

DWS Investment S.A.

# DWS USD Floating Rate Notes

Sales Prospectus and Management Regulations  
Fonds commun de placement (FCP) under Luxembourg law

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## Investment fund in the legal form of a fonds commun de placement (FCP)

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AL GlobalAktiv+	DWS ESG Multi Asset Dynamic	DWS USD Floating Rate Notes
ARERO – Der Weltfonds	DWS ESG Multi Asset Income Kontrolliert	DWS Vermögensmandat*
ARERO – Der Weltfonds – ESG	DWS Eurorenta	DWS Vorsorge*
DB Advisors Strategy Fund*	DWS Floating Rate Notes	DWS Vorsorge Geldmarkt
DJE Gestion Patrimonial 2026	DWS Garant 80 FPI	DWS Zeitwert Protect
DWS Advisors Emerging Markets	DWS Global Emerging Markets Balanced	Multi Opportunities
Equities – Passive	DWS Global Value	Südwestbank Vermögensmandat*
DWS Concept ARTS Balanced	DWS India	Vermögensfondsmandat flexibel (80% teilgeschützt)
DWS Concept ARTS Conservative	DWS Multi Asset PIR Fund	Zurich*
DWS Concept ARTS Dynamic	DWS Multi Opportunities	Zurich Premium Multi Asset Offensiv
DWS Concept DJE Alpha Renten Global	DWS Multi Thematic	
DWS Concept DJE Responsible Invest	DWS Osteuropa	
DWS ESG Euro Bonds (Long)	DWS Portfolio*	
DWS ESG Euro Bonds (Medium)	DWS Russia	
DWS ESG Euro Money Market Fund	DWS Top Balance	
DWS ESG European Equities	DWS Top Dynamic	

\* Umbrella FCP

## Investment company with variable capital (SICAV)

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DB Advisors SICAV	DWS Concept	DWS Invest II
db Advisory Multibrands	DWS Fixed Maturity	DWS Strategic
db PBC	DWS Funds	Xtrackers
db PrivatMandat Comfort	DWS Garant	Xtrackers II
DB PWM	DWS Institutional	
DB Vermögensfondsmandat	DWS Invest	

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# A. Sales Prospectus – General Section

## 1. Glossary

<b>CESR/10-788 guidelines</b>	“Guidelines on Risk Measurement and the Calculation of Global Exposure and Counterparty Risk for UCITS” of the Committee of European Securities Regulators (CESR) of July 28, 2010, as amended
<b>CoCos</b>	Contingent convertible bonds
<b>CRD IV</b>	Directive 2013/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of June 26, 2013, on access to the activity of credit institutions and the prudential supervision of credit institutions and investment firms, amending Directive 2002/87/EC and repealing Directives 2006/48/EC and 2006/49/EC (Capital Requirements Directive IV), as amended
<b>CRR</b>	Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of June 26, 2013, on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms and amending Regulation (EU) No 646/2012 (Capital Requirements Regulation), as amended
<b>CRS</b>	Common Reporting Standard
<b>CRS Law</b>	Law of December 18, 2015, on the obligation to automatically exchange information in tax matters, as amended
<b>CSSF</b>	Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (Luxembourg’s financial sector regulator)
<b>CSSF Circular 08/356</b>	CSSF Circular 08/356 of June 4, 2008, determining the rules applicable to undertakings for collective investment when they employ certain techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities and money market instruments, as amended
<b>CSSF Circular 11/512</b>	CSSF Circular 11/512 of May 30, 2011, determining the presentation of the main regulatory changes in risk management following the publication of CSSF Regulation 10-4 and ESMA clarifications, further clarifications from the CSSF on risk management rules and the definition of the content and format of the risk management process to be communicated to the CSSF, as amended
<b>CSSF Circular 14/592</b>	CSSF Circular 14/592 of September 30, 2014, on the guidelines of the European Securities Markets Authority (ESMA) on exchange traded funds (ETFs) and other UCITS issues, as amended
<b>CSSF Regulation 10-04</b>	CSSF Regulation 10-4 of December 20, 2010, transposing Commission Directive 2010/43/EU of July 1, 2010, implementing Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards organizational requirements, conflicts of interest, conduct of business, risk management and content of the agreement between a custodian and a management company, as amended
<b>ESMA</b>	The European Securities and Markets Authority
<b>ESMA/2014/944</b>	Statement issued by the European Securities and Markets Authority of July 31, 2014, on “Potential Risks Associated with Investing in Contingent Convertible Instruments”
<b>FATCA</b>	Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act
<b>FATCA Law</b>	Law of July 24, 2015, on adoption of 1. the Agreement between the United States of America and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to improve international tax compliance and with respect to the United States information reporting provisions commonly known as the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, including its two Annexes and the related Memorandum of Understanding signed in Luxembourg on March 28, 2014; 2. the exchange of the related diplomatic notes signed on March 31 and April 1, 2015, as amended
<b>Fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH, Frankfurt/Main, Germany
<b>Regulated market</b>	A regulated market within the meaning of Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of April 21, 2004, on markets in financial instruments
<b>Law of 2004</b>	Law of November 12, 2004, on the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing, transposing Directive 2001/97/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of December 4, 2001, amending Council Directive 91/308/EEC on prevention of the use of the financial system for the purpose of money laundering, as amended
<b>Law of 2010</b>	Law of December 17, 2010, relating to undertakings for collective investment, as amended
<b>Law of 2014</b>	Law of July 28, 2014, regarding immobilization of bearer shares and units, as amended

<b>Law of 2019</b>	Law of January 13, 2019, establishing a beneficial owner register and 1. transposing Article 30 of Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council of May 20, 2015, on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing, amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Directive 2006/70/EC 2. amending the amended Law of December 19, 2002, on the Trade and Companies Register and the accounting and annual accounts of undertakings, as amended
<b>Grand-Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008</b>	Grand-Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008, relating to certain definitions of the amended Law of December 20, 2002, on collective investment undertakings superseded by the Law of 2010, as amended
<b>MiFID II Directive</b>	Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on markets in financial instruments and amending Directive 2002/92/EC and Directive 2011/61/EU, as amended
<b>OECD</b>	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
<b>UCI</b>	Collective investment undertakings
<b>UCITS</b>	Undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities
<b>UCITS Directive</b>	Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of July 13, 2009, on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities, supplemented by Directive 2014/91/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of July 23, 2014, amending Directive 2009/65/EC on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities as regards custodial functions, remuneration policies and sanctions, as amended
<b>UCITS Regulation</b>	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/438 of December 17, 2015, supplementing the UCITS Directive with regard to obligations of custodians, as amended
<b>RCS</b>	Registre de Commerce et des Sociétés (Luxembourg Trade and Companies Register)
<b>RESA</b>	Recueil électronique des sociétés et associations (Luxembourg electronic compendium of companies and associations)
<b>Directive 2007/16/EC</b>	Commission Directive 2007/16/EC of March 19, 2007, implementing Council Directive 85/611/EEC on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) as regards the clarification of certain definitions, as amended
<b>SFT Regulation</b>	Regulation (EU) 2015/2365 of the European Parliament and of the Council of November 25, 2015, on transparency of securities financing transactions and of reuse and amending Regulation (EU) No. 648/2012, as amended
<b>Custodian</b>	State Street Bank International GmbH, acting through State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch
<b>Management Company</b>	DWS Investment S.A.

