The directors of MGI Funds plc (the "Directors") listed in the Prospectus under the heading "THE COMPANY", accept responsibility for the information contained in the Prospectus and this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in the Prospectus and this Supplement is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

# MERCER SHORT DURATION GLOBAL BOND FUND 2

(A Sub-Fund of MGI Funds plc, an umbrella fund with segregated liability between Sub-Funds authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011, as amended)

**SUPPLEMENT DATED 15 NOVEMBER 2024** 

**TO PROSPECTUS DATED 15 NOVEMBER 2024** 

#### **MANAGER**

# MERCER GLOBAL INVESTMENTS MANAGEMENT LIMITED

This Supplement forms part of, and should be read in the context of, and together with the prospectus dated 15 November 2024 (the "Prospectus"), in relation to MGI Funds plc (the "Company") and contains information relating to the Mercer Short Duration Global Bond Fund 2 (the "Sub-Fund") which is a separate portfolio of the Company, which issues the Share Classes outlined in this Supplement.

This Supplement should be read in conjunction with the general description of the Company contained in the Prospectus. All information contained in the Prospectus is deemed incorporated herein. Words and expressions not specifically defined in this Supplement bear the same meaning as that attributed to them in the Prospectus. To the extent that there is any inconsistency between this Supplement and the Prospectus, this Supplement shall prevail.

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#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This Supplement shall form part of, and should be read in conjunction with, the Prospectus. Statements made in this Supplement are, except where otherwise stated, based on the law and practice currently in force in Ireland and are subject to change.

This Supplement contains information relating to the Mercer Short Duration Global Bond Fund 2, a separate Sub-Fund of the Company which is authorised and regulated by the Central Bank as a UCITS.

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

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

Distribution of this Supplement is not authorised unless it is accompanied by a copy of the Prospectus, the applicable KID and the Company's latest annual report and audited reports and/or half-yearly report and unaudited accounts (as applicable). These documents, delivered together, will comprise a complete current prospectus for the offering of Shares of the Sub-Fund.

Prospective investors should seek the advice of their legal, tax and financial advisers if they have any doubts regarding the contents of this Supplement.

An investment in the Sub-Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Words and terms defined in the Prospectus have the same meaning in this Supplement unless otherwise stated herein. The Sub-Fund is established pursuant to the UCITS Regulations and this Supplement shall be construed accordingly and will comply with the Central Bank UCITS Regulations.

For the purposes of Share dealings and valuations of the Sub-Fund, "**Dealing Day**" shall mean a day which is a bank business day in Ireland or the United Kingdom and/or such other day or days as the Directors shall from time to time determine and notify in advance to the Shareholders, provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day per fortnight.

The Net Asset Value per Share in respect of any Dealing Day with respect to the Sub-Fund will be calculated at 12.00 midday (Irish time) on the Business Day following the Dealing Day and shall be published on the Business Day on which it is calculated on the following website <a href="www.bloomberg.com">www.bloomberg.com</a> and on or through such other media as the Manager may from time to time determine. The Net Asset Value per Share published on the abovementioned website will be updated on each Business Day. The Net Asset Value per Share will also be available from the office of the Administrator.

The "Valuation Point" as at which prices shall be used when valuing the assets of the Sub-Fund shall be such time on a Dealing Day which reflects the close of business in the markets relevant to the assets and liabilities of the Sub-Fund or such other time on that Dealing Day as the Directors may determine from time to time and notify to Shareholders. For the avoidance of doubt, the Valuation Point for any Dealing Day shall always be a time on that Dealing Day and the time at which the Net Asset Value is calculated will always be after the Dealing Deadline.

For the purposes of this Supplement, a "Securitised Loan Participation" means a contractual relationship between an investor and a lender (the investor is not and has no contractual relationship with the borrower) whereby the investor has the right to receive payments of principal, interest and any fees to which it is entitled only from the lender selling the participation.

For the purposes of this Supplement, and notwithstanding anything contrary in the Prospectus, "Credit-Linked Instruments" mean asset-backed securities (including but not limited to collateralised debt obligations, collateralised mortgage obligations and collateralised loan obligations), credit-linked notes or other instruments, the return or repayment of which are linked to credit risks or which otherwise transfer credit risks of third parties.

For the purposes of this Supplement, and notwithstanding anything contrary in the Prospectus, "Investment Grade" means a credit quality rating of BBB-, Baa3 or its credit equivalent, or above, as rated by an internationally recognized rating agency in line with applicable regulations. Where an investment has three or more ratings leading to different assessments, the lower of the two best credit ratings shall be taken. Where an investment has two ratings, the lower rating shall be taken. If an investment is unrated by an internationally recognized rating agency, its credit quality will be determined by the Investment Manager (or its delegate) in its discretion in line with applicable regulations.

For the purposes of this Supplement, and notwithstanding anything contrary in the Prospectus, "Speculative Grade" means a credit quality rating of B-, B3 or its credit equivalent, or above but below Investment Grade, as rated by an internationally recognized rating agency in line with applicable regulations. Where an investment has three or more ratings leading to different assessments, the lower of the two best credit ratings shall be taken. Where an investment has two ratings, the lower rating shall be taken. If an investment is unrated by an internationally recognized rating agency, its credit quality will be determined by the Investment Manager (or its delegate) in its discretion in line with applicable regulations.

#### THE SUB-FUND

The Sub-Fund is a sub-fund of the Company, an investment company with variable capital incorporated as a public limited company in Ireland with registered number 421179 and established as an umbrella fund with segregated liability between Sub-Funds.

The list of classes of Shares in the Sub-Fund offered by the Company is set out under "FEES AND EXPENSES" below.

The Directors may determine to redeem all the outstanding Shares of the Sub-Fund in the event that the Sub-Fund's Net Asset Value falls below €25 million (or its equivalent in the Base Currency for the Sub-Fund) or such other amount as may be determined by the Directors from time to time and notified in advance to Shareholders.

#### **BASE CURRENCY**

The Base Currency for the Sub-Fund shall be U.S. Dollar or such other currency as the Directors shall from time to time determine and notify to the Shareholders.

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICIES

#### **Investment Objective**

The investment objective of the Sub-Fund is to target attractive risk adjusted returns through investment in a range of underlying investments or strategies.

#### **Investment Policy**

The Sub-Fund will seek to achieve its objective by primarily investing in global bonds and fixed income securities.

The Sub-Fund seeks to promote environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of the SFDR. Information about the environmental and/ or social characteristics of the Sub-Fund is available below and in the Annex to this Supplement. Please also see further information in the "Sustainability Policies" section of the Prospectus.

#### Use of the Index

The investment policy of the Sub-Fund is to seek to outperform the JP Morgan GBI Global 1-3 Year Total Return Index (Hedged) (the "Index") by 0.25% - 0.75%, gross of the fees of the Manager, the Investment Manager and the Distributor, but net of all other fees and expenses of the Sub-Fund, on average per annum over the medium to long term (or any other index determined by the Directors from time to time which substantially measures the same market as the Index). While the Sub-Fund may invest in constituents of the Index, the Sub-Fund will be actively managed and the Investment Manager (or its delegates) may use its discretion to invest in, for example, securities, issuers, companies or sectors not included in the Index. The Investment Manager (or its delegates) may invest in Index constituents using different weights than those used by the Index. As of the date of this Supplement, the Index captures fixed-rate, local currency treasury bonds, with minimum term to maturity greater than or equal to one year and less than three years, issued by developed markets and further information on the Index can be found at www.jpmorgan.com. Investors should note that the Sub-Fund does not intend to track the Index and there is no quarantee that the Sub-Fund will outperform the Index.

