to 5 above from the same issuer may not exceed 30% of the sub-fund's assets. Subject to the higher limits under para. 12 and 13 below.
- Investments in accordance with para. 3 above from the same group of companies may not exceed a total of 20% of the sub-fund's assets. Subject to the higher limits under para. 12 and 13 below.
- 8. The fund management company may invest a maximum of 20% of the sub-fund's assets in units of the same target fund.
- The fund management company may not acquire equity securities representing more than 10% of the overall voting rights or which would enable it to exert a material influence on the management of an issuing company.
- 10. The fund management company may acquire up to 10% of the non-voting shares, bonds and/or money market instruments of any one issuer as well as up to 25% of the units of other collective investment schemes.
  - These limits do not apply if, at the time of acquisition, the gross amount of the debt instruments, the money market instruments or the units in other collective investment schemes cannot be calculated.
- 11. The limits defined in para. 9 and 10 above do not apply to securities and money market instruments which are issued or guaranteed by a country or public body belonging to the OECD or by international public bodies of which Switzerland or a member state of the European Union is a member.
- 12. The 20% limit mentioned in para. 3 is increased to 35% if the securities or money market instruments are issued or

guaranteed by a country or public body belonging to the OECD or by international public bodies of which Switzerland or a member state of the European Union is a member. The above securities or money market instruments are not taken into consideration when applying the 60% limit in accordance with para. 3. The individual limits of para. 3 and 5 may not, however, be combined with the above-mentioned limit of 35%.

13. The 20% limit mentioned in para. 3 is increased to 100% if the securities or money market instruments are issued or guaranteed by a country or public body belonging to the OECD or by international public bodies of which Switzerland or a member state of the European Union is a member. In this case, the investment fund must hold securities or money market instruments from at least six different issues; up to 30% of the fund's assets may be invested in securities or money market instruments from the same issue. The above securities or money market instruments are not taken into consideration when applying the 60% limit in accordance with para. 3.

The authorised issuers or guarantors referred to above are the European Union (EU), the OECD countries, the Council of Europe, the United States, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the European Investment Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank and EU-ROFIMA (European Company for the Financing of Railroad Rolling Stock).

#### IV. Investment policy guidelines

# § 16 Calculation of net asset values

- The net asset value of each sub-fund and the share of the various classes is determined at the market value at the end of the financial year and each day on which units are issued or redeemed, in the unit of account of the corresponding sub-fund. On days when the stock exchanges or markets of the main countries in which a sub-fund invests are closed (e.g., on bank and stock exchange holidays), the net asset value of the sub-fund in question is not calculated.
- 2. Investments which are listed on a stock exchange or other regulated market open to the public shall be valued at the prices paid according to the main market's daily prices. The other investments or investments for which no current price is available must be valued at the price that would probably be obtained in a diligent sale at the time of valuation. In order to determine the market value, the fund management company uses appropriate valuation models and principles that are recognised in practice.
- 3. Gold is valued according to LBMA PM prices.
- Open-ended collective investment schemes are valued at their redemption price or their net asset value. If they are regularly traded on a stock exchange or other regulated

- market open to the public, the fund management company may value them in accordance with para. 2.
- Bank deposits are valued at the amount of the claim plus accrued interest. In the event of significant changes in market conditions or creditworthiness, the valuation basis for bank time deposits is adjusted to the new circumstances.
- 6. The net asset value of a unit of a class of a sub-fund is calculated by dividing the share of the market value of the sub-fund's assets attributable to the class in question, less any liabilities of the sub-fund attributable to this class, by the number of outstanding units of the corresponding class. The result is rounded to the nearest USD 0.01.
- 7. The shares of the market value of a sub-fund's net assets (assets of a sub-fund, after deduction of liabilities) attributable to the various unit classes are determined for the first time on the initial issue of several unit classes (if they are all issued at the same time) or on the initial issue of a new unit class, on the basis of the amounts attributable to the sub-fund for each unit class corresponding to this sub-fund. The share is recalculated at each subsequent event:
  - a) when units are issued or redeemed;
  - on the distribution reference date, as long as (i) such distributions are only for individual unit classes (distribution classes); (ii) the distributions to the individual unit classes differ as a percent of their respective net asset value; or (iii) different fees or costs are charged on the distributions of the different unit classes as a percentage of each distribution;
  - when the net asset value is calculated as part of the allocation of liabilities (including fees and charges that are accrued or due) to the various unit classes, if the liabilities of the various unit classes differ as a percentage of their respective net asset values, i.e. if (i) different commission rates are applied to the various unit classes, or (ii) costs specific to each class are charged;
  - d) when the net asset value is calculated as part of the allocation of income or capital gains to the various unit classes, as long as the income or capital gains have been generated by transactions conducted solely for one or several unit classes, but not in proportion to their share of the net assets of the fund.

# § 17 Issue and redemption of units

- Subscription and redemption orders for units are accepted up to a certain cut-off time specified in the information memorandum on the day the orders are placed. Definitive unit issue and redemption prices are determined at the earliest on the bank business day following the day on which the order is placed (valuation day). This is referred to as "forward pricing".
- 2. The issue and redemption price of the units is determined on the basis of the net asset value per unit on the

valuation day, using the last closing prices of the order day in accordance with § 16. When units are issued and redeemed, an issue commission in accordance with § 18 may be added to the net asset value, or a redemption commission in accordance with § 18 may be deducted from the net asset value.