## 2. General regulations

The fund DWS USD Floating Rate Notes is a legally dependent Luxembourg investment fund (fonds commun de placement) in accordance with Part I of the Law of 2010 and complies with the provisions of the UCITS Directive and the UCITS Regulation.

The Management Regulations of the fund are attached to this Sales Prospectus. The Management Regulations are an integral part of the Sales Prospectus. The Sales Prospectus contains a general section and a special section.

It is prohibited to provide any information or to make any representations other than those contained in this Sales Prospectus or the Management Regulations.

The Management Company shall not be liable if and to the extent that information is provided or representations are made which deviate from this Sales Prospectus or the Management Regulations.

The Sales Prospectus, the Management Regulations and the Key Information Document, as well as the semiannual and annual reports are available

free of charge at the registered office of the Management Company, from the Management Company's website at [www.dws.com](http://www.dws.com) as well as from any designated information and paying agents. The Management Company will provide the investors with other important information in an appropriate form.

Announcements to investors will be published on the Management Company's website at [www.dws.com](http://www.dws.com). Moreover, announcements are published in a newspaper or other publication medium specified by law, if provided for in a country of distribution. Where required by law,

publications will continue to be published in at least one Luxembourg daily newspaper and, where appropriate, in the RESA.

### 3. Management Company

The fund is managed by DWS Investment S.A., Luxembourg, which complies with the conditions set out in Chapter 15 of the Law of 2010 and thus with the provisions of the UCITS Directive.

The Management Company was established on April 15, 1987, and published in the Mémorial C (Recueil spécial des sociétés et associations), the former official gazette of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, on May 4, 1987. The subscribed and paid-in capital amounts to EUR 30,677,400. The activity of investment fund management includes the tasks listed in Annex II to the Law of 2010, which is not exhaustive.

The Management Company may delegate one or more tasks to third parties under its supervision and control, in accordance with the provisions of the Law of 2010 and CSSF Regulation 10-04 and any circulars issued in respect thereof.

#### 3.1 Fund management

The Management Company has concluded a fund management agreement on behalf of the fund with DWS Investment GmbH, Frankfurt/Main, under its own responsibility and control and at its own expense. DWS Investment GmbH is an asset management company under German law. The contract can be terminated by either of the parties with three months' notice.

Fund management encompasses the daily implementation of the investment policy and direct investment decisions. The fund manager may outsource all or part of fund management services under its supervision, control and responsibility and at its own expense.

Services outsourced to sub-managers by the fund manager, if any, are listed in the special section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-manager will implement the investment policy, make investment decisions and continually and appropriately adapt them to market developments, taking into account the interests of the respective fund.

The fund manager / sub-manager may also engage investment advisors under their own control and responsibility. The investment advisory function encompasses in particular the analysis and recommendation of suitable investment instruments for the assets of the fund. The fund manager / sub-manager is not bound by investment recommendations of the investment advisor. The designated investment advisors possess any necessary regulatory approvals.

#### 3.2 Administration, registrar and transfer agent

The Management Company assumes the function of central administration. The function of central administration particularly includes fund accounting, the calculation of net asset value, the subsequent monitoring of investment limits, as well as the function as domiciliary agent, registrar and transfer agent. It may under its own responsibility and at its own expense transfer parts of this function to third parties.

In view of its function as registrar and transfer agent, the Management Company has entered into a sub-transfer agent agreement with RBC Investor Services Bank S.A. in Luxembourg as well as another sub-transfer agent agreement with State Street Bank International GmbH, Munich. Under these agreements, RBC Investor Services Bank S.A. exercises the function of registrar and transfer agent for orders from investors that can be executed via NSCC systems. State Street Bank International GmbH is taking on the tasks of administering the global certificate, which is deposited with Clearstream Banking AG, Frankfurt/Main.

#### 3.3 Distribution

The Management Company acts as the main distributor.

The Management Company may enter into nominee agreements with credit institutions, Professionals of the Financial Sector ("PSF") and/or comparable companies under foreign law that are obliged to identify the investors. These nominee agreements entitle the institutions to distribute units and to be entered in the unit register as a nominee themselves. The names of the nominees may be requested from the Management Company at any time. The nominee accepts purchase, sale and exchange orders from the investors it is responsible for and arranges for the necessary changes in the unit register. In this respect, the nominee is in particular obliged to observe any special conditions of purchase for the existing unit classes. Unless there are mandatory legal or practical reasons to the contrary, an investor who has acquired units through a nominee may at any time, by means of a declaration, require of the Management Company or the transfer agent that they themselves be registered as investors in the unit register if all the authentication requirements are met.

#### 3.4 Special note

The Management Company draws the attention of investors to the fact that any investor may assert their investor rights in their entirety directly against the fund only if the investor himself has subscribed to the fund's units in their own name. In cases where an investor has invested in a fund through an intermediary that invests in its name but on behalf of the investor, not all investor rights can necessarily be asserted directly by the investor against the fund. Investors are advised to inform themselves about their rights.

### 4. Custodian

The Management Company has, in accordance with the custodial agreement, appointed State Street Bank International GmbH, acting through State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch, as the custodian as defined by the Law of 2010.

State Street Bank International GmbH is a limited liability company established under German law, which has its registered office at Brienner Str. 59, 80333 Munich, Germany, and is registered at the Munich registry court under the number HRB 42872. It is a credit institution that is supervised by the European Central Bank (ECB), the German Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin) and the Deutsche Bundesbank.

State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch, is authorized as a custodian by the CSSF in Luxembourg and specializes in custodial and fund management services as well as other similar services. State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch, is registered in the RCS under the number B 148 186. State Street Bank International GmbH is part of the State Street corporate group, whose ultimate parent company is State Street Corporation, which is listed on the stock exchange in the United States.

#### 4.1 Functions of the custodian

The relationship between the Management Company and the custodian is governed by the terms and conditions of the custodial agreement. The custodian was entrusted with the following main tasks under the custodial agreement:

- ensuring that the sale, issue, redemption, payment and cancellation of units takes place in accordance with applicable law and the Management Regulations;
- ensuring that the value of the units is determined in accordance with applicable law and the Management Regulations;
- following the instructions of the Management Company, unless such instructions violate applicable law or the Management Regulations;
- ensuring that, in transactions relating to the assets of the fund, consideration is paid within the customary time limits;
- ensuring that the income of the fund is used in accordance with applicable law and the Management Regulations;
- monitoring the cash and cash flows of the fund;
- holding the assets of the fund in custody, including financial instruments to be held in custody, reviewing ownership and keeping records of other assets.

#### 4.2 Liability of the custodian

In the event of a loss of a financial instrument held in custody which is determined in accordance with the UCITS Directive and in particular article 18 of the UCITS Regulation, the custodian

shall immediately return to the Management Company operating in the name of the fund any financial instrument of the same type or refund the corresponding amount without delay.

The custodian shall not be liable if it can prove pursuant to the UCITS Directive and the UCITS Regulation that the loss of a financial instrument held in custody is attributable to external events that cannot reasonably be controlled and the consequences of which could not have been avoided despite all reasonable efforts.

In the event of a loss of financial instruments held in custody, investors may assert liability claims against the custodian directly or indirectly through the Management Company, provided that this leads neither to duplication of claims for recourse nor unequal treatment of the investors.

The custodian shall be liable to the fund and its investors for all other losses incurred by the fund as a result of its negligent or intentional failure to comply with its obligations under the UCITS Directive.