While the Sub-Fund does not target a specific level of tracking error relative to the Index, it is anticipated that this will be within the region of 0.75% - 2.5%, on an ex-post basis over the medium to long term under normal market conditions. Shareholders should note that disclosing this expected range is intended to provide an indication of the expected level of deviation from the Index that the Sub-Fund may experience when seeking to implement the investment policy but also that there is no guarantee that the Sub-Fund will stay within this range in practice.

The Investment Manager may also use one or more indices, including the Index, comprised of the types of assets in which the Sub-Fund may invest to constrain the investments made by Sub-Investment Managers in respect of the Sub-Fund or to set outperformance targets for Sub-Investment Managers. These constraints may, for example, take the forms of limits which relate to the issuers, durations, sector weights, country weights, credit ratings of the constituents of the indices and tracking error relative to the indices. The Sub-Investment Managers may also use these indices for investment purposes (where such indices are UCITS-eligible), including taking exposure to their performance either through direct investment or the use of derivatives or using the indices as a universe from which to select investments. Details of these specific indices will be contained in the annual report produced in respect of the Sub-Fund. Any index (including the Index) in which the Sub-Fund invests will be rebalanced regularly and on at least an annual basis, though such rebalancing may be more frequent subject to compliance with the requirements of the UCITS Regulations. Rebalancing may result in an increase in the costs of the Sub-Fund. The Index is not used by the Sub-Fund as a reference benchmark to assist in the promotion of environmental and social characteristics of the Sub-Fund.

#### Investment Selection

The Sub-Fund will invest in global bonds and fixed income securities denominated in major world currencies (including, without limitation, U.S. Dollars, Canadian Dollars, Sterling and Euro) and with varying maturities, outlined in the following paragraph.

The Sub-Fund will invest primarily in Investment Grade bonds and securities but may invest up to 20% of its assets in bonds and fixed income securities (other than Credit-Linked Instruments) that are Speculative Grade at the time of investment. The Sub-Fund will only invest in Credit-Linked Instruments (i) that are Investment Grade at the time of the investment, and (ii) provided that (a) they are either admitted to trading on a Recognised Market in the EEA or OECD or included in such market or (b) the issuer is domiciled in a member state of the EEA or a full member state of the OECD. Investment is also permitted in convertible bonds, securitizations (a form of listed debt instrument which will be limited to mortgage backed securities and asset backed securities), floating rate notes and distressed securities (subject to the rating requirements set out below). Distressed securities are securities, including without limitation, equities and fixed income securities (such fixed income securities are described in the following paragraph), in an issuer that is near or is currently going through bankruptcy and which have therefore suffered a significant reduction in value.

#### SFDR Disclosure

The Sub-Fund seeks to promote environmental characteristics, within the meaning of Article 8 of the SFDR, namely to seek to mitigate the impact of climate change by reducing the potential carbon footprint of the Sub-Fund.

The Sub-Fund seeks to avoid exposure to, in the opinion of the Investment Manager (or its delegate), the worst carbon emitters with the lowest carbon transition potential, being those companies:

- whose carbon emissions intensity exceed 3,000 tonnes/ m\$USD revenue, being, in the opinion of the Investment Manager (or its delegate), the worst carbon emitters, unless the Investment Manager's (or its delegates'), proprietary analysis of such companies indicates strong carbon transition potential. Carbon emissions intensity of a given company will be measured having regard to guidance from the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures, and will be based on available data comparing the volume of annual carbon emissions of the company (using estimated Scope 1 and 2 carbon emissions only) against that company's annual sales. Scope 1 emissions are direct emissions from owned or controlled sources, scope 2 emissions are indirect emissions from the generation of purchased energy; or
- that generate more than 1% of their revenue from (i) thermal coal extraction; (ii) arctic drilling; or (iii) oil tar sand mining

The Sub-Fund seeks to promote social characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of the SFDR by avoiding investment in companies that (i) are involved in the manufacture, distribution or sales of controversial weapons such as landmines, cluster munitions, chemical and biological weapons, nuclear weapons and (semi) automatic civilian firearms; or (ii) manufacture tobacco products or generate more than 50% of their revenue from tobacco distribution or sales.

In addition to the exclusions above, the Sub-Fund also seeks to avoid investing in companies with material exposure to the following:

- Negative environmental impact
- Violation of international law/human rights
- Corruption and economic crime
- Recreational cannabis
- A low sustainability rating within a high-risk industry
- Production of coal or coal-related products

The Investment Manager (or its delegate) is required to follow good governance standards in the selection of securities for investment. The Sub-Fund uses third party data providers to identify companies that are deemed to be in breach of United Nations Global Compact principles (including

companies breaching United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises). An engagement and escalation framework is in place, seeking to remedy breaches within an acceptable time-frame. If the Investment Manager (or its delegate) deems the likelihood of the remediation within an acceptable time-frame low, such companies may be added to the list of exclusions.

The above exclusions are implemented and monitored in accordance with the "Sustainability Policies" section of the Prospectus.

#### Sustainability Risk

The Investment Manager integrates Sustainability Risks throughout the investment process for the Sub-Fund, including in portfolio construction, Sub-Investment Manager selection and monitoring, and in ongoing risk management and portfolio monitoring as set out in the "Sustainability Policies" section of the Prospectus.

Developed market portfolios may have exposure to a wide variety of Sustainability Risks, including impacts relating to the transition to a low-carbon economy and associated policy or regulatory developments.

Sovereign bonds may have exposure to a wide variety of Sustainability Risks, such as the impact of climate change on interest rates or inflation.

Given the manner in which Sustainability Risk is integrated in the investment process of the Sub-Fund, together with the binding environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund, the Investment Manager does not believe that Sustainability Risks will have a material negative impact on the long-term returns of the Sub-Fund. However, the assessment of the impact of Sustainability Risks on the performance of the Sub-Fund is difficult to predict and is subject to inherent limitations such as the availability and quality of the data. Furthermore, Sustainability Risk is an evolving, multi-faceted risk category and the likely impact of Sustainability Risk on the Sub-Fund's performance may vary during the lifetime of the Sub-Fund.