Incidental costs for the purchase and sale of the investments (standard market commissions, duties, taxes, etc.) incurred by a sub-fund in connection with the investment of the amount paid in, or in relation to the sale of that portion of investments corresponding to the unit, will be charged to the respective sub-fund's assets.

- The fund management company may suspend unit issuance and refuse requests to subscribe or exchange units at any time.
- 4. In the interests of all investors, the fund management company may temporarily suspend the redemption of a sub-fund's units in the following exceptional cases:
  - where a market which serves as the basis for the valuation of a significant proportion of the sub-fund's assets is closed, or if trading on such market is restricted or suspended;
  - in the event of political, economic, military, monetary or other emergencies;
  - if, owing to exchange controls or restrictions on other asset transfers, the sub-fund can no longer transact its business;
  - in the event of large-scale withdrawals of units in a sub-fund which may significantly endanger the interests of the other investors in the sub-fund.
- The fund management company will immediately inform the audit company, the supervisory authority and the investors of any decision to suspend redemptions in an appropriate manner.
- 6. No units shall be issued as long as the redemption of the units of a sub-fund is deferred for the reasons stipulated under para. 4 letters a) to c).
- 7. In the context of a subscription, all investors may ask to make a contribution of assets to the sub-fund's assets instead of cash ("contribution in kind"). Similarly, in the context of a redemption, investors can ask for assets to be transferred to them instead of a payment in cash ("redemption in kind"). The request must be submitted at the time of the subscription or redemption order. The fund management company is not required to authorise contributions and redemptions in kind.

The fund management company has sole discretion over contributions and redemptions in kind; it only approves such transactions if they are carried out in full compliance with the sub-fund's investment policy and if they do not compromise the interests of other investors.

Costs incurred in connection with a contribution or redemption in kind cannot be charged to the sub-fund's assets.

For contributions or redemptions in kind, the fund management company draws up a report containing details of the various investments transferred, the market value of these investments on the reference date of the transfer, the number of units issued or redeemed, and any balancing cash payments. The custodian bank shall check each contribution or repayment in kind for compliance with the duty of loyalty on the part of the management and for the valuation of the transferred investments and the issued or redeemed shares on the relevant key date. The custodian bank shall immediately report any reservations or criticisms to the auditing company.

Contribution and redemption in kind transactions must be disclosed in the annual report.

#### V. Remuneration and incidental costs

# § 18 Remuneration and incidental costs payable by the investor

- When units are issued, the investor may be charged issue commissions in favour of the fund management company, the custodian and/or the distributors in Switzerland and abroad, which may not collectively exceed 2% of the net asset value. The current maximum rate applicable is shown in the information memorandum.
- When units are redeemed, the investor may be charged redemption commissions in favour of the fund management company, the custodian and/or the distributors in Switzerland and abroad, which may not collectively exceed 2% of the net asset value. The current maximum rate applicable is shown in the information memorandum.
- An issue fee may be charged when investors change subfund (i.e. switch from one of the fund's sub-funds to another)
- 4. No issue fee is applied when investors switch from one class to another within the same sub-fund. The above terms and conditions are applied on the condition that the amount invested remains unchanged and the notice periods are followed.
- 5. Where liquidation proceeds are paid out in the event of the dissolution of the Fund or one of its sub-funds, the custodian shall charge a fee of max. 0.5%, to be shared equally between the fund management company and the custodian.

# § 19 Remuneration and incidental costs payable from the sub-funds' assets

The fund management company charges the sub-funds an annual fee for the administration, asset management and marketing of the sub-funds, as well as all the duties of the custodian, such as custody of the fund's assets, handling payment transactions and the other tasks listed in § 4, as follows:

a maximum of 2% of the net assets of the sub-fund NCM Enhanced Physical Gold Macro,

The annual fee is debited from the assets of the sub-funds concerned pro rata temporis at the time of each net asset value calculation and paid at the end of each quarter (management fee).

The actual management fee rate applied to each sub-fund is shown in the annual report.

In addition to the management fee, the asset manager is entitled to a performance fee calculated on the basis of the net asset value of each unit class. The performance fee is due if the last net asset value calculated of a calendar year (before performance fee) is higher than the last net asset value of the prior calendar year for which a performance fee was payable ("high watermark"). For the first year, the performance fee is due if the last net asset value calculated of the calendar year (before performance fee) is higher than the first net asset value calculated after the launch of the fund.

The performance fee is a percentage of the outperformance. The performance fee and the necessary provisions are determined on the basis of the net asset value of the outstanding units of the relevant class. The performance fee is payable on an annual basis for the performance period in question. The amount due in respect of the performance fee is the sum of the provisions made over a year. In each case, the amounts accrued as performance fees are paid after the end of the financial year. When units are redeemed, any performance fee provision in respect of the units redeemed will be paid to the asset manager.

The performance of each sub-fund is the arithmetic difference between the net asset value per unit at the beginning and end of the period under review, expressed as a percentage.

High watermark: The highest net asset value at the end of a year for the performance period for which a performance fee was payable.

The performance fee is 10%, paid annually.