The custodian shall not be liable for indirect damages, consequential damages, special damages or losses resulting from or in connection with the performance or non-performance of tasks and duties by the custodian.

#### 4.3 Delegation

The custodian is authorized to delegate all or part of its custodial functions, but its liability remains unaffected by the fact that it has entrusted some

or all the assets it is to hold in custody to a third party for safekeeping. The liability of the custodian shall remain unaffected by any delegation of its custodial functions under the custodial agreement.

The custodian has delegated these custodial duties set out in article 22 (5) (a) of the UCITS Directive to State Street Bank and Trust Company, with registered office at One Lincoln Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02111, USA, which it has appointed as its global sub-custodian. As global sub-custodian, State Street Bank and Trust Company has appointed local sub-custodians within its global custody network.

Information on the custodial functions as well as the names of the respective agents and sub-agents are available at the following website: [www.statestreet.com/about/office-locations/luxembourg/subcustodians.html](http://www.statestreet.com/about/office-locations/luxembourg/subcustodians.html) or at the registered office of the Management Company.

### 5. Unit classes

The Management Company may at any time decide to launch new unit classes and offer investors one or more unit classes at its discretion. Unit classes designate various categories of fund units and have the characteristics described below determined by the Management Company and indicated by the corresponding alphabetical suffixes.

All unit classes of the fund shall be invested together in accordance with the investment objectives of the fund, but they may differ from each other, in particular with regard to their fee structure, minimum investment amount for initial and subsequent subscriptions, the currency, the distribution policy, the conditions to be met by investors or other specific characteristics, such as hedging, as determined in each case by the Management Company. Country-specific regulatory requirements may additionally determine unit class characteristics.

The net asset value is calculated individually for each unit class issued for the fund.

The Management Company reserves the right to offer only certain unit classes for sale to investors in certain jurisdictions so as to comply with the applicable laws, customs or business practices there. Furthermore, the Management Company reserves the right to adopt principles that apply to certain investor categories or transactions in respect of the acquisition of certain unit classes.

The unit classes offered currently are listed in the special section of the Sales Prospectus. The Sales Prospectus will be updated accordingly on a regular basis. Current information on the unit classes launched will be published on the Management Company's website at [www.dws.com](http://www.dws.com).

#### 5.1 Description of the suffixes

The unit class characteristics and the associated suffixes are listed in the following table and are explained in more detail below:

#### 5.1.1 General characteristics

##### Characteristics

##### Investor type

Institutional investors	I
Semi-institutional investors	F
Private investors	L, N
Trailer free	TF
Restricted	R
Special	S

##### Distribution policy

Reinvestment	C
Distribution	D

##### Hedging

No hedging	
Hedging	H
Portfolio hedging	H (P)

## 5.1.2 Investor type

The suffixes "I", "F", "L", "N", "TF", "R" and "S" indicate the investor type for which the unit classes are intended.

Units of unit classes with the suffix

- "I" are exclusively reserved to institutional investors as defined by article 174 (2) of the Law of 2010.
- Unit classes with the suffix "F" are open to semi-institutional investors.
- Unit classes with the suffixes "L" or "N" are open to private investors.
- Unit classes with the suffix "TF" (trailer free) are exclusively offered as follows:
  - a) through distributors and intermediaries that
    - due to prudential requirements (e.g., in relation to independent investment advisory services, discretionary portfolio management or specific local regulations) may not receive or collect trailer fees or any other fees, rebates or payments from the fund; or
    - have entered into separate fee arrangements with their clients and do not receive and collect trailer fees or any other fees, rebates or payments from the fund;
  - b) to other UCIs; and
  - c) to insurance-based investment products as defined by article 4 (2) of Regulation (EU) No. 1286/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of November 26, 2014, on Key Information Documents for packaged retail and insurance-based investment products (PRIIP Regulation).

For the TF unit class, the Management Company does not pay any trailer fees to the distributors.

- Unit classes with the suffix "R" are reserved for investors that place their orders via a special group of exclusive distribution partners.
- Unit classes with the suffix "S" are available to special investor groups. The specific details of this unit class are described in the special section of the Sales Prospectus.

## 5.1.3 Distribution policy

For unit classes with the suffix "C" (capitalization/reinvestment), income is reinvested. For unit classes with the suffix "D" (distribution), income is distributed.

## 5.2 Currency-specific unit classes

### 5.2.1 Unit class currencies and initial issue price

The reference currency of the unit classes offered is generally the euro. Other currency-specific unit classes are indicated by the addition of currency codes, e.g., USD for unit classes denominated in U.S. dollars or CHF for unit classes denominated in Swiss francs.

The respective initial issue price is listed in the special section of the Sales Prospectus.

### 5.2.2 Possible currency effects of unit classes with a reference currency other than the fund currency

Investors in unit classes with a reference currency other than the fund currency should note that

- possible currency effects on the net asset value per unit are not systematically hedged, except in the case of the unit classes described below hedged against currency effects. These currency effects can arise due to the time lag between the necessary processing and posting steps for orders in a non-fund currency, which can lead to exchange rate fluctuations. This applies in particular to redemption orders. The possible currency effects on the net asset value per unit may be positive or negative and are not limited to the particular unit class with a reference currency other than the fund currency, i.e., they may also affect the fund and all of the unit classes contained in it;
- the net asset value per unit is calculated in the fund currency and then translated to the reference currency of the unit classes at the exchange rate prevailing at the time the net asset value per unit is calculated.

Accordingly, investors in a euro-denominated unit class of a fund whose fund currency is the U.S. dollar, for example, should note that the net asset value per unit of the euro-denominated unit class is initially calculated in the fund currency (U.S. dollar) and then expressed in euro at the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and euro prevailing at the time the net asset value per unit is calculated.

Depending on the fund currency, the same is true for investors in all other unit classes denominated in a reference currency other than the fund currency.

## 5.2.3 Hedging against currency risks

In order to limit the potential negative influence of exchange rate fluctuations on individual unit classes as much as possible, the fund may enter into hedges for individual unit classes to hedge against currency risks.

If the currency of the hedged unit class differs from the fund currency, the hedge serves to reduce the risk of the hedged unit class arising from exchange rate fluctuations between the currency of the hedged unit class and the fund currency. Unit classes for which such hedges are arranged are identified for investors with the suffix "H" (hedged).

If the currency of a position in the fund assets differs from the currency of a hedged unit class, the hedge serves to reduce the risk of the hedged unit class resulting from exchange rate fluctuations between the reference currency of the hedged unit class and the individual underlying currencies to which the hedged unit class is exposed via the positions in the fund assets. Unit classes for which such hedges are arranged are identified for investors with the suffix "H (P)" (portfolio hedged).

In the case of unit classes hedged against currency effects (identified by the suffix "H" or "H (P)"), the fund may be subject to obligations arising from currency hedges or from currency positions entered into in favor of an individual unit class. The assets of the fund are liable for such obligations.

The liabilities existing in a unit class are only attributed to that unit class. However, the creditors of a fund are generally not limited to satisfying their claims only from a certain unit class. A creditor could assert a claim for settlement against the entire fund in the amount by which the liabilities exceed the value of the unit class to which they are attributed. In other words, if the claim of a creditor in respect of a certain unit class is greater than the value of the assets assigned to that unit class, the rest of the assets of the fund can also be used to satisfy the claim.

The Management Company reserves the right to deviate from the minimum investment at its own discretion. Subsequent purchases may be made in any amount.