#### Permissible Investments and Limits

The types of fixed income securities in which the Sub-Fund can invest include securities issued or guaranteed by EU Member States and non-EU Member States, their sub-divisions, agencies or instrumentalities, corporate debt securities (i.e. bonds) and corporate commercial paper, mortgage-backed and other asset-backed securities (including but not limited to collateralised debt obligations, collateralised mortgage obligations and collateralised loan obligations) which are transferable securities that are collateralised by receivables or other assets, inflation indexed bonds issued both by governments and corporations, securities of international agencies or supranational entities, debt securities whose interest is, in the opinion of bond counsel for the issuer at the time of the issuance, exempt from US federal income tax (municipal bonds), freely transferable and unleveraged structured notes, including Securitised Loan Participations, freely transferable and unleveraged hybrid securities which are derivatives that combine a traditional stock or bond with an option or forward contract. The fixed income securities may have fixed, variable or floating rates of interest and may vary inversely with respect to a reference rate. Subject to the rating requirements set out in the Investment Policy, the Sub-Fund may also invest in inflation-protected securities, including, without limitation, U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities, and may also invest in stripped mortgage securities.

Investment is also permitted in certain loan instruments (which may be securitised or unsecuritised) which are a form of money market instruments. No more than 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund may be invested in the loan instruments referred to in this paragraph. For the avoidance of doubt, where the Sub-Fund invests by way of direct investment, as outlined above, rather than in collective investment schemes, no more than 10% in aggregate of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund may be invested in securities not listed or traded on Recognised Markets (including the loan instruments referred to in this paragraph and Securitised Loan Participations).

An investment in the Sub-Fund is not in the nature of a deposit in a bank account and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be

available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account. Consequently, there is the risk that the principal invested in the Sub-Fund is capable of fluctuation and there is a significant risk of the loss of the entire amount of the value of an investor's investment.

The Sub-Fund will not invest in any securities which are not permitted by the Norwegian Ministry of Finance.

The Sub-Fund will not invest more than 50% of its Net Asset Value in Emerging Markets. The Sub-Fund may invest no more than 10% of its Net Asset Value in securities listed or traded on the Moscow Exchange Level 1 or Moscow Exchange Level 2 in Russia.

Following the initial investment by the Sub-Fund, the credit quality of an investment may be downgraded by a credit agency or may cease to be Investment Grade/Speculative Grade in the opinion of the Investment Manager (or its delegate). The Sub-Fund may continue to hold, or increase its holdings in, such investments at the discretion of the Investment Manager (or its delegate) provided that (i) in the case of a downgrading of (A) Credit-Linked Instruments below Investment Grade or (B) other debt or debt-related instruments below Speculative Grade, no such increase shall be permissible, and (ii) if 3% or more of the Sub-Fund's Net Asset Value becomes comprised, at any time, of investments that (A) have a credit quality rating of below Speculative Grade and/or (B) constitute Credit-Linked Instruments that have a credit quality rating of below Investment Grade, then the Investment Manager (or its delegate) will use commercially reasonable efforts to sell such portion of the relevant investments as is required to cause such investments to make up less than 3% of the Sub-Fund's Net Asset Value within six months from the downgrading of the relevant investments, unless the rating of such investments is upgraded to Speculative Grade or Investment Grade (as applicable) within such six-month period.

The Sub-Fund may invest no more than 10% of its Net Asset Value in aggregate in regulated collective investment schemes. Investment by the Sub-Fund in Real Estate Investment Trust Securities ("REITs") listed on Recognised Markets, including, without limitation, the London Stock Exchange, the New York Stock Exchange, the Irish Stock Exchange, the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, the Australian Stock Exchange, the Tokyo Stock Exchange and the Singapore Stock Exchange, will not exceed 10% of the Sub-Fund's Net Asset Value. The Investment Manager (or its delegate) will only invest in REITs where it believes that such investment will continue to provide the level of liquidity to Shareholders referred to in the Prospectus and this Supplement.

#### Ancillary Investments

The Sub-Fund may also invest in money market instruments including bank deposits, certificates of deposit, commercial paper, floating rate notes and freely transferable promissory notes for ancillary liquidity purposes. The Sub-Fund may also invest in cash or liquid instruments listed on Recognised Markets for liquidity purposes and for the purposes of paying any expenses due by it. Where such investment includes a debt instrument, the provisions regarding Speculative Grade investment and related downgrading requirements set out in this Supplement also apply in this regard.

#### Use of Derivatives

The Sub-Fund may also seek to achieve its investment objective by: (i) gaining exposure to the above investments by investing in derivatives and swaps, including futures, forwards, swaps, including credit, index or total return swaps, credit default swaps, structured notes, hybrid securities, transferable securities with embedded derivatives (including convertibles, convertible bonds and structured notes), warrants and rights issues, equity-linked securities (including preferred stock and securities which are convertible into common or preferred stock), securities lending, when-issued, delayed delivery, and forward commitment transactions; and (ii) interest rate swaps which are expected to provide additional returns. Investment in such financial derivative instruments and swaps is subject to the restrictions set out in Appendix III and Appendix IV to the Prospectus. Investors should have regard to "Special Considerations and Risk Factors – Derivatives Risks" in the Prospectus.

In addition to the Sub-Fund having the ability to use financial derivative instruments for investment purposes, as set out above, the Sub-Fund may, in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank and the provisions set forth in Appendix II, Appendix III and Appendix IV to the Prospectus, utilise financial derivative instruments for hedging purposes and efficient portfolio management. Specifically,

the Sub-Fund may utilise instruments including futures, forwards, total return swaps, interest rate swaps, currency swaps, credit swaps, index swaps and credit default swaps (which may be listed or over the counter) to buy and sell protection and may also enter into currency forward contracts for efficient portfolio management and/or to protect against interest rate risks. The reference assets underlying the total return swaps, if any, shall be any security, basket of securities or indices which are consistent with the investment policies of the Sub-Fund described in this Supplement. The counterparties to all swap transactions will be institutions subject to prudential supervision and belonging to categories approved by the Central Bank and will not have discretion over the assets of the Sub-Fund.

The Sub-Fund will not invest in consumer loans or working capital loans; provided that the Sub-Fund may, directly or indirectly, acquire financial instruments relating to an underlying investment in consumer loans or working capital loans so long as the physical delivery of any such consumer loan or working capital loan to the Sub-Fund (through a distribution in specie or otherwise) shall be prohibited under the terms of the relevant financial instruments.

#### Securities Financing Transactions

The Sub-Fund may enter into securities lending agreements, subject to the conditions and limits set out in the Prospectus.

The Sub-Fund's exposure to securities financing transactions is as set out below (in each case as a percentage of Net Asset Value):

	Expected	Maximum
Total Return Swaps	0 - 20%	500%
Repurchase Agreements	0 - 20%	100%
Reverse Repurchase Agreements	0 - 20%	100%
Securities Lending	0 - 10%	50%

#### Risk Management

The Sub-Fund is expected to have low volatility. The expected effect of utilising financial derivative instruments for hedging purposes is a reduction in the volatility of the Sub-Fund's Net Asset Value and the expected effect of utilising financial derivative instruments for investment purposes is an increase in the volatility of the Sub-Fund's Net Asset Value.

The Manager will employ a risk management process which will enable it to accurately measure, monitor and manage the risks attached to financial derivative instrument positions and details of this process have been provided to the Central Bank. The Manager will not utilise financial derivative instruments which have not been included in the risk management process until such time as a revised risk management process has been submitted to the Central Bank. The Manager will provide on request to Shareholders supplementary information relating to the risk management methods employed by the Manager, including the quantitative limits that are applied and any recent developments in the risk and yield characteristics of the main categories of investments.

