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# Neuberger Berman Next Generation Connectivity Fund

31 October 2024

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## FUND OBJECTIVE

The fund seeks to achieve a target average return of 3-5% over the benchmark before fees over a market cycle (typically 3 years) from investing primarily in a portfolio of global equity holdings, focusing on companies that are involved or derive benefit from the development and enhancement of mobile and 5G connectivity (Next Generation Connectivity).

The fund invests in securities that meet the criteria set out in the Sustainable Exclusion Policy, as detailed in the Prospectus.

## MANAGEMENT TEAM

### Yan Taw (YT) Boon

Portfolio Manager

### Hari Ramanan

Portfolio Manager

### Tim Creedon

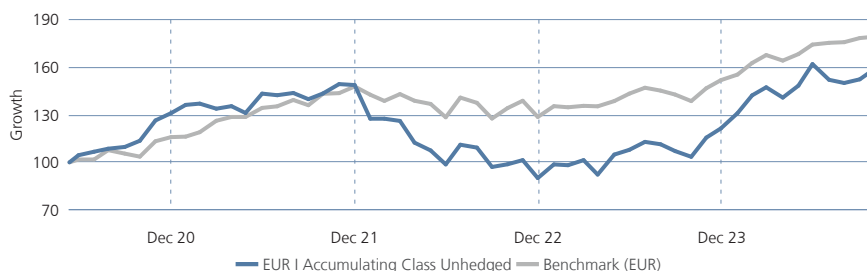
Portfolio Manager

## FUND FACTS

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Inception Date (Fund)     | 08 April 2020   |
| Base Currency (Fund)      | USD   |
| Fund AUM (USD million)    | 1073.05   |
| Domicile                  | Ireland   |
| Vehicle                   | UCITS   |
| Valuation                 | Daily   |
| Settlement (Subscription) | T+3   |
| Trading Deadline          | 15:00 (Dublin Time)   |
| Regulator                 | Central Bank of Ireland   |
| Benchmark                 | MSCI All-Country World Index (ACWI) (Total Return, net of tax, USD) converted into the relevant currency of the share class |

Analyst-Driven %  
10  
Data Coverage %  
83

## CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE Past performance does not predict future returns.



This chart shows how an investment of EUR 100 in the fund on its inception date would have performed and compares it against how a hypothetical investment of EUR 100 in the Benchmark(s) would have performed.

| PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>1</sup>      | 1m <sup>2</sup> | 3m <sup>2</sup> | YTD <sup>2</sup> | 1y <sup>2</sup> | 3y <sup>3</sup> | 5y <sup>3</sup> | 10y <sup>3</sup> | SI <sup>4</sup> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| EUR I Accumulating Class Unhedged | 4.53            | 4.74            | 31.14            | 53.82           | 3.55            | -               | -                | 11.18           |
| Benchmark (EUR)                   | 0.49            | 2.23            | 18.03            | 29.29           | 7.78            | -               | -                | 14.24           |

| 12 MONTH PERIODS (%) <sup>1</sup> | Oct14<br>Oct15 | Oct15<br>Oct16 | Oct16<br>Oct17 | Oct17<br>Oct18 | Oct18<br>Oct19 | Oct19<br>Oct20 | Oct20<br>Oct21 | Oct21<br>Oct22 | Oct22<br>Oct23 | Oct23<br>Oct24 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| EUR I Accumulating Class Unhedged | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | 26.23          | -31.10         | 4.76           | 53.82          |
| Benchmark (EUR)                   | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | 38.18          | -6.28          | 3.33           | 29.29          |

| CALENDAR (%)                      | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 <sup>5</sup> | 2021  | 2022   | 2023  | 2024 <sup>6</sup> |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------------------|
| EUR I Accumulating Class Unhedged | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | 31.00             | 13.51 | -39.41 | 34.74 | 31.14             |
| Benchmark (EUR)                   | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | 15.93             | 27.54 | -13.01 | 18.06 | 18.03             |

Effective 1st July 2024, the Neuberger Berman 5G Connectivity Fund changed name to the Neuberger Berman Next Generation Connectivity Fund.