### 5.3 Minimum investment

<b>Institutional investors</b>	General rule for unit class designations without a numerical suffix: 10,000,000.00 in the currency of the respective unit class.
<b>Semi-institutional investors</b>	General rule for unit class designations without a numerical suffix: 2,000,000.00 for investments in the currency of the respective unit class.
<b>Numerical suffixes for semi-institutional and institutional investors</b>	A numerical suffix added to the unit class designation indicates the minimum investment applicable for semi-institutional and institutional investors in millions of the currency of the respective unit class.

### 5.4 Country-specific circumstances

#### 5.4.1 Spain and Italy

The following restriction applies for distribution in Spain and Italy: subscription for units of unit classes with the suffix "F" is reserved for professional investors as defined by the MiFID II Directive.

Professional investors who subscribe in their own name but on behalf of a third party must certify to the Management Company that this subscription is for a professional investor. The Management Company may at its discretion demand proof of compliance with the above-mentioned requirements.

### 6. Risk warnings

Before making any decision to purchase units of the fund, investors should read carefully the following risk warnings together with the other information contained in this Sales Prospectus, and give due consideration to them when making their investment decision. The occurrence of one or more of these risks by itself or in combination with other circumstances can adversely affect the performance of the fund, or of the assets held in the fund, and may consequently have an adverse effect on the net asset value per unit. If the investor sells units of the fund on a date at which the prices of the assets contained in the fund have fallen in relation to the date at which the units were purchased, the investor will get back none or less than the full amount of the capital invested in the fund.

The investor could lose part or, in some cases, even all of the capital invested in the fund. Appreciation of capital cannot be guaranteed. The investor's risk is limited to the sum invested. There is no obligation to make subsequent payments in addition to the capital invested by the investor. The order in which the following risks are listed shall not be construed as an indication either of the probability of their occurrence or of the amount of loss in the event of these risks materializing. Aside from the risks described in what follows, or elsewhere in the Sales Prospectus, the performance of the fund might also be adversely affected by various other risks that are currently unknown or do not yet exist.

#### 6.1 Risks of investing in the fund

In the following, the risks typically associated with an investment in a UCITS are presented. These risks can have an adverse effect on the net asset value per unit, on the capital invested by the investor and on the investor's planned holding period for the fund investment. The net asset value per unit at the time of the sale of the unit may therefore be lower than that at the time of the purchase of the unit. The investor may therefore possibly get back an amount that is lower than the amount originally invested.

##### 6.1.1 Fluctuation of the fund's net asset value per unit

The net asset value per unit is calculated as the value of the fund divided by the number of units in circulation. The value of the fund is equal to the sum of the market values of all assets held in the fund, less the market values of all liabilities of the fund. The fund's net asset value per unit is thus dependent on the assets held in the fund and on the amount of the fund's liabilities. If the value of these assets declines, or if the value of the liabilities rises, the fund's net asset value per unit falls.

##### 6.1.2 Impact of tax aspects on individual results

The tax treatment of investment income depends on the individual circumstances of the respective investor, and may be subject to change in the future. The investor should consult their personal tax advisor on investor-specific issues – giving particular consideration to the personal tax situation.

##### 6.1.3 Suspension of the redemption of units

The Management Company may temporarily suspend the redemption of units under exceptional circumstances that make a suspension appear necessary when taking into consideration the interests of investors. Exceptional circumstances by this definition can be, for example, economic or political crises, exceptionally extensive redemption requests, the closing of stock exchanges or markets, trading constraints or other factors that adversely affect the determination of the net asset value per unit. In addition, the CSSF can order the Management Company to suspend the redemption of units if that is necessary in the interests of the investors or the public.

The investor cannot return units during such periods. The net asset value per unit can fall even when the redemption of units is suspended, as would be the case if the Management Company were forced to sell assets below market value during a suspension of the redemption of units. The net asset value per unit after resumption of the redemption of units can be lower than the net asset value per unit before suspension of redemption.

A suspension without subsequent resumption of the redemption of units can lead directly to a liquidation of the fund, for example, when the Management Company decides to liquidate the fund. For the investor, this entails the risk that the planned holding period might not be realized, and that significant portions of the capital invested might not be available for an indefinite period of time or may be lost entirely.

##### 6.1.4 Amendment of the investment policy or of the Management Regulations

The Management Company can change the Management Regulations with the approval of the CSSF. This may have an effect on the investor's rights. The Management Company may, for example, amend the Management Regulations and/or the fund's investment policy or increase the costs to be charged to the fund. This can result in a change to the risk associated with the fund.

##### 6.1.5 Liquidation and merger of the fund

The Management Company may decide to liquidate or merge the fund if this appears necessary or appropriate, taking into account the interests of the investors, to protect the interests of the Management Company or in the interest of investment policy.

##### 6.1.6 Transfer of the fund to another asset management company

The Management Company can transfer the fund to another asset management company.

The fund remains unchanged by such transfer, as does the position of the investor. The investor must, however, decide in the context of the transfer whether the new asset management company

can be considered just as suitable as the previous one. If the investor does not wish to remain invested in the fund under the new management, the units held by the investor must be returned. Income taxes may be incurred in this case.

### 6.1.7 Profitability and fulfillment of the investor's investment objectives

No assurance can be given that the investor will achieve the desired investment performance. The net asset value per unit of the fund can fall and lead to investor losses. There are no guarantees from the Management Company or from third parties concerning a particular minimum payment commitment upon redemption or a particular investment performance of the fund, unless otherwise provided for in the special section of the Sales Prospectus. An initial sales charge paid in a purchase of units, or a redemption fee paid in a sale of units, can additionally reduce or even completely consume the performance of an investment, particularly in the case of a short investment period. Investors could receive back an amount that is lower than the amount originally invested.

## 6.2 Risk of negative performance of the fund (market risk)

The risks described below can affect the performance of the fund or of the assets held in the fund, and can thus also adversely affect the net asset value per unit and the capital invested by the investor.

### 6.2.1 Risks of changes in value

The assets in which the Management Company invests for the account of the fund are subject to risks. Losses of value can thus occur if the market value of the assets falls in relation to the purchase price, or if spot and forward prices develop differently.

### 6.2.2 Risk of negative interest on deposits

The Management Company invests liquid assets of the fund with the custodian or other banks for the account of the fund. For some of these bank balances, an interest rate is agreed that corresponds to the European Interbank Offered Rate (Euribor) less a specific margin. If the Euribor falls below the agreed margin, this leads to negative interest rates on the relevant account. Depending on the development of the interest rate policy of the European Central Bank, short-term, medium-term and even long-term deposits can attract negative interest.

### 6.2.3 Capital market risk

The price or market performance of financial products depends, in particular, on the performance of the capital markets, which in turn are affected by the overall economic situation and the general economic and political framework in individual countries.

Irrational factors such as sentiment, opinions and rumors can also have an effect on general price performance, particularly on a stock exchange. Fluctuations of market prices and values can also be attributable to changes in interest rates, exchange rates or the creditworthiness of an issuer.

### 6.2.4 Capital market risk related to sustainability risks

Environmental, social or corporate governance risks may affect the market price. Market prices can therefore change if companies do not do business sustainably and do not make investments in sustainable changes. The strategic alignments of companies that do not take sustainability into account may also have a negative effect on the market price. The reputational risk that arises from companies failing to act in a sustainable way may also have negative consequences. Finally, physical damage caused by climate change or measures to switch over to a low-carbon economy may have negative effects on the market price.