The market risk associated with the use of derivatives will be covered and will be risk managed using the Value at Risk ("VaR") methodology in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements. VaR is a statistical methodology that predicts, using historical data, the likely maximum daily loss that the Sub-Fund could lose calculated to a one-tailed 99% confidence level. However there is a 1% statistical chance that the daily VaR number may be exceeded.

The VaR approach uses a historical observation period and thus the VaR result may be biased if abnormal market conditions are not prevalent or are omitted from the historical observation period. Accordingly, investors could suffer significant losses in abnormal market conditions. The Manager will

attempt to minimize such risks by conducting regular back testing and stress testing of the VaR model in accordance with Central Bank requirements.

The Sub-Fund intends to use the Relative VaR model. Accordingly, the VaR of the Sub-Fund's portfolio will not exceed twice the VaR on a comparable benchmark portfolio or reference portfolio (i.e. a similar portfolio with no derivatives) which will reflect the Sub-Fund's intended investment style. The reference portfolio will be the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index (the "Reference Portfolio"). The Reference Portfolio tracks a global portfolio of investment grade sovereign & non-sovereign bonds and is generally considered to be representative of the Sub-Fund's intended investments. The Reference Portfolio is available to investors from the Sub-Investment Manager on request. Leverage shall be calculated as the sum of the notionals of the derivatives that are used.

The holding period shall be 20 days. The historical observation period shall not be less than one year. It should be noted that the above limits are the current VaR limits required by the Central Bank. However, should the VaR model for the Sub-Fund or the Central Bank limits change, the Sub-Fund will have the ability to avail of such new model or limits by updating this Supplement and the Risk Management Process of the Company accordingly. The Investment Manager (or its delegate) may alter the Reference Portfolio from time to time to any other benchmark which the Investment Manager (or its delegate) determines, in its sole discretion, is generally representative of the securities in which the Sub-Fund will invest. Shareholders will not be notified in advance of any change in the Reference Portfolio. However, such change will be notified to Shareholders in the periodic reports of the Sub-Fund following such change. The measurement and monitoring of all exposures relating to the use of derivative instruments will be performed on at least a daily basis.

The level of leverage for the Sub-Fund is expected to range from 0% to 400%, although investors should note that higher levels of leverage may be experienced.

Investors should note that there can be no guarantee that the Sub-Fund will achieve its investment objective.

#### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

Investment in the Sub-Fund is suitable only for those persons and institutions for whom such investment does not represent a complete investment program, who understand the degree of risk involved and believe that the investment is suitable based upon investment objectives and financial needs. Investment in the Sub-Fund should be viewed as short to medium term.

#### **FX HEDGING**

Each Share Class which has either "Hedged" or "H" in its name is referred to herein as a "**Hedged Share Class**".

Foreign exchange hedging will be utilised for the benefit of the Hedged Share Classes and its cost and related liabilities and/or benefits shall accrue solely to the relevant Classes of Shares. In the case of the Hedged Share Classes, the Investment Manager (or its delegate) will seek to hedge the relevant Class Currency against any investments held in the Sub-Fund which are denominated in a currency other than the Class Currency. This is to ensure that Shareholders in the Hedged Share Classes receive a return in the relevant Class Currency which is not materially affected by changes between the value of the relevant Class Currency and the currency or currencies in which the assets of the Sub-Fund are denominated, although there is no guarantee that the Investment Manager (or its delegate) will be successful in this regard.

It may not be practical or efficient to hedge the foreign currency exposure of a Class exactly to the currency or currencies in which all the assets of the Sub-Fund are denominated. Accordingly, in devising and implementing its hedging strategy, the Investment Manager (or its delegate) may hedge the foreign currency exposure of the Shares to the major currencies in which the assets of the Sub-Fund are, or are expected to be, denominated. In determining the major currencies against which the foreign currency exposure of the relevant Class should be hedged, the Investment Manager (or its delegate) may have regard to any index which is expected to closely correspond to the assets of the

Sub-Fund. As foreign exchange hedging will be utilised solely for the benefit of Hedged Share Classes, transactions will be clearly attributable to the relevant Hedged Share Classes and its costs and related liabilities and/or benefits will be for the account of the relevant Hedged Share Classes only. While Hedged Share Classes will hedge an investor's currency exposure from a decline in the value of the currencies in which the investments of the Sub-Fund are denominated against the Class Currency of the Hedged Share Classes, investors in Hedged Share Classes will not generally benefit when the Class Currency of the relevant Hedged Share Class appreciates against the currencies in which the investments of the Sub-Fund are denominated. A Class may not be leveraged due to the use of such techniques and instruments, but, subject to the below and notwithstanding the limit included in the Prospectus, over-hedged or under-hedged positions may arise due to factors outside the control of the Sub-Fund, including but not limited to market movements. Any such over-hedging or under-hedging will be temporary in nature. Subject to the below, hedging up to, but not exceeding 105% of the Net Asset Value attributable to the relevant Class, is permitted. The Investment Manager (or its delegate) will monitor hedging on at least a weekly basis to ensure that over-hedged positions do not exceed this limit and will ensure that any over-hedged positions are rectified without delay, and that under-hedged positions do not fall short of 95% of the portion of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Class which is to be hedged and are not carried forward from month to month. The Investment Manager (or its delegate) will ensure that positions materially in excess of 100% of the Net Asset Value attributable to the relevant Class will not be carried forward from month to month. Foreign exchange hedging will not be used for speculative purposes. Purchasers of a Hedged Share Class should note that there are various risks associated with foreign exchange hedging strategies. Please see "SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND RISK FACTORS - SHARE CURRENCY DESIGNATION RISK" and "SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND RISK FACTORS - FOREIGN EXCHANGE RISK" in the Prospectus for a description of the risks associated with hedging the foreign currency exposure of the Hedged Share Classes.

#### **INVESTMENT MANAGER AND SUB-INVESTMENT MANAGERS**

The Manager has appointed the Investment Manager as investment manager to the Sub-Fund. The Investment Manager is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Marsh McLennan Companies, Inc. and commenced operations on 18 August 2006.

The Investment Manager may appoint one or more Sub-Investment Managers in respect of the Sub-Fund. Information relating to the Sub-Investment Managers appointed by the Investment Manager will be disclosed in the Appendix to the Supplement if such a Sub-Investment Manager is appointed. Furthermore, details of all Sub-Investment Managers will be disclosed in the most recent financial reports of the Company.

The fees of the Sub-Investment Manager(s) shall be paid out of the assets of the Sub-Fund and further information is set out under the heading "FEES AND EXPENSES" below.

#### **HOW TO BUY SHARES**

All launched Share Classes are available at their Net Asset Value per Share on each Dealing Day.

The initial offer price per Share for each unlaunched Share Class will be in its respective Class Currency: GBP100, USD100, EUR100, NOK1000, SEK1000, AUD100, DKK1000, JPY10,000, CAD100, CHF100, NZD100, SGD100, HKD100, MXN100, ZAR100 and CNH100 (with the exception of the Class Z Shares which will have an initial offer price per Share for each unlaunched Share Class in its respective currency of GBP10,000, USD10,000, EUR10,000, NOK100,000, SEK100,000, AUD10,000, DKK100,000, JPY1,000,000, CAD10,000, CHF10,000, NZD10,000, SGD10,000, HKD100,000, MXN100,000, ZAR100,000 and CNH100,000).