- 2. The fund management company and the custodian are also entitled to be refunded the following incidental costs, incurred in the performance of the fund contract:
  - a) the costs of buying and selling investments, including customary brokerage fees, commissions, settlement and processing fees, bank charges, taxes and duties, as well as the costs of reviewing and maintaining the quality standards of physical investments.
  - the supervisory authority's fees in relation to the establishment, amendment, liquidation or merger of the Fund or any sub-funds;
  - c) the supervisory authority's annual fees;
  - the audit company's fees for annual auditing as well as certification in the case of establishments, amendments, liquidation or merger of the fund or any sub-funds;
  - e) fees for legal and tax advisors in connection with the establishment, modification, liquidation or merger

- of funds or any sub-funds, as well as generally upholding the interests of the fund and its investors;
- the cost of publishing the net asset value of the Fund or its sub-funds, together with all the costs of providing notices to investors, including translation costs, provided such costs cannot be ascribed to any failure on the part of the fund management company;
- g) the cost of printing and translating legal documents as well as the Fund's annual and semi-annual reports;
- the cost of any registration of the fund with a foreign supervisory authority, and specifically the commission levied by the foreign supervisory authority, translation costs and remuneration for the representative or paying agent abroad;
- costs relating to the exercising of voting rights or creditors' rights by the fund, including the cost of fees paid to external advisors;
- costs and fees relating to intellectual property registered in the name of the fund or with rights of use for the fund;
- all costs incurred though any extraordinary steps taken to safeguard the interests of investors by the fund management company, manager of collective assets or custodian;
- the costs of registering or renewing a Legal Entity Identifier with a registry in Switzerland or abroad;
- m) costs and fees relating to the purchase and use of data and data licences, insofar as they can be charged to the fund and do not constitute search costs;
- costs and fees relating to the use and review of independent labels.
- 3. The costs mentioned in para. 2 letter a are directly added to the stated cost or deducted from the sale value.
- 4. The fund management company and its agents may pay retrocessions as reimbursement for the distribution of fund units and grant rebates to reduce fees and costs accruing to investors and charged to the fund in accordance with the provisions of the information memorandum.
- 5. The management fee for the target funds in which the assets of the sub-funds are invested may not exceed 5%, taking into account any rebates and retrocessions, in cases where a flat management fee is explicitly provided for in the prospectus of the target funds. The maximum management fee, taking into account any rebates and retrocessions, for the target funds must be disclosed in the annual report.
- 6. When the management company acquires units in other collective investment schemes that are managed directly or indirectly by the management company or the asset manager, or by a company to which the management company or the asset manager is related by virtue of common management or control or by a significant direct or indirect interest ("linked target funds"), the management

- company may not charge the sub-funds any issue or redemption fees with respect to the linked target funds.
- 7. Remuneration may only be charged to the sub-funds to which a specific service has been provided. Costs that cannot be allocated with certainty to a given sub-fund are divided among all the sub-funds in proportion to their share of the fund's assets.
- 8. The costs and expenses, as well as the commissions incurred in relation to the funds or investment companies in which the assets of the sub-funds are invested, are charged directly to these funds or investment companies.

# VI. Financial statements and auditing

#### § 20 Financial statements

- The units of account of each sub-fund are:
   NCM Alternative Assets, fonds à risque particulier NCM Enhanced Physical Gold Macro: USD
- 2. The financial year runs from 1 November to 31 October of each year. The first financial year ends on 31 October 2022.
- 3. The fund management company publishes an audited annual report of the umbrella fund and/or the sub-funds within four months of the end of the financial year.
- 4. The investor's right to information in accordance with § 5, para. 5 remains applicable.

# § 21 Auditing

The audit company verifies that the fund management company and the custodian comply with the provisions of the fund contract, the CISA and the rules of the Asset Management Association Switzerland (AMAS) that may be applicable. The annual report contains a short report from the audit company on the annual financial statements as published.

# VII. Appropriation of net income

#### § 22

- For the distributing unit classes, the net income of the sub-funds is distributed annually to investors by unit class no later than four months after the end of the financial year, in the corresponding accounting currency.
  - The fund management company may additionally make interim income distributions.
  - Up to 30% of the net income of a unit class may be carried forward. A distribution may be waived and net income carried forward if:
  - the net income for the current financial year and the income carried forward from previous financial years of a collective investment scheme, sub-fund or unit class amount to less than 1% of the net asset value of the collective investment scheme, sub-fund or unit classes, and
  - the net income for the current financial year and the income carried forward from previous financial years of a collective investment scheme, sub-fund or unit class amount to less than USD 1 per unit.

- For the accumulating unit class, the net income of the unit classes is reinvested annually in the fund's assets four months after year-end at the latest. The fund management company may also decide to make interim income accumulations. Any taxes and duties on accumulations remain unchanged.
- 3. Capital gains realised on the sale of assets and rights may be distributed by the fund management company or retained for the purpose of reinvestment.

# VIII. Publications of the umbrella fund and/or the subfunds

# § 23

- The media of publication of the umbrella fund and/or the sub-funds are the electronic media listed in the appendix. Changes to the media of publication are to be communicated therein.
- 2. The following information in particular shall be communicated via the media of publication: summaries of material amendments to the fund contract, indicating the addresses from which the full text of the amendments may be obtained free of charge, any change of fund management company and/or custodian, the creation, dissolution or merger of unit classes, as well as the liquidation of each sub-fund. Changes required by law which do not affect the rights of investors or are purely formal in nature may be exempted from the publication obligation with the authorisation of the supervisory authority.
- The fund contract with information memorandum and the annual reports can be obtained free of charge from the fund management company, the custodian bank and all distributors.