### 6.2.5 Company-specific risk

The price performance of the securities and money market instruments held directly or indirectly by the fund is also dependent on company-specific factors, for example, on the economic situation of the issuer. If the company-specific factors deteriorate, the market value of the respective security may fall significantly and permanently, irrespective of any generally positive stock market development.

### 6.2.6 Risk of changes in interest rates

Investing in fixed rate securities is associated with the possibility that the level of market interest rates existing at the time a security is issued will change. If market interest rates rise in comparison with the interest rates at the time of the issue, the prices for fixed rate securities will fall as a rule. If, on the other hand, the market interest rate falls, the price of fixed rate securities will rise. This price trend means that the current return on a fixed rate security is roughly equivalent to the current market interest rate. However, these price fluctuations vary in intensity according to the (residual) term to maturity of the fixed rate securities. Fixed rate securities with shorter maturities are generally associated with lower price risks than fixed rate securities with longer maturities. Conversely, fixed rate securities with shorter maturities generally have lower returns than longer-term fixed rate securities. Due to their short terms not exceeding 397 days, money market instruments tend to be associated with lower price risks. In addition, the interest rates of different interest-related financial instruments denominated in the same currency and with similar residual terms to maturity can perform differently.

### 6.2.7 Risk of price changes in convertible and warrant-linked bonds

Convertible and warrant-linked bonds securitize the right to convert the bond into stock, or to acquire stock. The change in the value of convertible and warrant-linked bonds is thus dependent on the price performance of the underlying stock. The performance risk of the underlying stocks can therefore also have an effect on the performance of the convertible or warrant-linked bond. Warrant-linked bonds that give the issuer the right to issue to the investor a predetermined number of shares instead of paying back a principal amount (reverse convertibles) are dependent on the price of the corresponding stock to a greater extent.

### 6.2.8 Risks associated with derivative transactions

The Management Company may enter into derivative transactions for the fund. The purchase and sale of options, as well as the conclusion of futures contracts or swaps (including total return swaps), involves the following risks:

- Using derivatives can result in losses that may even exceed the amounts invested for the derivative transaction.
- Price changes in the underlying can cause a decrease in the value of the option or future. If the value decreases and the derivative thus becomes worthless, the Management Company may be forced to allow the rights acquired to expire. Changes in the value of the asset underlying a swap or a total return swap can also result in losses for the fund.
- The leverage effect of options may alter the value of the fund's assets more strongly than the direct purchase of underlyings would. The risk of loss may not be determinable when entering into the transaction.
- There may be no liquid secondary market for a specific instrument at a particular point in time. In that case, it may not be possible to close a derivative position under certain circumstances.
- The purchase of options entails the risk that the call options are not exercised because the prices of the underlyings do not change as expected, meaning that the fund loses the option premium it paid. If options are sold, there is the risk that the fund may be obligated to buy assets at a price that is higher than the current market price, or obliged to deliver assets at a price that is lower than the current market price. In that case, the fund suffers a loss amounting to the price difference less the option premium received.
- In futures contracts, there is a risk that the Management Company will be obligated, for the account of the fund, to bear the difference between the price underlying the contract when it was entered into and the market price when the transaction is closed or matures. That would result in losses for the fund. The risk of loss is not determinable when entering into the futures contract.

- Any necessary back-to-back transactions (closing of position) incur costs.
- Forecasts made by the Management Company about the future development of underlying assets, interest rates, prices and currency markets may turn out to be incorrect in retrospect.
- It may not be possible to buy or sell the assets underlying the derivatives at a favorable time; conversely, it may be necessary to buy or sell them at an unfavorable time.

The following risks can occur in over-the-counter (“OTC”) transactions:

- There may be no regulated market, and it may therefore be difficult or impossible for the Management Company to sell the financial instruments acquired in the OTC market for the account of the fund.
- Given the individual nature of agreements, back-to-back transactions (closing of position) may be difficult or impossible, or may entail substantial costs.

### 6.2.9 Risks in connection with investments in special purpose acquisition companies (SPACs)

SPACs may constitute permissible investments for UCITS provided they qualify as transferable securities as defined by article 41 of the Law of 2010 at all times during their life cycle. Investments in SPACs may involve specific risks related to dilution, liquidity, conflicts of interest or uncertainty regarding the identification, valuation and suitability of the target company and may be difficult to assess due to a lack of company history or a lack of information in the public domain. In addition, SPACs may have a complex structure and their characteristics may vary significantly from one SPAC to another. The Management Company shall therefore review each SPAC individually to ensure that such SPAC investments meet all applicable eligibility requirements and are consistent with the risk profile of the UCITS.

### 6.2.10 Risks related to securities financing transactions – securities lending and (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions

Securities financing transactions, namely securities lending and (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions, can either represent a risk on their own or have an impact on other risks and contribute significantly to risks, such as counterparty risks, operational risks, liquidity risks, custody risks and legal risks. Please also refer to the above description.

#### Risks in securities lending transactions

If the Management Company grants a loan of securities for the account of the fund, it transfers the securities to a borrower, which returns securities of the same kind, quantity and quality at the end of the transaction (securities loan). For the

duration of the transaction, the Management Company has no right to use securities lent. If the security loses value during the transaction and the Management Company wants to dispose of the security altogether, it must terminate the lending transaction and await the customary settlement cycle, which can result in a risk of loss for the fund.

#### Risks in repurchase agreement transactions

If the Management Company sells securities under a repurchase agreement, it undertakes to buy them back at the end of the agreement term in return for a premium. The repurchase price and the premium to be paid by the seller at the end of the term is set when the agreement is entered into. If the securities sold under a repurchase agreement should lose value during the term of the agreement, and if the Management Company wanted to sell them to limit the losses of value, it can do so only by exercising the right of early termination. Early termination of the agreement can entail financial losses for the fund. It is also possible that the premium payable at the end of the term will turn out to be higher than the income the Management Company generated through reinvestment of the cash received as the purchase price.

#### Counterparty risks

If the other party (counterparty) to a (reverse) repurchase agreement transaction or securities lending transaction should default, the fund might suffer a loss to the extent that the proceeds from the sale of the underlying securities and/or other collateral held by the fund in connection with the securities lending or (reverse) repurchase agreement transaction are less than the repurchase price or, as the case may be, the value of the underlying securities. In addition, the fund may also suffer losses as a result of bankruptcy or similar proceedings against the counterparty of securities lending or the repurchase agreement transaction or any other type of non-performance of the return of the securities, e.g., loss of interest or loss of the respective securities, as well as default and enforcement costs in relation to the securities lending or repurchase agreement transaction. The use of such techniques may have a significant effect, either negative or positive, on the fund's net asset value (NAV) although it is expected that the use of repurchase agreement transactions, reverse repurchase agreement transactions and securities lending will generally not have a material negative impact on the fund's performance.

#### Operational risks

Operational risk is inherent in any financial activity, including securities financing transactions. Deficiencies from inadequate internal processes and from human error or system failures at service providers, the Management Company or a counterparty can result in an unexpected loss. The costs can be related to either a loss of a fraction or the whole value of a transaction, or to penalties imposed on the institution by a counterparty.

#### Liquidity risks

The fund is subject to liquidity risks which arise when a particular instrument is difficult to dispose of.

#### Custody risks

Custody risk is the risk of loss of securities held with a custodian as a result of insolvency, negligence or fraudulent action by the custodian. Custody risk is influenced by a variety of factors including the legal status of the securities, the accounting practices and safekeeping procedures employed by the custodian, the custodian's choice of sub-custodians and other intermediaries, and the law governing the custody relationship.