Please refer to the table of Share Classes in the section headed "FEES AND EXPENSES" and please consult the Manager for details of the unlaunched Share Classes.

The initial offer periods for all of the unlaunched Classes of Shares will run from 9:00am (Irish time) on 18 November 2024 to 5:00pm (Irish time) on 16 May 2025, or, in respect of each Class of Shares, such earlier date on which the Company receives the first application for subscription in the relevant Class,

or such other date as the Directors may determine and notify to the Central Bank (the "Closing Date"), subject to receipt in the manner described below of applications by 1.00 pm (Irish time) on the Closing Date and subscription proceeds within three clear Business Days following the Closing Date or such later time as the Directors may determine from time to time. Following the Closing Date of each of the above Share Classes, the relevant Shares will be issued at their Net Asset Value per Share on each Dealing Day.

Orders for Shares of all Classes of the Sub-Fund that are received and accepted by or on behalf of the Administrator or the Company at the address specified in the Application Form prior to 1.00 pm (Irish time) on the relevant Dealing Day (the "**Dealing Deadline**") will be processed at the Net Asset Value per Share determined in respect of that Dealing Day.

Save where expressly provided herein or in the Prospectus, an Application Form forwarded by mail, fax or electronic communication, must be received by the Company, c/o the Administrator, at the address specified in the Application Form not later than the Dealing Deadline. Applications once received shall be irrevocable provided however that the Company reserves the right to reject in whole or in part any application for Shares. Orders to subscribe for Shares received and accepted by or on behalf of the Administrator or the Company after the Dealing Deadline for the Sub-Fund will be processed at the offering price determined in respect of the next Dealing Day. It is the responsibility of the Distributor and financial intermediaries as appointed in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank to ensure that orders placed through them are transmitted onwards to the Administrator on a timely basis.

Payment should be made in the Class Currency by electronic transfer to the account specified in the Application Form. No interest shall be payable on funds received by the Company in advance of the deadline set out herein for receipt of subscription monies.

Where the Company or the Administrator has received a duly completed Application Form by the Dealing Deadline but the Company, or the Depositary for the account of the Company, has not received the cleared subscription monies by the Dealing Deadline, the Directors may, in their sole discretion, accept the subscription, and provisionally allot Shares, subject to the receipt of the cleared subscription monies within three days of the Dealing Deadline, or at such later time as the Directors may from time to time determine. In the event that subscription monies are not received by the Company, or the Depositary for the account of the Company, before the Dealing Deadline, but pursuant to the above discretion, the subscription is accepted, the Company may temporarily borrow an amount equal to the subscription monies and invest such monies in accordance with the investment objectives and policies of the Sub-Fund. Once the subscription monies are received the Sub-Fund will use such subscription monies to repay the relevant borrowings and, where the subscription monies are not received within three days of the Dealing Deadline, the Sub-Fund reserves the right to charge that investor interest on such outstanding subscription monies at normal commercial rates. In addition the investor shall indemnify the Company for any losses, costs or expenses suffered directly or indirectly by the Company or the Sub-Fund as a result of the investor's failure to pay for Shares applied for by the due date set forth in the Prospectus and this Supplement. The Company reserves the right to cancel the provisional allotment of the relevant Shares in those circumstances. In computing any losses covered under this paragraph, account shall be taken, where appropriate, of any movement in the price of the Shares concerned between the transaction date and cancellation of the transaction or redemption of the Shares, and of the costs incurred by the Company or the Sub-Fund in taking proceedings against the applicant.

For additional information concerning subscriptions, please consult the section under the heading "INVESTING IN SHARES" in the Prospectus.

#### **HOW TO REDEEM SHARES**

Shareholders may redeem their Shares by mail, fax or in certain circumstances and where agreed in advance by the Manager and the Administrator, by electronic communication. Shareholders may request the Company to redeem their Shares on and with effect from any Dealing Day at a price based on the relevant Net Asset Value per Share in respect of such Dealing Day.

Save where specified herein, the redemption notice will be irrevocable upon receipt by the Administrator and must be given in writing and received by the Administrator by 1.00 pm (Irish time) on the relevant Dealing Day (the "**Redemption Dealing Deadline**"). Any amendments to a Shareholder's registration details or payment instructions will only be effected on receipt of original documentation.

No redemption payments will be made until the original subscription documentation required by the Company has been received by the Administrator (including any documents in connection with antimoney laundering procedures) and the anti-money laundering procedures have been completed. Requests received after the Redemption Dealing Deadline on a Dealing Day shall be processed as at the next Dealing Day. All requests for redemption must be endorsed by the record owner(s) exactly as the Shares are registered. In addition, in some cases the Administrator may require the furnishing of additional documents such as where the Shares are registered in the name of a corporation, partnership or fiduciary.

For additional information concerning redemptions and restrictions thereon, please consult the "INVESTING IN SHARES" – "REDEEMING SHARES" and "TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF DEALINGS" sections in the Prospectus.

#### **DIVIDEND POLICY**

Each Share Class which has "D" in its name is referred to herein as the "Distributing Share Classes". The Sub-Fund will pay a dividend to the Shareholders of Distributing Share Classes. For all other Classes of Shares, the Directors intend to automatically reinvest all net income and net realised capital gains and do not intend paying dividends.

Dividends, if any, shall be declared on a quarterly basis on the last Business Day of March, June, September and December. Dividends shall be equal to substantially all of the net income arising on the Distributing Share Classes. Dividends will be paid by electronic transfer within one month of the relevant declaration date. Each holder of Distributing Shares has the option to take dividends in cash or to reinvest in the Sub-Fund by the allotment of additional Shares at the relevant Net Asset Value per Share. The Sub-Fund's default position unless specifically advised on the Application Form will be to reinvest dividends into the Shares of the Sub-Fund. Those Shareholders wishing to have their distribution automatically paid in cash should elect for such method when completing the Application Form. No dividend shall bear interest against the Sub-Fund. All unclaimed dividends may be invested or otherwise made use of for the benefit of the Sub-Fund until claimed. Any dividend unclaimed after six years from the date when it first became payable shall be forfeited automatically, without the necessity for any declaration or other action by the Sub-Fund.

The Sub-Fund may operate income equalisation arrangements in relation to the Distributing Share Classes with a view to ensuring that the level of dividends payable on those Shares is not affected by the issue or redemption of those Shares during an accounting period. When the Sub-Fund operates income equalisation, the price at which Shares are bought by a Shareholder may be deemed to include an amount of net accrued income and the first distribution which a Shareholder receives from the Sub-Fund may therefore include a repayment of capital.

The Directors may, however, at their discretion, change the dividend policy and upon advance notification to Shareholders, and amendment to this Supplement to reflect such change, pay dividends in respect of some of all of the Share Classes.