The fund is actively managed, which means that the investments are selected at the discretion of the investment manager. The fund is not constrained by its benchmark, which is used for comparison purposes only.

<sup>1</sup>Performance to latest month end. YTD - Year to Date, SI - Since Inception, m - month, y - year. 12 month period based on month end NAVs.

<sup>2</sup>Returns for these periods are cumulative.

<sup>3</sup>Returns are annualised for periods longer than one year.

<sup>4</sup>Returns from 12 June 2020 to latest month end.

<sup>5</sup>Data shown since the share class inception date.

<sup>6</sup>Performance for the current calendar year is the year to date.

Fund performance is representative of the EUR I Accumulating Class Unhedged and has been calculated to account for the deduction of fees. Investors who subscribe in a currency other than the base currency of the fund should note that returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. **Fund performance does not take account of any commission or costs incurred by investors when subscribing for or redeeming shares.**

## RISK CONSIDERATIONS

**Market Risk:** The risk of a change in the value of a position as a result of underlying market factors, including among other things, the overall performance of companies and the market perception of the global economy.

**Emerging Markets Risk:** Emerging markets are likely to bear higher risk due to a possible lack of adequate financial, legal, social, political and economic structures, protection and stability as well as uncertain tax positions which may lead to lower liquidity. **The NAV of the fund may experience medium to high volatility due to lower liquidity and the availability of reliable information, as well as due to the fund's investment policies or portfolio management techniques.**

**Liquidity Risk:** The risk that the fund may be unable to sell an investment readily at its fair market value. In extreme market conditions this can affect the fund's ability to meet redemption requests upon demand.

**Smaller Companies Risk:** The fund may invest in small capitalisation companies. Such investments involve greater risk than is customarily associated with larger, more established companies due to the greater business risks of small size, limited markets and financial resources, narrow product lines and a frequent lack of depth of management.

**Concentration Risk:** The fund's investments may be concentrated in a small number of investments and its performance may therefore be more variable than the performance of a more diversified fund.

**Counterparty Risk:** The risk that a counterparty will not fulfil its payment obligation for a trade, contract or other transaction, on the due date.

**Operational Risk:** The risk of direct or indirect loss resulting from inadequate or failed processes, people and systems including those relating to the safekeeping of assets or from external events.

**Derivatives Risk:** The fund is permitted to use certain types of financial derivative instruments (including certain complex instruments). This may increase the fund's leverage significantly which may cause large variations in the value of your share. Investors should note that the fund may achieve its investment objective by investing principally in Financial Derivative Instruments (FDI). There are certain investment risks that apply in relation to the use of FDI. The fund's use of FDI can involve significant risks of loss.

**Currency Risk:** Investors who subscribe in a currency other than the base currency of the fund are exposed to currency risk. Fluctuations in exchange rates may affect the return on investment. Where past performance is shown it is based on the share class to which this factsheet relates. **If the currency of this share class is different from your local currency, then you should be aware that due to exchange rate fluctuations the performance shown may increase or decrease if converted into your local currency.**

For full information on these and other risks, please refer to the fund prospectus and offering documents, including the KID or KIID, as applicable.

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## SECTOR ALLOCATIONS % (MV)

|                        | Fund  | Bmrk  |
|------------------------|-------|-------|
| Information Technology | 71.94 | 24.83 |
| Communication Services | 11.70 | 7.93  |
| Consumer Discretionary | 5.46  | 10.50 |
| Industrials            | 3.35  | 10.56 |
| Health Care            | 2.96  | 10.56 |
| Financials             | 0.96  | 16.59 |
| Consumer Staples       | 0.00  | 6.18  |
| Energy                 | 0.00  | 4.06  |
| Materials              | 0.00  | 3.91  |
| Real Estate            | 0.00  | 2.19  |
| Utilities              | 0.00  | 2.69  |
| Cash                   | 3.63  | 0.00  |