#### Legal risks

Legal risks can bear the risk of loss because of the unexpected application of a law or regulation or because a contract cannot be enforced. A contract on securities lending and borrowing or (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions may be invalid or unenforceable. Even if the collateral arrangement has been set up correctly, there is the risk that the relevant insolvency law may impose a stay that prevents the collateral taker from liquidating the collateral.

#### Risks associated with the acceptance of collateral

The Management Company receives collateral for derivative transactions, securities lending transactions and repurchase agreement transactions. Derivatives, securities lent and securities sold under repurchase agreement transactions can increase in value. In that case, the collateral received may no longer fully cover the Management Company's delivery or retransfer claim against the counterparty.

The Management Company can invest cash collateral in blocked cash accounts, in high-quality government bonds or in money market funds with short-term maturity structures. However, it is possible for the credit institution holding the bank balances to default. Government bonds and money market funds can perform negatively. When the transaction is ended, the collateral thus invested might no longer be fully available, even though collateral must be returned by the Management Company for the fund in the amount originally granted. The fund would then have to bear the losses suffered on the collateral.

#### Risks associated with the management of collateral

The Management Company receives collateral for derivative transactions, securities lending transactions and repurchase agreement transactions. The management of this collateral requires the deployment of systems and the definition of certain processes. The failure of these processes, as well as any human or system failure at the Management Company or at external third parties in connection with the management of collateral, may result in the risk that the collateral could lose value and no longer be sufficient to fully cover the

Management Company's delivery or retransfer claim with respect to the counterparty.

### 6.2.11 Risk of change in the regulatory admissibility of securities

If the regulatory requirements applicable to the investment guidelines of the fund were to change, the Management Company could be obliged, in the interests of the investors, to initiate measures to sell any no longer admissible securities held in the fund assets. Given the possible legal requirements for banks, fund companies and insurance companies, there is a risk that the Management Company will not be able to sell such securities, or will be able to do so only with deep price discounts or after very long delays.

### 6.2.12 Inflation risk

All assets are subject to a risk of devaluation through inflation. This is also true for the assets held in the fund. The rate of inflation can exceed the growth rate of the fund.

### 6.2.13 Currency risk

Assets of the fund can be invested in a currency other than the fund currency. The fund receives the income, repayments and proceeds of such investments in that other currency. If the value of that currency falls in relation to the fund currency, the value of such investments, and thus also the value of the fund's assets, is reduced.

Funds for which unit classes are offered in a currency other than the base currency may be subject to positive or negative currency effects due to the time lag between the necessary order processing and posting steps.

### 6.2.14 Concentration risk

If investment is concentrated on particular assets or markets, the fund becomes particularly heavily dependent on the performance of these assets or markets.

### 6.2.15 Risks associated with investment in investment fund units

The risks entailed in units of other investment undertakings that are acquired for the fund ("target funds") are closely linked to the risks inherent in the individual assets contained in these target funds, and in the investment strategies pursued by these target funds. However, since the fund managers of the individual target funds operate independently of one another, it is also possible that several target funds will be engaged in similar or mutually opposing investment strategies. This can result in a cumulative effect of existing risks, and any opportunities might be offset.

It is generally not possible for the Management Company to control the fund management of the target funds. Their investment decisions do not necessarily have to concur with the Management Company's assumptions or expectations. The

Management Company often will not have timely knowledge of the current composition of target funds. If the composition does not match the Management Company's assumptions or expectations, it may not be able to react without a considerable delay by returning target fund units. Open-ended investment undertakings in which the fund acquires units might additionally suspend the redemption of units from time to time. In that case, the Management Company is prevented from disposing of the units of the target fund by returning them to the management company or custodian of the target fund against payment of the redemption price.

### 6.2.16 Risks arising from the investment spectrum

In observance of the investment principles and limits stipulated in the law and in the Terms and Conditions of Investment, which provide the fund with a very wide framework, the actual investment policy can also be directed at primarily acquiring assets of only a few industries, markets or regions/countries, for example. This concentration on a few specific investment sectors can entail risks (e.g., narrow markets, broad range of fluctuation within certain economic cycles). The annual report provides retrospective information regarding the content of the investment policy for the reporting year ended.

### 6.2.17 Risks of investing in contingent convertibles

Contingent convertibles ("CoCos") are a form of hybrid financial instrument. From the perspective of the issuer, they act as a capital buffer and contribute to the fulfillment of certain regulatory capital requirements. Under their terms and conditions of issue, CoCos are either converted into shares or their principal amount is written down upon the occurrence of certain trigger events linked to regulatory capital thresholds. The conversion event can also be triggered by the supervisory authorities, independently of the trigger events and outside of the control of the issuer, if the supervisory authorities call into question the long-term viability of the issuer, or of companies related to the issuer, as a going concern (conversion/write-down risk).

Following a trigger event, the recovery of the capital invested depends essentially on the configuration of the CoCo. CoCos can use one of the following three methods to recover their fully or partially written-down nominal value: conversion into shares, temporary write-down or permanent write-off. In the case of a temporary write-down, the write-down is completely discretionary, taking into account certain regulatory restrictions. Any coupon payments after the trigger event are based on the reduced nominal value. A CoCo investor may therefore, under certain circumstances, incur losses ahead of equity investors and other holders of debt instruments in respect of the same issuer.

In accordance with the minimum requirements set out in the EU Capital Requirements Direc-

tive IV / Capital Requirements Regulation (CRD IV/CRR), the configuration of the terms and conditions of CoCos can be complex and can vary depending on the issuer or the bond.

Investment in CoCos is associated with some additional risks, such as:

- a) Risk of falling below the specified trigger (trigger level risk)

The probability and the risk of a conversion or of a write-down are determined by the difference between the trigger level and the capital ratio of the CoCo issuer currently required for regulatory purposes.

The mechanical trigger is at least 5.125% of the regulatory capital ratio or higher, as set out in the issue prospectus of the respective CoCo.

Especially in the case of a high trigger, CoCo investors may lose the capital invested as, for example, in the case of a write-down of the nominal value or a conversion into equity capital (shares).

At sub-fund level, this means that the actual risk of falling below the trigger level is difficult to assess in advance because, for example, the capital ratio of the issuer may only be published quarterly and therefore the actual gap between the trigger level and the capital ratio is only known at the time of publication.

- b) Risk of suspension of the coupon payment (coupon cancellation risk)

Although the interest payable on the CoCo is specified by the coupon in principle, the issuer or the supervisory authority can suspend the coupon payments at any time without such suspension signifying a default of the CoCo. Any lost coupon payments are not made up for when coupon payments are resumed. That means for the CoCo investor that there is a risk that not all of the coupon payments expected at the time of acquisition will be received.

- c) Risk of a change to the coupon (coupon resetting risk)

If the CoCo is not called by the CoCo issuer on the specified call date, the issuer can redefine the terms and conditions of issue. If the issuer does not call the CoCo, the amount of the coupon can be changed on the call date.

- d) Risk due to prudential requirements (risk of a reversal of the capital structure)

A number of minimum requirements in relation to the equity capital of banks were defined in CRD IV. The amount of the required capital buffer differs from country to country in accordance with the respective valid regulatory law applicable to the issuer.