#### IX. Restructuring and dissolution

# § 24 Mergers

- With the authorisation of the custodian, the fund management company may merge certain sub-funds with other sub-funds or other funds, in that the assets and liabilities of the merging sub-funds and/or funds shall be transferred to the receiving sub-fund and/or fund on the date of the merger. Investors in the merging sub-fund and/or fund shall receive units of the receiving sub-fund and/or fund of a corresponding value. On the date of the merger, the merging sub-fund and/or fund shall be dissolved without liquidation and the contract of the receiving sub-fund and/or fund shall also apply to the merging sub-fund and/or fund.
- 2. Investment funds may only be merged if:
  - a) provision therefore is made in the relevant fund contracts:
  - they are managed by the same fund management company;
  - the relevant fund contracts are generally identical in their requirements on the following:

- investment policy, investment techniques, risk diversification and investment risks;
- appropriation of net income and capital gains realised on the disposal of assets and rights;
- nature, amount and method of calculation of all remuneration, the issue and redemption fees as well as the incidental costs for the purchase and sale of investments (such as brokerage fees, other fees and levies) which may be charged to the assets of the sub-fund or to investors;
- redemption conditions;
- term of the contract and the conditions for termination:
- d) the assets of the participating funds and/or subfunds are valued, the exchange ratio is calculated, and the assets and liabilities are acquired on the same day:
- no costs arise as a result for the investment fund and/or sub-fund, or the investors. The provisions of § 19 para. 4 letter a remain applicable.
- If the merger is likely to take more than one day, the supervisory authority may authorise the suspension of redemptions of the units of the sub-funds and/or the investment fund for a specified period.
- 4. The fund management company must submit the proposed changes to the fund contract and the merger itself together with the merger plan to the supervisory authority for review at least one month before the planned publication. The merger plan must contain information about the reasons for the merger, the investment policy of the participating investment funds and/or sub-funds and any differences between the receiving fund and/or sub-fund and the merging fund and/or sub-fund, the calculation of the exchange ratio, any differences in remuneration, any tax consequences for the investment funds and/or subfunds, as well as the statement from the collective investments audit company.
- 5. The fund management company must publish the changes to the fund contract pursuant to § 23 para. 2, as well as the merger and the scheduled date together with the merger plan at least two months before the planned date of merger, in the media of publication of the participating investment funds and/or sub-funds. In this notice, the fund management company must inform the investors that they may lodge any objections to the proposed changes to the fund contract with the supervisory authority within 30 days of the publication or request redemption of their units in cash or in kind according to § 17 para. 7.
- The audit company immediately verifies that the merger has been carried out correctly and issues a report in this regard to the fund management company and the supervisory authority.
- 7. The fund management company must promptly notify the supervisory authority of the completion of the merger, and publish its completion, the confirmation from the audit company that the operation has been conducted properly

- and the exchange ratio via the media of publication of the participating funds and/or sub-funds.
- 8. The fund management company must refer to the merger in the next annual report of the receiving fund and/or subfund and in the semi-annual report if published prior to the annual report. If the merger does not take place on the last day of the usual financial year, an audited closing statement must be produced for the merging fund and/or sub-fund.

# § 25 Term and dissolution of the sub-funds

- The sub-funds have been established for an indefinite period.
- 2. The fund management company or custodian may choose to dissolve individual sub-funds by terminating the investment fund contract without prior notice.
- 3. Individual sub-funds may be dissolved at the discretion of the supervisory authority, in particular if at the latest one year after the expiry of the subscription period (launch), or a longer extended period approved by the supervisory authority at the request of the custodian and the fund management company, it does not have net assets of at least CHF 5 million (or the equivalent).
- 4. The fund management company shall inform the supervisory authority of the dissolution without delay and publish it in the media of publication.
- 5. Once the investment fund contract has been terminated, the fund management company may liquidate the subfunds immediately. If the supervisory authority has ordered the dissolution of a sub-fund, it shall be liquidated immediately. The custodian is responsible for the payment of liquidation proceeds to the investors. If the liquidation proceedings are protracted, payment may be made in instalments. Prior to the final payment, the fund management company must obtain the approval of the supervisory authority.

#### X. Approval and amendment of the investment fund contract

# § 26

there are plans to merge unit classes or change the management company or custodian, investors may lodge objections with the supervisory authority within 30 days of the last corresponding publication. The fund management company shall inform investors, in the publication, of amendments to the fund contract that are covered by the audit and the determination of legal compliance by FINMA. In the event of amendments to the fund contract, including the merging of unit classes, investors may also ask to redeem their units in cash within the contractual timeframes. This does not apply to the cases provided for under § 23 para. 2, which are exempt from the regulations governing publications and disclosure with the approval of the supervisory authority.

# XI. Applicable law and jurisdiction

# § 27

- The umbrella fund and each sub-fund are subject to Swiss law, in particular the Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes of 23 June 2006, the Ordinance on Collective Investment Schemes of 22 November 2006 and the Ordinance of the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA) on Collective Investment Schemes of 27 August 2014.
  - The place of jurisdiction shall be the registered office of the fund management company.
- 2. For the interpretation of this investment fund contract, the French version is authoritative.
- This investment fund contract shall enter into force on 23 September 2024 and replaces the version of 10 July 2024.
- When approving the investment fund contract, FINMA examines only those provisions covered by Article 35a para.
   1 letters a to g of the CISO and checks that they are legally compliant.