As long as a Shareholder is a German insurance company, German Pensionskasse or German pension fund (including a German Versorgungswerk) or any other entity subject to the investment restrictions of

the German Insurance Supervisory Act (Versicherungsaufsichtsgesetz) or an investment ordinance issued thereunder holding an interest as part of its guarantee assets ("Sicherungsvermogen") as defined in section 125 of the German Insurance Supervisory Act or which are governed by the general principles set out in section 124 of the German Insurance Supervisory Act German Regulated Investor being subject to the prohibition to set-offs according to section 130 para. 2 VAG of the German Insurance Supervisory Act, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Sub-Fund will, with regard to such Shareholder, not withhold or deduct any amount from distributions that would otherwise have been made to such Shareholder.

#### SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND RISK FACTORS

Investors should be aware of the risks of the Sub-Fund including, but not limited to, the risks described in the "SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND RISK FACTORS" section of the Prospectus and in particular to the specific risk factors listed below. Investment in the Sub-Fund is suitable only for persons who are in a position to take such a risk.

#### **INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS**

As disclosed in the "Investment Objectives and Policies" section above, the Sub-Fund will not invest in securities excluded by the Norwegian Ministry of Finance. This policy could cause the Sub-Fund to underperform relative to similar funds that do not have a similar investment policy, and to the Reference Portfolio.

**Fixed Income Risks** 

Interest Rate Risk

**Government Securities** 

**Loan Participations** 

**Lower Quality and Lower Rated Debt Securities** 

**Supranational Entities** 

Sovereign Debt

**Inflation Protected Securities Risks** 

**Mortgage Related Securities** 

**Interest Only Securities** 

**Emerging Market Risks** 

Russian Markets and Investment in Russia Risk

**Securities Lending Risk** 

#### **FEES AND EXPENSES**

The aggregate fees and expenses of the Manager, Administrator, Depositary, Distributor, Investment Manager (which shall accrue daily and be payable monthly in arrears) and Sub-Investment Manager (which shall accrue daily and be payable quarterly in arrears) will not exceed 3.00% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund.

#### LIST OF SHARE CLASSES AND MANAGEMENT FEES

Prospective investors should note the following in respect of the Share Classes listed below:

- 1. The five digit number in the name of the Share Classes listed in the first table below reflects the percentage per annum management fee. The management fees in the second table below are expressed as a percentage per annum. Management fees are based on the average daily Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund attributable to the relevant Share Class, will accrue daily, are payable monthly in arrears and will be payable in the Base Currency.
- 2. Share Classes are available in both accumulating and distributing versions. Where distributions are applicable, "D" will appear in the Share Class name on the dealing form when an investor subscribes for Shares, otherwise the Share Class should be considered to be accumulating.
- 3. Share Classes may be hedged or unhedged. Where hedging is applicable, "Hedged" or "H" will appear in the Share Class name, otherwise it will be unhedged. Hedged Share Classes are available in all currencies listed in (4) below except for the Base Currency. Base Currency Share Classes are available in unhedged versions only. Hedged Share Classes are subject to a fee of up to 0.0200% to reflect their hedging costs and expenses.
- 4. Share Classes will be available in the following currencies: U.S. Dollar (USD), Sterling (GBP), Euro (EUR), Swedish Krona (SEK), Norwegian Krone (NOK), Danish Krone (DKK), Japanese Yen (JPY), Canadian Dollar (CAD), Australian Dollar (AUD), Swiss Franc (CHF), New Zealand Dollar (NZD), Singapore Dollar (SGD), Hong Kong Dollar (HKD), Mexican Peso (MXN), South African Rand (ZAR), Chinese Yuan Renminbi (CNH).
- 5. Class B Shares are offered primarily to clients of the Investment Manager or its affiliates pursuant to a separate contractual arrangement.
- 6. Class Z Shares are offered primarily to clients of the Investment Manager or its affiliates pursuant to an investment management agreement. The Sub-Funds of the Company and any other fund for which the Manager or any of its affiliates may serve as manager or investment manager may also invest in Class Z Shares.
- 7. Class M and Z Shares in the second table below which have launched are available for subscription at the latest Net Asset Value as of the date of this Supplement.
- 8. In the instance where a suitable management fee for a given investor is not available from the Share Classes listed below, a new Share Class may be created in the Sub-Fund in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank and using the following Share Class naming convention which is consistent with the naming convention within the first table below:
  - Share Class Type Hedged/Unhedged Management Fee Accumulating/Distributing – Currency.
  - For example: A21-H-0.2845-GBP, A22-H-0.7355-D-EUR, A13-0.34000-USD

Any such new Share Class will be added to the Supplement in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. All details of such Share Classes (including the applicable management fee) will be disclosed to the prospective investor prior to subscribing for Shares.

9. Please note the example below the table and / or consult the Manager for further information.

Share Class Type	Share Class Name	Share Class Type	Share Class Name
A1	A1-H-0.0200	B1	B1-0.1600
۸۵	A2-0.0400	ы	B1-H-0.1800
A2	A2-H-0.0600	B2	B2-0.2100

Share Class Type	Share Class Name	Share Class Type	Share Class Name
A3	A3-0.0500		B2-H-0.2300
A3	A3-H-0.0700	D2	B3-0.2350
A4	A4-0.0750	B3	B3-H-0.2550
	A4-H-0.0950	D4	B4-0.2600
A5	A5-0.1000	B4	B4-H-0.2800
AS	A5-H-0.1200	B5	B5-0.2850
۸۶	A6-0.1100	DΟ	B5-H-0.3050
A6	A6-H-0.1300	De	B6-0.3100
۸.7	A7-0.1350	B6	B6-H-0.3300
A7	A7-H-0.1550	D.7	B7-0.3350
A8	A8-0.1500	B7	B7-H-0.3550
Ao	A8-H-0.1700	Do	B8-0.3600
4.0	A9-0.1750	- B8	B8-H-0.3800
A9	A9-H-0.1950	DO	B9-0.3850
A40	A10-0.2000	B9	B9-H-0.4050
A10	A10-H-0.2200	D40	B10-0.4100
A 4 4	A11-0.2250	B10	B10-H-0.4300
A11	A11-H-0.2450	D44	B11-0.4350
A40	A12-0.2500	B11	B11-H-0.4550
A12	A12-H-0.2700	D40	B12-0.4600
A42	A13-0.3000	B12	B12-H-0.4800
A13	A13-H-0.3200	D40	B13-0.4850
A 4 4	A14-0.3500	B13	B13-H-0.5050
A14	A14-H-0.3700	D4.4	B14-0.5100
A 4 F	A15-0.4000	B14	B14-H-0.5300
A15	A15-H-0.4200	DAG	B15-0.5600
A46	A16-0.4500	B15	B15-H-0.5800
A16	A16-H-0.4700	DAC	B16-0.6100
A 4.7	A17-0.5000	B16	B16-H-0.6300
A17	A17-H-0.5200	D47	B17-0.6600
A40	A18-0.6000	B17	B17-H-0.6800
A18	A18-H-0.6200	D40	B18-0.7100
1.40	A19-0.7000	B18	B18-H-0.7300
A19	A19-H-0.7200	D40	B19-0.7600
400	A20-0.8000	B19	B19-H-0.7800
A20	A20-H-0.8200	Doo	B20-0.8100
A21	A21-0.0600	B20	B20-H-0.8300
400	A22-0.5100	D04	B21-0.0000
A22	A22-H-0.5300	B21	B21-H-0.0000
Z1	Z1-0.0000		