At fund level, the different national requirements have the consequence that the conversion as a result of the discretionary trigger or the suspension of the coupon payments can be triggered accordingly depending on the regulatory law applicable to the issuer and that an additional uncertainty factor exists for the CoCo investor, or the investor, depending on the national conditions and the sole judgment of the respective competent supervisory authority.

Moreover, the opinion of the respective competent supervisory authority, as well as the criteria of relevance for the opinion in the individual case, cannot be conclusively assessed in advance.

e) Call risk and risk of the competent supervisory authority preventing a call (prolongation risk)

CoCos are long-term debt securities, often perpetual, that are callable by the issuer at certain call dates defined in the issue prospectus. The decision to call is made at the discretion of the issuer, but it does require the approval of the issuer's competent supervisory authority. The supervisory authority makes its decision in accordance with applicable regulatory law.

The CoCo investor can only resell the CoCo on a secondary market, which entails corresponding market and liquidity risks if the issuer does not effectively call the CoCo on one or more of the defined call dates. If there is no sufficiently liquid secondary market in the event of a lack of demand, a CoCo cannot be sold, or only with substantial losses.

f) Equity capital and subordination risk  
(risk of a reversal of the capital structure)

In the case of conversion to shares, CoCo investors become shareholders when the trigger occurs. In the event of insolvency, claims of shareholders have subordinate priority and are dependent on the remaining funds available. Therefore, a conversion of the CoCo may lead to a total loss of capital. Under certain circumstances, CoCo investors may even incur the initial losses when the trigger occurs, even before the holders of equity.

g) Risk of concentration on a sector

Due to the special structure of CoCos, the risk of concentration on one sector may arise due to the uneven distribution of risks with regard to financial securities. By law, CoCos are part of the capital structure of financial institutions.

h) Liquidity risk

CoCos entail a liquidity risk in a tense market situation. This is due to the special investor base and the lower total market volume compared with that of normal bonds.

i) Income valuation risk

Due to the fact that CoCos can be called on a flexible basis, it is not clear which date should be used for calculating the income. There is a risk on each call date that the maturity of the bond will be postponed and the income calculation must then be adjusted to the new date, which can lead to a different yield.

j) Unknown risk

Due to the innovative nature of CoCos and the highly changeable regulatory environment for financial institutions, risks may arise that cannot be foreseen at the present time.

For further information, please refer to the statement from the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA/2014/944) of July 31, 2014, regarding potential risks associated with investing in contingent convertible instruments.

### 6.3 Risks of restricted or elevated liquidity of the fund and risks associated with increased subscription or increased redemption (liquidity risk)

In the following, the risks that may adversely affect the liquidity of the fund are presented. This may result in the fund being temporarily or permanently unable to meet its payment obligations, and in the Management Company being temporarily or permanently unable to meet the redemption requests of investors. The investor may not be able to realize a potentially planned holding period, and some or all of the capital invested may not be available to the investor for an indefinite period of time. The realization of the liquidity risks could also cause the value of the fund's assets, and thus the net asset value per unit, to decline in cases where, for instance, the Management Company is forced, if legally permissible, to sell assets for the fund at less than market value. If the Management Company is unable to meet the redemption requests of investors, this may additionally lead to the suspension of redemptions and, in extreme cases, to the subsequent liquidation of the fund.

#### 6.3.1 Risk from investing in assets

It is also permitted to acquire assets for the fund that are neither admitted to a stock exchange nor admitted to or included in another regulated market. A potential sale of these assets may be possible only with high price discounts or with delays, or not at all. Even for assets admitted to a stock exchange, a potential sale might not be possible or might only be possible with high price discounts, depending on the market situation, the volume, the time frame and planned costs.

Although only assets that can generally be liquidated at any time may be acquired for the fund, it cannot be ruled out that it might temporarily or permanently be possible to dispose of these assets only at a loss.

#### 6.3.2 Risk from borrowing

The Management Company may, where required, obtain short-term loans of no more than 10% of the fund's assets for the account of the fund. If the Management Company is required to repay a loan and is not able to pay it with follow-up financing or the liquidity available in the fund, it may be forced to sell assets at terms inferior to those planned. Short-term variable rate loans can additionally have a negative impact on fund assets when interest rates rise.

#### 6.3.3 Risks from increased redemptions or subscriptions

Buy and sell orders from investors cause liquidity to flow into and out of the fund, respectively. The inflows and outflows, after netting, can result in either a net inflow or a net outflow of the fund's liquid assets. This net inflow or net outflow can cause the fund manager to buy or sell assets, which generates transaction costs. This is especially true when liquid assets exceed or fall short of a ratio set by the Management Company for the fund as a result of the inflows or outflows. The resulting transaction costs are charged to the fund and can adversely affect the fund's performance. In the case of inflows, an increased fund liquidity can diminish the performance of the fund if the Management Company cannot invest the funds under adequate conditions, or cannot do so in a timely manner.

#### 6.3.4 Risk associated with public holidays in specific regions/countries

According to the investment strategy, investments for the fund are to be made in specific regions and countries in particular. Local public holidays in these regions or countries may result in differences between stock exchange trading days of these regions or countries and the valuation dates of the fund. The fund may consequently be unable to react to market developments in these regions or countries on the same day if that day is not a valuation date, or it may be unable to act on a valuation date that is not a trading day in the markets of these regions or countries. As a result, the fund might be prevented from selling assets in the time required. This can adversely affect the ability of the fund to meet redemption requests or other payment obligations.

#### 6.3.5 Counterparty risk

The fund may incur risks in the context of a contractual relationship with another party (a "counterparty"). Here there is a risk that the counterparty might no longer be able to meet its contractual obligations. These risks can affect the performance of the fund, and can thus also adversely affect the net asset value per unit and the capital invested by the investor.

When OTC (over-the-counter) transactions are entered into, the fund may be exposed to risks relating to the creditworthiness of its counter-

parties and their ability to meet the terms of such contracts. For example, the fund may use futures, options and swap transactions or other derivative techniques, such as total return swaps, in which the fund is subject to the risk that the counterparty will not fulfill its obligations under the respective contract.

In the event of a counterparty's bankruptcy or insolvency, the fund may suffer significant losses due to a delay in liquidating positions, including the loss of value of the investments while the fund enforces its rights. It is also possible that the use of the agreed techniques may be terminated through bankruptcy, illegality or changes in the law in comparison with those in force at the time of conclusion of the agreements.

The fund may, among other things, enter into transactions on OTC and interdealer markets. The participants in these markets are typically not subject to financial supervision in the same way as the participants in regulated markets are. A fund that invests in swaps, total return swaps, derivatives, synthetic instruments or other OTC transactions in these markets assumes the counterparty's credit risk and is also subject to the counterparty's default risk. These risks can be materially different from those of regulated market transactions, which are secured by guarantees, daily mark-to-market valuations, daily settlement and corresponding segregation and minimum capital requirements. Transactions concluded directly between two counterparties do not benefit from this protection.

The fund is also subject to the risk that a counterparty will not execute the transaction as agreed, due to a discrepancy in the terms of the contract (irrespective of whether or not it is in good faith) or due to a credit or liquidity problem. This may result in losses for the fund. This counterparty risk increases for contracts with a longer maturity period, as events may prevent a settlement, or if the fund has focused its transactions on a single counterparty or a small group of counterparties.