# Fund management company:

J. Safra Sarasin Investmentfonds SA Wallstrasse 9 4002 Basel

# **Custodian:**

Bank J. Safra Sarasin SA Elisabethenstrasse 62 4002 Basel

#### NCM Alternative Assets, fonds à risque particulier

Contractual umbrella fund under Swiss law in the "other funds for alternative investments" category with specific risks for qualified investors

#### **Appendix**

"NCM Alternative Assets, fonds à risque particulier" is an umbrella fund under Swiss law in the "other funds for alternative investments" category with specific risks. The sub-funds use investment techniques whose risks cannot be compared to those of funds with traditional investments; in particular, the subfunds may have significant leverage. Investors must be prepared to bear potential capital losses, which may be substantial or even total. However, the fund management company and the asset manager endeavour to reduce these risks as much as possible. In addition to market and currency risks, investors should be aware of risks relating to management, the tradability of units, the liquidity of investments, the impact of redemptions, unit prices, service providers, lack of transparency and legal matters. These risks are detailed in the information memorandum.

# General information about the fund management company

The fund management company is J. Safra Sarasin Investmentfonds SA. The fund management company, which is based in Basel, has been active in the fund industry since it was founded as a joint stock company in 1993.

As at 31 December 2023, the fund management company's subscribed share capital amounted to CHF 4 million. The share capital is divided into fully paid-up registered shares. J. Safra Sarasin Investmentfonds SA is a wholly owned subsidiary of J. Safra Sarasin Holding Ltd, which also owns Bank J. Safra Sarasin SA.

The Board of Directors comprises the following members:

- Oliver Cartade (Chair), Member of the executive committee of Bank J. Safra Sarasin SA
- Urs Oberer (Vice-Chair), Managing Director of Bank J. Safra Sarasin SA
- Daniel Graf, Managing Director of Bank J. Safra Sarasin SA
- Jan Stig Rasmussen

The management team comprises the following members:

- Michaela Imwinkelried, Managing Director
- Sarah Saade, Executive Director
- Elvan Sahin, Executive Director
- Valter Rinaldi, Executive Director
- Pinar Tiniç, Director

The persons particularly qualified in the fund management company:

# Valter Rinaldi, Executive Director

Valter Rinaldi has worked in the financial sector for more than 20 years, including more than 10 years at J. Safra Sarasin

Investmentfonds AG, Basel, where he is responsible for fund products and is a member of the Management Committee. As Conducting Officer of the Luxembourg fund management company J. Safra Sarasin Fund Management (Luxembourg) SA, he is responsible not only for Swiss funds but also for many European funds of all types, and in particular for monitoring the compliance of alternative investment funds and the supervision of mandated asset managers.

#### Michaela Imwinkelried, Managing Director

Michaela Imwinkelried has also been active in the financial sector - and more particularly the fund sector - for over 20 years. She has extensive experience in setting up and managing all types of Swiss and foreign funds, especially alternative investment funds. In addition, Michaela Imwinkelried is responsible for the Luxembourg private equity funds of the J. Safra Sarasin group from a legal and compliance point of view. As Head of Legal & Compliance at J. Safra Sarasin Investmentfonds AG, Basel, she is a member of the Management Committee and Deputy Managing Director.

The fund management company manages a total of 18 collective investment schemes in Switzerland, with overall assets under management of CHF 2.884 billion as at 31 December 2023.

The fund management company is registered with the US tax authorities as a "Participating Foreign Financial Institution" (PFFI) within the meaning of sections 1471 to 1474 of the US tax code (Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, including related texts, "FATCA") (GIIN: IPRKWG.00010.ME.756).

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# 2. Delegation of investment decisions

Investment decisions are delegated to Noble Capital Management (NCM) SA, Collonge-Bellerive. Noble Capital Management (NCM) SA is a duly licensed collective asset manager, supervised by FINMA, and it manages several collective investment schemes. The persons particularly qualified in the asset management of this fund and its respective sub-funds are:

# Hans Ulriksen

Hans Ulriksen is Head of Trading at Noble Capital Management SA. After studying finance in Spain and the United States, Hans Ulriksen has accumulated more than 20 years' experience in the financial sector in Luxembourg and Geneva. Specifically, he worked at Dexia BIL and more extensively at Société Générale Private Banking Luxembourg and Switzerland, where he was responsible for the structured products department. In 2010 he

joined a fund management company in Geneva, Fransad Gestion SA, as CIO and member of the board with responsibility for portfolio management and strategy. In 2017 he came to Noble Capital Management SA, where he continued to work in portfolio management and derivatives in particular.

# Christopher Boudin de l'Arche

Christopher Boudin de l'Arche is Senior Trader at Noble Capital Management SA. After receiving his master's degree in finance, Christopher Boudin de l'Arche joined Société Générale Private Banking in Luxembourg and then the structured products department in Geneva. He then moved to the discretionary portfolio management department as Deputy Head, managing diversified portfolios for the bank's clients. He has worked at Noble since 2015 and is responsible for the management of portfolios including derivatives.

# 3. Delegation of other sub-tasks

Fund accounting is handled by CACEIS Investor Services Bank S.A., Esch-sur-Alzette, Zurich branch, which has many years of experience in investment fund and securities accounting.