Share Class	Share Class Name	Share Class	Share Class
Type		Type	Name
Z2	Z2-H-0.0200		

Example: An A15 Euro distributing hedged Share Class will be named "A15-H-0.4200-D-EUR"

Share Class	Management Fee
M-1 EUR Hedged	0.2000%
M-1 GBP Hedged	0.2000%
M-1 NOK Hedged	0.2000%
M-2 EUR Hedged	0.3500%
M-2 SEK Hedged	0.3500%
M-2 USD Hedged	0.3500%
M-3 EUR Hedged	0.6000%
M-3 USD Hedged	0.6000%
M-5 JPY Hedged	0.1000%
M-7 EUR Hedged	0.1200%
Z-2 GBP Hedged	0.0200%
Z-2 SEK Hedged	0.0200%

#### **OPERATING EXPENSES**

Certain costs and expenses incurred in the operation of the Sub-Fund, other than those expressly assumed by the Manager as described below, will be borne out of the assets of the Sub-Fund, including without limitation, registration fees and other expenses relating to regulatory, supervisory or fiscal authorities in various jurisdictions, management, investment management, sub-investment management, administrative and custodial services; and the fees of any other person, firm or corporation providing professional advisory services to or for the benefit of the Sub-Fund, Directors' fees and expenses; client service fees; investor reporting fees including expenses incurred in connection with publication and supply of information to Shareholders; writing, translating, typesetting and printing the Prospectus and Supplement, sales, literature and other documents for Shareholders including the financial statements and any other reports to the Central Bank or to any other regulatory authority or to the Shareholders and the cost of all stationery and postage costs in connection with the preparation and distribution of information to Shareholders; taxes and commissions; issuing, purchasing, repurchasing and redeeming Shares; transfer agents, dividend dispersing agents. Shareholder servicing agents and registrars; auditing, accounting and legal expenses; reports to Shareholders and governmental agencies; meetings of Shareholders and proxy solicitations therefore (if any); insurance premiums; association and membership dues; and such non-recurring and extraordinary items as may arise.

Expenses of the Company will be allocated to the Sub-Fund or Sub-Funds to which, in the opinion of the Directors, they relate. If an expense is not readily attributable to any particular Sub-Fund, the expense will be allocated to all Sub-Funds pro rata to the value of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Sub-Fund.

Investors should refer to the section under the heading "FEES AND EXPENSES" in the Prospectus for Directors fees and any other fees that may be payable and which are not specifically mentioned here.

#### **VOLUNTARY CAP**

No Voluntary Cap applies in respect of this Sub-Fund.

#### APPENDIX - LIST OF SUB-INVESTMENT MANAGERS

#### PIMCO Europe Ltd.

As at the date of this Supplement, the Investment Manager and the Company has appointed PIMCO Europe Ltd. ("PIMCO"), having its principal place of business at 11 Baker Street, London W1U 3AH, United Kingdom, as a sub-investment manager to the Sub-Fund. PIMCO is authorised as an investment manager and advisor by the Financial Services Authority to provide investment management and advisory services. PIMCO was appointed pursuant to a sub-investment management agreement dated 17 October 2012 (the "PIMCO Sub-IMA").

Pursuant to the PIMCO Sub-IMA, PIMCO shall not be liable for any loss or damage arising out of the performance or non-performance of its duties thereunder unless such loss or damage arose out of or in connection with its breach of the PIMCO Sub-IMA or its negligence, recklessness, wilful default, bad faith or fraud in the performance or non-performance of its duties thereunder. Under no circumstances shall PIMCO be liable for any loss arising out of any act or omission of another sub-investment manager, or any other third party, in respect of any portion of the Company's or Sub-Fund's assets not managed by PIMCO pursuant to the PIMCO Sub-IMA. PIMCO shall also indemnify and keep indemnified and hold harmless the Investment Manager (and each of their respective directors, officers and agents) from and against any and all claims, actions, proceedings, judgments, liabilities, damages, losses, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable legal fees and expenses in relation thereto) suffered or incurred by them or any of them, in accordance with the relevant provisions in the PIMCO Sub-IMA.

The PIMCO Sub-IMA shall continue in force until termination pursuant to that agreement. PIMCO may terminate the PIMCO Sub-IMA at any time, without the payment of any penalty, upon ninety (90) days' notice in writing to the Investment Manager. The PIMCO Sub-IMA may be terminated at any time, without the payment of any penalty, by: (i) the Investment Manager; (ii) termination of the Investment Management Agreement between the Manager and the Investment Manager; or (iii) if the Directors so determine. The PIMCO Sub-IMA may be terminated by either party at any time by notice in writing in a number of circumstances set out therein.

#### T. Rowe Price International Limited

The Investment Manager has appointed T Rowe Price International Limited ("**T Rowe**"), having its principal place of business at 60 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4N 4TZ as discretionary Sub-Investment Manager to the Sub-Fund. T Rowe is an investment manager and advisor authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority in the United Kingdom. T Rowe was appointed pursuant to a side letter dated 21 April 2023 to a sub-investment management agreement dated 22 May 2017 as amended from time to time (the "**T Rowe Price Sub-IMA**").

Pursuant to the T Rowe Price Sub-IMA, T Rowe shall not be liable for any loss or damage arising out of the performance or non-performance of its duties hereunder unless such loss or damage arose out of or in connection with its breach of the T Rowe Price Sub-IMA or its negligence, wilful default, bad faith or fraud in the performance or non-performance of its duties thereunder. Under no circumstances shall T Rowe be liable for any loss arising out of any act or omission of another sub-investment manager, or any other third party, in respect of any portion of the Company or Sub-Fund's assets not managed by T Rowe pursuant to the T Rowe Price Sub-IMA. T Rowe shall also indemnify and keep indemnified and hold harmless each of the Manager and the Investment Manager (and each of their respective directors, officers and agents) from and against any and all claims, actions, proceedings, judgments, liabilities, damages, losses, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable legal fees and expenses in relation thereto) suffered or incurred by them or any of them, in accordance with the relevant provisions in the T Rowe Price Sub-IMA.

The T Rowe Price Sub-IMA shall continue in force until termination pursuant to that agreement. T Rowe may terminate the T Rowe Price Sub-IMA at any time, without the payment of any penalty, upon ninety (90) days' notice in writing to the Investment Manager. The T Rowe Price Sub-IMA may be terminated at any time, without the payment of any penalty, by: (i) the Investment Manager; or (ii) if the Directors

so determine. The T Rowe Price Sub-IMA may be terminated by either party at any time by notice in writing in a number of circumstances set out therein.