## CHARACTERISTICS

|  | Fund    | Bmrk    |
|--|---------|---------|
| Number of Securities                         | 53      | 2,686   |
| Weighted Average Market Cap<br>(USD Million) | 592,619 | 659,023 |
| Forward Price/Earnings (P/E) ratio           | 25.66   | 19.43   |
| Estimated 3-5 Year EPS Growth<br>(%)         | 21.81   | 13.64   |
| Dividend Yield (%)                           | 0.72    | 1.82    |
| Price / Sales                                | 3.70    | 2.52    |

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS % (MV)

|  | Fund | Bmrk |
|--|------|------|
| NVIDIA Corporation                           | 5.64 | 4.27 |
| Amazon.com, Inc.                             | 4.80 | 2.28 |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. | 4.54 | 1.04 |
| Meta Platforms Inc Class A                   | 4.22 | 1.63 |
| SK hynix Inc.                                | 3.52 | 0.10 |
| Advantest Corp.                              | 3.49 | 0.06 |
| Broadcom Inc.                                | 3.32 | 0.98 |
| Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., Ltd.         | 3.23 | 0.11 |
| ARM Holdings PLC ADR                         | 3.13 | 0.00 |
| Arista Networks, Inc.                        | 3.12 | 0.13 |

## TOP 10 COUNTRY ALLOCATIONS % (MV)

|                | Fund  | Bmrk  |
|----------------|-------|-------|
| United States  | 62.01 | 64.75 |
| Japan          | 9.42  | 4.93  |
| Taiwan         | 8.54  | 1.97  |
| Germany        | 3.99  | 1.98  |
| Korea          | 3.52  | 1.04  |
| United Kingdom | 3.13  | 3.24  |
| Netherlands    | 2.18  | 1.06  |
| China          | 1.34  | 2.84  |
| Canada         | 1.24  | 2.74  |
| Finland        | 1.02  | 0.22  |

## ASSET SUMMARY

|                               | Fund  |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Cash Equivalents (%)          | 3.63  |
| Assets in Top 10 Holdings (%) | 39.00 |

## REGIONAL ALLOCATIONS % (MV)

|                       | Fund  |
|-----------------------|-------|
| United States         | 62.01 |
| Asia Pacific ex-Japan | 13.39 |
| Japan                 | 9.42  |
| Europe ex-UK          | 7.18  |
| United Kingdom        | 3.13  |
| Canada                | 1.24  |
| Cash                  | 3.63  |

## RISK MEASURES

|                    | 3 years |
|--------------------|---------|
| Alpha (%)          | -4.46   |
| Tracking Error (%) | 15.73   |
| Beta               | 1.57    |
| Sharpe Ratio       | 0.11    |
| Information Ratio  | -0.27   |
| R-Squared (%)      | 67.08   |
| Standard Deviation | 24.60   |

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## I SHARE CLASS DATA

| Share Class          | NAV   | Initial Sales Charge (Max) | Ongoing Charges | Management Fee | Minimum Investment |
|----------------------|-------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| CHF I Acc            | 13.31 | 0.00%                      | 1.02%*          | 0.85%          | 1,000,000          |
| EUR I Acc            | 13.34 | 0.00%                      | 0.99%*          | 0.85%          | 1,000,000          |
| EUR I Acc - Unhedged | 15.92 | 0.00%                      | 0.99%*          | 0.85%          | 1,000,000          |
| GBP I Acc. Unhedged  | 13.13 | 0.00%                      | 0.98%*          | 0.85%          | 1,000,000          |
| USD I Acc            | 17.59 | 0.00%                      | 0.99%*          | 0.85%          | 1,000,000          |
| USD I Dist           | 17.58 | 0.00%                      | 0.99%*          | 0.85%          | 1,000,000          |

| Share Class          | Inception Date | Morningstar Category™    | ISIN         | Bloomberg  | VALOR    |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------|----------|
| CHF I Acc            | 01-08-2023     | Other Equity             | IE00BMY47665 | NEB5CIC    | 56988609 |
| EUR I Acc            | 30-06-2020     | Other Equity             | IE00BMPRXW24 | NB5GCEI ID | 54330887 |
| EUR I Acc - Unhedged | 12-06-2020     | Sector Equity Technology | IE00BLLXGX96 | NEB5CEI ID | 54096359 |
| GBP I Acc. Unhedged  | 02-11-2020     | Sector Equity Technology | IE00BKS9L945 | NEB5IGH ID | 57896328 |
| USD I Acc            | 08-04-2020     | Sector Equity Technology | IE00BLLXGV72 | NEB5CUI ID | 54096310 |
| USD I Dist           | 08-04-2020     | Sector Equity Technology | IE00BLLXGW89 | NB5CUID ID | 54096339 |

\*The ongoing charge figure (which includes the management fee) is an annual charge based on expenses for the period ending 31 December 2023

Some share classes listed are subject to restrictions, please refer to the fund's prospectus for further details.