#### 4. Custodian and paying agent

#### 4.1 Information on the custodian bank

Bank J. Safra Sarasin SA, Elisabethenstrasse 62, 4051 Basel, Switzerland, acts as custodian bank (including market maker). It is a Swiss private bank with offices in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America. The bank conducts its main business in the following areas: Asset management for private and institutional clients, deposit management, loans, execution of securities transactions and investment fund activity. Investment foundations, corporate finance and market making complete its range of services.

The custodian may transfer responsibility for the safekeeping of the fund's assets to a third-party custodian or central depository in Switzerland or abroad, provided that appropriate custody is assured. This entails the following risks: Safekeeping of financial instruments may only be entrusted to a third party or central depository that is subject to supervision. This rule does not apply to obligatory custody at a location where delegation to a third party or to a central depository subject to supervision is not possible, in particular due to legally binding restrictions or the terms of the investment product. Third-party and collective custody effectively means that the fund management company no longer has sole ownership, but only co-ownership, of the securities deposited. Furthermore, if third-party or central depositories are not subject to supervision, they cannot meet the organisational requirements imposed on Swiss banks.

The custodian shall be liable for any damage caused by an agent unless it can prove that it exercised due care in selecting, instructing and supervising the agent.

The custodian is registered with the US tax authorities as a "Participating Foreign Financial Institution" (PFFI) within the

meaning of sections 1471 to 1474 of the US Internal Revenue Code (Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, including the orders relating thereto, hereinafter "FATCA") (GIIN: IPRKWG.00000.LE.756).

Bank J. Safra Sarasin SA, Elisabethenstrasse 62, 4051 Basel, Switzerland

#### 4.2 Paying agent

The paying agent is Bank J. Safra Sarasin SA, Elisabethenstrasse 62, 4051 Basel.

#### 5. Audit company

Deloitte SA, Zurich.

#### 6. Useful information

Swiss securities number

Class "A": 113932596 Class "D": 113932792

ISIN

Class "A": CH1139325968 Class "D": CH1139327923

Listed: no

Financial year: 1 November – 31 October

Term: indefinite Unit of account USD

Appropriation of income:

Class "A": accumulation Class "D": distribution

# Terms and conditions for the issue and redemption of fund units

Fund units are issued or redeemed every bank business day (monday to friday). No issues or redemptions take place on Swiss public holidays (Easter, Whitsun, Christmas, New Year's Day, national holidays, etc.) or on days on which the stock exchanges or markets of the fund's main investment countries are closed, or in the event of extraordinary circumstances as defined in article 17 of the fund contract.

Subscription and redemption requests received by the custodian no later than 10 a.m. (cut-off time) on a bank business day (order placement day) are calculated on the first bank business day following the order placement day (valuation day).

The net asset value used for these subscription and redemption requests is based on the closing price on the day the order is placed.

The net asset value used for settlement is therefore not yet known at the time the order is placed (forward pricing).

The net asset value of a unit is calculated by dividing the market value of the fund's assets, less any liabilities of the investment fund, by the number of units outstanding. It is rounded to the nearest USD 0.01 in accordance with commercial principles.

The issue price is calculated as follows: net asset value calculated on the valuation day, plus the average incidental costs (brokerage fees, commissions, levies, etc. depending on the market) incurred by the investment fund to invest the amount paid. The amount of incidental costs is shown in section 8 below.

The redemption price is calculated as follows: net asset value calculated on the valuation date, less the average incidental costs incurred by the investment fund when selling a portion of the investments corresponding to the terminated units. The amount of incidental costs is shown in section 8 below.

Payment is made one bank business day after the valuation date (value date plus one day).

Units are held in the form of a book entry and not securitised.

#### 8. Commissions and fees

# 8.1 Commissions and fees charged to investors (excerpt from § 19 of the fund contract)

Effective issue fee none Effective redemption fee none

The fund management company as well as its agents may pay retrocessions as reimbursement for the distribution of fund units in or from Switzerland. This allows for the remuneration of the following services in particular:

- Implementation of unit subscription and holding or custody procedures;
- Storage and distribution of marketing and legal documents;
- Transmission or provision of publications and communications:
- Perception and carrying out of due diligence in areas such as money laundering, clarification of client needs and distribution limitations;
- Information and answers to specific investor requests;
- · Preparing fund analysis materials;
- Central relationship management;
- Training of client advisors in the field of collective investment schemes:
- Selection, appointment and monitoring of sub-distributors.

Retrocessions are not considered rebates, even if they are fully or partially paid back to investors. Beneficiaries of retrocessions shall ensure transparent disclosure and inform investors proactively and free of charge of the level of remuneration they could theoretically receive for distribution. On request, the beneficiaries of retrocessions shall disclose the amounts actually received for the distribution of collective investment schemes to investors.

The fund management company and its agents may pay rebates directly to investors on request in the context of distribution in or from Switzerland. Rebates serve to reduce the fees or costs incurred by the investors concerned. Rebates are permitted subject to the following:

- they are paid out of the fund management company's fees and are therefore not deducted additionally from the fund's assets:
- they are granted on the basis of objective criteria;
- they are granted subject to the same time limits and to the same extent to all investors who meet the objective criteria and request rebates.