#### ANNEX

Template pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 ('SFDR') and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 ('Taxonomy Regulation')

Sustainable investment means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an	Product name:	Mercer Short Duration Global Bond Fund 2		jal entity ntifier:	UZ0PUFV2ZBSMG2H1BI40
environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does	Environmental and/or social characteristics				
not significantly harm any environmental or	Does this financial pro	Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?			
social objective and that the investee	● □ Yes			⊠ No	
companies follow good governance practices.	☐ It will make a minimum of sustainable investments with an environmental objective:%			It promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 0% of sustainable investments	
The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of	qualify as e	activities that nvironmentally under the EU		e e	rith an environmental objective in conomic activities that qualify as nvironmentally sustainable under ne EU Taxonomy
environmentally sustainable economic activities. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially	do not qualif environment			eo qı sı	ith an environmental objective in conomic activities that do not ualify as environmentally ustainable under the EU axonomy
sustainable economic				□ w	ith a social objective
activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.	☐ It will make a m sustainable in with a social o —_%	vestments		not n	motes E/S characteristics, but will nake any sustainable tments



# Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Sub-Fund's environmental characteristics are to seek to mitigate the impact of climate change by reducing the potential carbon footprint of the Sub-Fund.

The Sub-Fund seeks to avoid exposure to, in the opinion of the Investment Manager (or its delegate), the worst carbon emitters with the lowest carbon transition potential, being those companies:

- whose carbon emissions intensity exceed 3,000 tonnes/ m\$USD revenue, being the worst carbon emitters, unless Investment Manager's (or its delegates') proprietary analysis of such companies indicates strong carbon transition potential; or - that generate more than 1% of their revenue from (i) thermal coal extraction; (ii) arctic drilling; or (iii) oil tar sand mining The Sub-Fund's social characteristics are to avoid investment in companies that (i) are involved in the manufacture, distribution or sales of controversial weapons such as landmines, cluster munitions, chemical and biological weapons, nuclear weapons and (semi) automatic civilian firearms; or (ii) manufacture tobacco products or generate more than 50% of their revenue from tobacco distribution or sales. In addition to the exclusions listed above, the Sub-Fund seeks to avoid investing in companies with material exposure to the following: Negative environmental impact Violation of international law/human rights Corruption and economic crime Recreational cannabis A low sustainability rating within a high-risk industry Production of coal or coal-related products What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product? The Sub-Fund has no exposure to: companies excluded based on the environmental and social screens described above; and · companies identified as in violation of UN Global Compact ("UNGC") principles and in respect of which the Investment Manager has determined that there is no/low remediation opportunity of such issues by engagement within an acceptable timeframe. What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives? N/A. Principal adverse How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially impacts are the most intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective? significant negative impacts of investment decisions on N/A. sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti- corruption How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been and anti- bribery taken into account? matters.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significantly harm" principle by which Taxonomyaligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The "do not significantly harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



### Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

Yes, the Investment Manager considers principal adverse impacts ("PAI") on sustainability factors for the Sub-Fund using the PAI Indicators as set out in the SFDR Level 2 RTS as applicable.

Each PAI has been considered with respect to applicability and relevance to the Sub-Fund. Where appropriate, certain PAIs are considered in the construction of the Sub-Fund and reflected in the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund as described herein.

PAIs also inform the engagement framework employed by the Investment Manager which focuses on key engagement priority areas relating to climate change, pollution and natural resource degradation (including biodiversity and natural capital), human rights and labour practices, aligned remuneration and incentives and transparent disclosure of material ESG factors. These are communicated to the Sub-Investment Manager with the expectation that engagement efforts are directed towards these issues for companies held in the portfolio and the Investment Manager actively monitors appointed Sub-Investment Managers and their stewardship activities consistent with the engagement framework.

Using data provided by specialist third party data providers, the Investment Manager periodically reviews the PAI Indicator data for the Sub-Fund's investments versus internal parameters in order to monitor the PAI of investment decisions on sustainability factors. Any items to note may be prioritised and escalated with the underlying Sub-Investment Manager as required.

The Sub-Fund's annual report will include information on the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors set out above.



□ No.

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The investment strategy guides investment decisions

The Investment Manager does not select investments directly; instead has appointed specialist Sub-Investment Managers to manage the Sub-Fund.

based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance	The Investment Manager oversees the activities of the Sub-Investment Managers to ensure that the investment process is implemented on a continuous basis and monitors the Sub-Fund using the ongoing monitoring of sustainability indicators.
	What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?
	The binding elements of the investment strategy used to attain its environmental and social characteristics are the environmental and social screens as described in the section "What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?"
	What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?
	None.
Good governance practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.	What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?
	The Investment Manager (or its delegate) is required to follow good governance standards in the selection of securities for investment. The Sub-Fund uses third party data providers to identify companies that are deemed to be in breach of UNGC principles (including companies breaching United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises).
	An engagement and escalation framework is in place, seeking to remedy breaches within an acceptable time-frame. If the Investment Manager (or its delegate) deems the likelihood of the remediation within an acceptable time-frame low, such companies may be added to the list of exclusions.
	What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?
Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific	At least 90% of the Sub-Fund will be aligned with the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund.
assets.	The remaining proportion of the Sub-Fund may also invest in money market instruments including bank deposits, certificates of deposit, commercial paper, floating rate notes and freely transferable promissory notes for ancillary liquidity purposes.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of: turnover reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy. operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting

green operational

activities of investee companies.

#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics
90%
Investments
#2 Other
10%

- **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.
- **#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.
- How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivative use, if any, does not contribute to attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.



To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Sub-Fund does not currently commit to investing more than 0% of its assets in investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation.

Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy¹?

□Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

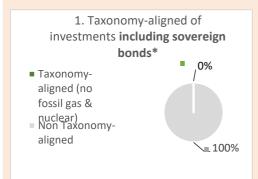
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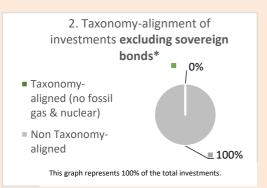
The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

# Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.





\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

## What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The Sub-Fund does not currently commit to investing more than 0% of its assets in transitional and enabling activities.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Sub-Fund does not currently commit to investing more than 0% of its assets in sustainable investments.



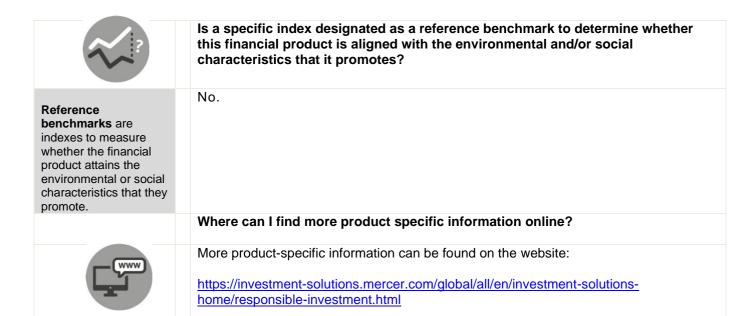
What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Sub-Fund does not currently commit to investing more than 0% of its assets in sustainable investments.



What investments are included under "#2 Other", what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

These investments comprise of money market instruments including bank deposits, certificates of deposit, commercial paper, floating rate notes and freely transferable promissory notes for ancillary liquidity purposes. Minimum environmental and social safeguards are not applicable due to the nature of the investments.



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