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Except for performance, the data shown is for the fund and is not specific to the share class, it has not been adjusted to reflect the different fees and expenses of the share class.**

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**Accumulating (Acc) Class:** Any class in respect of which the directors have determined to accumulate all net investment income and net realised capital gains attributable to such classes and in respect of which it is not intended to declare dividends.

**Alpha:** The risk-adjusted excess return on an investment in the Fund compared to the benchmark.

**Annualised Performance:** The returns from a period of time longer than one year, expressed as a yearly geometric average return.

**AUM:** Assets Under Management.

**Base Currency:** The currency in which the net asset value of each portfolio is evaluated.

**Beta:** A measure of the systematic risk of a portfolio relative to the benchmark based on historical returns. The beta of the benchmark will always be 1. For example, a portfolio with a beta above the benchmark (as in, more than 1) indicates that the portfolio has greater volatility than the benchmark and would be expected to outperform in up markets and expected to underperform in down markets.

**Bmrk/Benchmark:** An index that is used to compare the performance of a fund, or that is used with the purpose of tracking the return of such index, or that is used to define the asset allocation of a portfolio or to calculate performance fees.

**Cash Equivalent:** A short-term money-market instrument, such as a Treasury bill or repurchase agreement, of such high liquidity and safety that it is easily converted into cash.

**Consumer Discretionary:** The sector of the economy representing businesses that produce goods and services which are considered non-essential by consumers, but desirable if their available income is sufficient to purchase them.

**Consumer Staples:** The sector of the economy representing businesses that produce goods and services which are considered essential by consumers and are unable or unwilling to cut out of their budgets regardless of their financial situation.

**Cumulative Performance:** The returns generated by an investment over an entire specified period, as opposed to the performance of an investment over each discrete period of, for example, one month, one quarter or one year.

**Distributing (Dist) Class:** Any class in respect of which the directors intend to declare dividends out of net income and capital on a semi-annual basis in accordance with the Articles and as specified in the "Distribution Policy" section in Prospectus.

**Dividend Yield:** The annual percentage return earned by a fund from company dividends, calculated by dividing the amount of the annual dividends per share by the current net asset value or public offering price.

**Domestic Chinese A Shares:** Shares of companies incorporated in mainland China and traded in Shanghai or Shenzhen, quoted in Chinese Renminbi (RMB).

**Domestic Chinese B Shares:** Shares of companies incorporated in mainland China and traded in Shanghai or Shenzhen, quoted in a foreign currency.

**Domicile:** The geographical location where a fund is incorporated.

**EPS Growth:** EPS growth (earnings per share growth) illustrates the growth of earnings per share over time. EPS growth rates help investors identify stocks that are increasing or decreasing in

profitability. Estimated 3-5 Year EPS Growth is an estimate of how earnings per share are expected to grow in the next 3 to 5 years. There is no guarantee that the estimated EPS growth will be achieved.

**ESG:** ESG represents Environmental issues, (such as the impact on natural resources), Social issues (such as human rights) and Governance, (being the way in which the company is run).

**Financial Derivative Instruments (FDI):** Financial instruments that are linked to some other specific financial instrument or indicator or commodity, and through which specific financial risks can be traded in financial markets in their own right; their value derives from the price or level of the underlying asset or indicator. Examples include futures, options and swaps contracts.

**Forward Price/Earnings (P/E) ratio:** This is the price of a share at a given time divided by its forecasted earnings per share for the next fiscal year. The forecasted earnings are based on consensus estimates, not Neuberger Berman's own projections, and forecasts may or may not be realized. In addition, any revision to a forecast could affect the market price of a share. If the forward P/E ratio is higher than the current P/E ratio, it indicates decreased expected earnings.