Rebates are granted by the fund management company on the basis of one or more of the following objective criteria:

- Applicable regulatory requirements;
- The volume of investment in a unit class or in a sub-fund;
- The percentage that the investment volume represents relative to the size of the fund or unit class in question;
- The amount of costs generated;
- The date of the investment and/or the expected investment period;
- Support during the launch phase of a fund.

These quantitative criteria may be considered to be met by the cumulative investments held by investors using the same investment advisor.

At the investor's request, the fund management company will provide relevant information about rebates free of charge.

# 8.2 Remuneration and incidental costs charged to the fund assets (excerpt from § 20 of the fund contract)

The fund management company charges the sub-funds an annual fee for the administration, asset management and marketing of the sub-funds, as well as the custodian, as follows:

a maximum of 2% of the net asset value

In addition to the management fee, the asset manager is entitled to a performance fee calculated on the basis of the net asset value of each unit class. The performance fee is due if the net asset value (before performance fee) is higher than the last net asset value for which a performance fee was payable ("high watermark").

The performance fee is a percentage of the outperformance. The performance fee and the necessary provisions are determined on the basis of the net asset value of the outstanding units of the relevant class. The performance fee is payable on an annual basis for the performance period in question. The amount due in respect of the performance fee is the sum of the provisions made over a year. In each case, the amounts accrued as performance fees are paid after the end of the financial year. When units are redeemed, any performance fee

provision in respect of the units redeemed will be paid to the asset manager.

The performance of each sub-fund is the arithmetic difference between the net asset value per unit at the beginning and end of the period under review, expressed as a percentage.

High watermark: The highest net asset value at the end of a year for the performance period for which a performance fee was payable.

The performance fee is 10%, paid annually.

#### 9. Information about the investment fund

Further information about the investment fund is contained in the annual report.

If the fund contract is amended, the fund management company or custodian changes, or the investment fund is dissolved, the fund management company shall publish the information on the Swiss Fund Data AG web platform (www.swissfunddata.ch)

The fund management company publishes the issue and redemption prices or the net asset value on the internet platform of Swiss Fund Data AG (www.swissfunddata.ch). This publication is made voluntarily and may be stopped anytime without announcement by the fund management company, because the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA has approved an exemption for this investment fund from the provisions relating to the obligation to publish the issue and redemption prices or the net asset value.

#### FATCA:

The investment fund is registered with the US tax authorities as a "Qualified Collective Investment Vehicle" (QCIV) within the meaning of sections 1471 to 1474 of the US tax code (Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, including related legislation – "FATCA").

If units of this investment fund are issued and redeemed abroad, the provisions applicable in that country shall apply.

Apart from the authorisation and supervision of FINMA, the fund is not registered with any foreign authority.

Units of this investment fund may not be offered, sold or delivered in the United States, its territories or possessions.

Units of this investment fund may not be offered, sold or delivered to US citizens or US residents and/or other natural or legal persons whose income and/or proceeds, regardless of their source, are subject to US income tax, as well as to persons considered to be US persons under Regulation S of the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and/or the US Commodity

Exchange Act, as amended, or to persons who are subject to the provisions of FATCA.

# 10. Collateral strategy for derivatives transactions

Counterparty risks may arise in transactions involving derivatives. To minimise these risks, the fund management company and the custodian may request collateral from the counterparties as security.

The following types of collateral are eligible:

- Shares, provided they are traded on a stock exchange or other market open to the public, have a high level of liquidity and are part of a relevant index.
- Listed ETFs in the form of securities funds, other traditional investment funds under Swiss law or UCITS, provided that they track a relevant index and physically replicate it. Swap-based and synthetically replicating ETFs are not permitted.
- Bonds, provided they are traded on an exchange or other market open to the public and the issuer has an investment grade credit rating. No rating is required for government bonds of the United States, Japan, the United Kingdom, Germany (including federal states) and Switzerland (including cantons).
- Negotiable treasury bills and government-backed treasury bills, provided that the government or the issue has an investment grade rating or they were issued by the United States, Japan, the United Kingdom, Germany (including the federal states) or Switzerland (including the cantons).
- Money market funds, provided they comply with the SFAMA guidelines for money market funds or the CESR guidelines for money market funds, a daily redemption facility is available and the investments are of high quality.
- Cash collateral, provided it is denominated in a freely convertible currency;
- Physical gold and precious metals.

CCP derivatives transactions are always subject to collateral, the scope and amount of which are determined by the respective regulations of the CCP or clearing house.

For non-CCP derivative transactions, the fund management company or its agents may enter into collateralisation agreements with the counterparties. The value of the collateral exchanged must be at least equal to the replacement value of the outstanding derivative transactions at all times.

A haircut may be applied to the value of the various collateral components based on market volatility and the liquidity of the collateral. The following minimum haircuts (deduction in % of market value) apply to collateral:

- Listed shares and ETFs: 20% 75%
- Government bonds (including treasury bills) issued or guaranteed by the United States, the United Kingdom, Japan, Germany or Switzerland (including the cantons): 3%

- Other government bonds (including treasury bills and commercial paper):5%
- Corporate bonds:6%
- Money market funds: 3%
- In cash if not in the fund currency: 5%
- In cash in the fund currency: 0%
- Physical gold and precious metals: 10-20%

Cash collateral can be reinvested as follows and with the following risks:

Bank deposits at sight or short term, government bonds with a high credit rating, money market instruments with counterparties with a high credit rating and money market funds subject to the AMAS Directive or the CESR guidelines for money market funds. Cash collateral must always be reinvested in the same currency as the collateral received.

#### RISKS RELATED TO THE FUND

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- Counterparty risk
- Concentration risk
- Collateral management risk
- Currency risk
- · Risk related to investing in commodities
- Exchange-traded derivatives risk
- OTC derivatives risk
- Equity market risk
- · Investment fund risk
- Leverage risk
- Operational risk
- Volatility risk

#### **Counterparty risk**

An entity with which the fund does business may be unwilling or unable to fulfil its obligations to the fund.

#### Collateral management risk

Counterparty risk arising from OTC investments in derivatives (including TRS) is generally mitigated by the transfer or pledging of collateral to the fund. In the event of a counterparty default, the fund may have to sell these non-cash collateral assets at prevailing market prices, in which case the fund may realise a loss. The fund may also incur a loss when reinvesting collateral received in cash due to a decline in the value of the investments made.

# Risks related to investing in commodities

Commodity prices can be very volatile, in part because they can be affected by many factors, such as changes in interest rates, changes in supply and demand, extreme weather conditions, pandemics, trade policies and political and regulatory developments.

#### **Concentration risk**

To the extent that the fund invests a large proportion of its assets in a limited number of industries, sectors or issuers, or in

a limited geographic area, it may be riskier than a fund that offers greater diversification. Where a fund invests a large proportion of its assets in a particular issuer, sector, type of bond, country or region, or in a series of closely interconnected economies, its performance will be more affected by any commercial, economic, financial, market or political conditions affecting the area of concentration. This can mean both greater volatility and greater risk of loss.

#### **Currency risk**

Exchange rate fluctuations may reduce investment gains or increase investment losses, in some cases significantly. Exchange rates can change rapidly and unpredictably, and it may be difficult for the fund to reduce its exposure to a particular currency in time to avoid losses.

#### **OTC** derivatives

Given that OTC derivatives are, by definition, over-the-counter arrangements between the fund and one or more counterparties, they are less regulated than publicly traded securities. OTC derivatives involve greater counterparty risk and liquidity risk, and it may be more difficult to force a counterparty to honour its obligations to the fund. This counterparty default risk is limited by regulatory counterparty limits for OTC derivatives. Techniques to limit this risk can be put in place, including collateral policies and resets in contracts. If a counterparty ceases to offer a derivative that the fund had planned to use, the fund may not be able to find a comparable derivative elsewhere and may miss an opportunity for gain or be unexpectedly exposed to risks or losses, including losses from a derivative position for which it was unable to purchase an offsetting derivative. As it is generally not possible for the fund to spread its OTC derivative transactions across a wide variety of counterparties, deterioration in the financial health of any one counterparty could result in significant losses. Conversely, if a fund experiences even a temporary financial difficulty or fails to meet an obligation at a given time, counterparties may no longer be willing to deal with the fund, which could prevent the fund from operating in an optimal and competitive manner.

# **Exchange-traded derivatives risk**

Although exchange-traded derivatives are generally considered less risky than OTC derivatives, there is always the risk that a suspension of trading in derivatives or their underlying assets could prevent the fund from realising gains or avoiding losses, which could result in a delay in processing share redemptions. There is also a risk that the unwinding of exchange-traded derivatives may not occur when or as expected.

#### Investment fund risk

As with any investment fund, investing in the fund involves certain risks that an investor would not face if investing directly in the markets:

 other investors' decisions, particularly large withdrawals, could interfere with the orderly management of the fund and cause its net asset value to fall

- the investor cannot direct or influence how money is invested while it is invested in the fund
- the purchase or sale of securities by the fund may not be optimal for a particular investor from a tax perspective
- the fund is subject to various investment laws and regulations that restrict the use of certain securities and investment techniques that may enhance performance; to the extent that the fund decides to register in jurisdictions that impose more stringent limits, this decision may further limit its investment capabilities
- because the fund is based in Switzerland, the protections that would have been provided by other regulators (including, for investors outside Switzerland, those of their national regulator) may not apply
- as the fund's shares are not publicly traded, the only option for liquidating shares is generally redemption, which may be subject to time limits and any other redemption policies set y the fund
- to the extent that the fund invests in other funds, investors may incur a second layer of investment expenses, which will further erode investment gains
- the investment manager or its agents may at times find their obligations to the fund in conflict with their obligations to other investment portfolios they manage (although in such cases all portfolios are treated equally)

# Leverage risk

The fund's net exposure above the net asset value of the fund makes the unit price more volatile. Leverage implies that a small change in the value of the assets in which the fund is invested results in large changes in the net asset value of the fund. This risk is particularly important in the case of this fund because of the particular use of leverage.

#### Operational risk

In any country, but especially in emerging markets, there may be losses due to errors, service interruptions or other failures, as well as fraud, corruption, cybercrime, instability, terrorism or other irregular events. Operational risks may expose the fund to errors in valuation, pricing, accounting, tax reporting, financial reporting and trading, among other things. Operational risks may go undetected for long periods of time, and even if they are detected, it may be impossible to recover prompt and adequate compensation from those responsible.

#### Volatility risk

Changes in the volatility patterns of the relevant markets may create sudden and/or significant changes in the price of the fund units. This risk is particularly important in the case of this fund because of the particular use of leverage.