**Hong Kong (H Shares):** Shares of a company incorporated in the Chinese mainland that is listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange or other foreign exchange.

**Hong Kong (Red Chips):** A company based in Mainland China that is incorporated internationally and listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

**Information Ratio (IR):** The expected active return, relative to its benchmark of reference, of an investment strategy (Alpha) divided by its tracking error. This is a measure of the efficiency with which an investment strategy takes risk against its benchmark.

**Initial Sales Charge (Max):** The maximum amount that an investor in an investment fund may be required to pay when investing in the fund, expressed as a percentage of the value of the investment.

**KID / KIID (Key Investor Information Document / Key Information Document):** A short document that fund management companies are required to provide for investors, giving the key facts and figures about an investment fund.

**Management Fee:** The fixed annualised fee that an investor pays in order to have assets managed in an investment fund or by an investment manager.

**Market Cap / Market Capitalisation** — The market value of a company, calculated by multiplying the number of shares outstanding by the price per share, or the market value of an entities' outstanding bonds.

**Market Value (MV):** Used to describe the current value of the portfolio's assets.

**NAV (Net Asset Value):** The net asset value of a portfolio.

**Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF):** The ongoing charge figure represents the annual costs of a fund, and it includes the ongoing costs of running the fund, such as operating costs, management costs, administration costs, distribution costs and transaction costs incurred as a result of buying or selling investments. The ongoing charge figure does not include one-off costs such as entry or exit charges and performance fees. The ongoing charge figure replaced the Total Expense Ratio

(TER).

**Price / Sales:** A company's share price divided by its sales revenue per share. An alternative method to price/earnings ratio for valuing a stock

**R-Squared:** A statistical measure representing the percentage of an investment portfolio's movements that can be explained by movements in the benchmark. A high R-squared (between 85 and 100) indicates the portfolio's performance patterns have been historically in line with the benchmark.

**Return on Equity:** Return on equity is the level of net income returned as a percentage of the shareholder's equity.

**Settlement (Subscription):** The process by which securities or units in an investment fund are delivered in exchange for cash.

**Share Class:** Classes represent ownership in the same fund but charge different fees. This can enable shareholders to choose the type of fee structure that best suits their particular needs.

**Sharpe Ratio:** Characterises how well the return of the Fund compensates the investor for the risk taken relative to a risk free cash investment. When comparing two funds versus a common benchmark, the one with a higher Sharpe Ratio provides better return for the same risk (or, equivalently, the same return for lower risk).

**Singapore S Chips:** Chinese companies or companies with operations in China listed on the Singapore Exchange.

**Standard Deviation:** Measures the historical volatility of the Fund's return. Standard deviation is a statistical measure of the dispersion of a set of data relative to its mean value. The higher the standard deviation, the wider the variability of the returns is and the higher the portfolio risk. In investment the term is usually applied to a series of historical returns, and is often referred to as "volatility".

**Tracking Error:** A measure of the volatility of the difference between the return to an investment strategy and the return to its benchmark. It is a measure of how closely the strategy's performance may differ from that of the benchmark. A higher tracking error implies that a portfolio is actively managed versus its benchmark.

**Trading Deadline:** The last point on each day at which a request to subscribe or redeem units in an investment fund can be submitted to the fund management company. Requests to trade submitted after this deadline will be executed the next day.

**US ADRs:** An American depositary receipt (ADR), is a stock that trades in the United States but represents a specified number of shares in a foreign corporation.

**Vehicle:** Any structure established to accept cash from investors with which to make investments in assets and securities. Examples include closed- or open-ended collective investment funds, limited partnerships, and exchange traded funds.

**Volatility:** Also referred to as the standard deviation of the stream of returns to an asset, portfolio, market or benchmark.

**Weighted Average Market Cap:** The mean average market capitalisation of a portfolio of securities, where each holding is weighted according to its size in the portfolio. Market capitalisation is the total value, at current market prices, of all the outstanding issues of one type of security, from one issuer.