If the counterparty defaults, the fund may be subjected to opposing market movements during the execution of substitute transactions. The fund may conclude a transaction with any counterparty. It can also conclude an unlimited number of transactions with a single counterparty. The ability of the fund to conclude transactions with any counterparty, the lack of a meaningful and independent evaluation of the counterparty's financial characteristics and the absence of a regulated market for concluding agreements can increase the fund's loss potential.

### 6.3.6 Credit risk

Bonds or debt securities entail credit risk with respect to the issuer, for which the issuer's credit rating can be used as a measure. Bonds or debt instruments issued by issuers with a lower rating are usually considered to be securities with a higher credit risk and a higher probability of

default by the issuer than those issued by issuers with a better rating. If an issuer of bonds or debt securities encounters financial or economic difficulties, this may affect the value of the bonds or debt securities (which may fall to zero) and the payments made on these bonds or debt securities (which may fall to zero). In addition, some bonds or debt instruments are also classified as subordinated in the financial structure of an issuer. In the event of financial difficulties, serious losses can therefore occur. At the same time, the probability that the issuer will meet these obligations is lower than for other bonds or debt instruments. This in turn leads to high price volatility of these instruments.

### 6.3.7 Risk of default / Counterparty risks (except central counterparties)

The default of an issuer ("issuer") or of a contracting party ("counterparty") against which the fund has claims can lead to losses for the fund. Issuer risk describes the effect of particular developments at the individual issuer that, alongside general trends in the capital markets, will affect the price of a security. The risk of a decline in the assets of issuers cannot be entirely eliminated even through careful selection of securities. The other party to a contract entered into for the account of the fund may default in whole or in part (counterparty risk). This applies to all contracts that are entered into for the account of the fund.

### 6.3.8 Risk from central counterparties

A central counterparty ("CCP") acts as an intermediary institution in particular transactions for the fund, especially transactions in derivative financial instruments. In this case, the CCP acts as the buyer toward the seller, and as the seller toward the buyer. A CCP uses a series of protective measures to hedge against the risk of its business partner not being able to provide the agreed services. These protective measures enable the CCP to at all times offset losses from the transactions entered into (e.g., through the use of collateral). These protective measures notwithstanding, it cannot be ruled out that a CCP might itself become overindebted and default, which would also affect claims of the Management Company for the fund. This may give rise to losses for the fund.

### 6.3.9 Risks of default in repurchase agreement transactions

If the Management Company sells securities under a repurchase agreement for the account of the fund, it must provide sufficient collateral to protect against the default of the counterparty. In the event of a default of the counterparty during the term of the repurchase agreement transaction, the Management Company has a right of use with respect to the collateral provided. A risk of loss to the fund can ensue from the fact that the collateral provided is no longer sufficient to cover the Management Company's retransfer claim in full, e.g., because the prices of the securities sold have risen.

### 6.3.10 Risks of default in securities lending transactions

If the Management Company grants a loan of securities for the account of the fund, it must obtain sufficient collateral to protect against the default of the counterparty. Collateral is provided in an amount at least equivalent to the market value of the securities transferred in the securities loan. The borrower must provide additional collateral if the value of the securities lent increases, if the quality of the collateral provided decreases or if the financial situation of the borrower deteriorates and the collateral already provided is not sufficient. If the borrower is unable to meet this obligation to provide additional collateral, there is a risk that the Company's retransfer claim is not fully hedged in the event of a counterparty default. If the collateral is held in custody at an institution other than the custodian, there is also the risk that the collateral might not be available for full or immediate use in the event of a borrower default.

### 6.3.11 Operational and other risks of the fund

In the following, the risks that can arise, for example, from inadequate internal processes and from human error or system failures at the Management Company or at external third parties are presented. These risks can affect the performance of the fund, and can thus also adversely affect the net asset value per unit and the capital invested by the investor.

### 6.3.12 Risks from criminal acts, shortcomings, natural disasters or failure to take sustainability into account

The fund may become a victim of fraud or other criminal acts. It may suffer losses due to errors by employees of the Management Company or of external third parties, or be damaged by outside events such as natural disasters or pandemics. These events may be caused or exacerbated by failure to take sustainability into account. The Management Company strives to minimize operational risks and possible associated financial consequences that could adversely affect the value of a fund's assets as much as reasonably possible, and has set up processes and procedures to identify, manage and minimize such risks.

### 6.3.13 Country or transfer risk

There is a risk that a foreign borrower, despite ability to pay, cannot make payments at all, or not on time, or can only pay in another currency, because the currency in the country of domicile is not freely transferable or the country of domicile is unwilling to execute transfers, or for similar reasons. This means that, for example, payments to which the Management Company is entitled for the account of the fund may not occur, or may be in a currency that is not convertible (anymore) due to restrictions on currency exchange, or may be in another currency. If the borrower pays in another currency, this position is subject to the currency risk presented above.

### 6.3.14 Geopolitical risks

Political events or changing political conditions, such as unexpected armed conflicts, terrorist attacks or tensions between states, that threaten peaceful exchanges may give rise to major challenges for the fund's business activity and affect the global economic and financial system. Assets held by the fund in such countries may therefore entail valuation uncertainties and liquidity difficulties and thus depreciate, become completely worthless or illiquid. This can give rise to the risk of the fund suffering losses or missing out on upside opportunities in the short term.

#### Geopolitical risks in relation to the current situation regarding Russia, Ukraine and Belarus

Assets that the fund holds in Russia, Belarus and/or Ukraine, if applicable, may entail valuation uncertainties and liquidity difficulties and may depreciate, become completely worthless or illiquid. This can give rise to the risk of the fund suffering losses or missing out on upside opportunities in the short term. The Management Company will monitor the situation and shall, where possible, take suitable measures within the framework of liquidity management and valuation.

### 6.3.15 Legal and political risks

Investments for the fund may be undertaken in jurisdictions in which Luxembourg law does not apply, or where, in the case of disputes, the place of jurisdiction is outside Luxembourg. Any resulting rights and obligations of the Management Company for the account of the fund may differ from those in Luxembourg to the detriment of the fund or the investor.

Political or legal developments, including changes to the legal framework in these jurisdictions, may not be detected by the Management Company, or may be detected too late, or they may lead to restrictions in terms of acquirable assets or assets that have already been acquired. These consequences can also arise when the legal framework for the Management Company and/or the administration of the fund in Luxembourg changes.

### 6.3.16 Changes in the tax framework, tax risk

The information provided in this Sales Prospectus is based on our understanding of current tax laws. The summary of tax regulations is addressed to persons subject, without limitation, to individual or corporate income tax in Germany. However, no responsibility can be assumed for potential changes in the tax structure through legislation, court decisions or the orders of the tax authorities.

### 6.3.17 Key individual risk

If the investment performance of the fund during a particular period is very positive, this success may also depend on the abilities of the individuals acting on behalf of the fund, and hence on the correct management decisions. Fund management personnel can change, however. New decision-makers might not be as successful.

### 6.3.18 Custody risk

The custody of assets, especially in foreign countries, involves a risk of loss that may result from insolvency or violation of due diligence on the part of the custodian, or from force majeure.

### 6.3.19 Settlement risk

In the settlement of securities transactions, there is a risk that one of the contracting parties is late or fails to pay, or fails to deliver securities on time. This settlement risk also exists accordingly when trading other assets for the fund.

### 6.3.20 Creditworthiness risk

The credit quality (ability and willingness to pay) of the issuer of a security or money market instrument held directly or indirectly by the fund may subsequently decline. As a rule, this leads to price declines of the respective security that exceed the general market fluctuations.

### 6.3.21 Assets in emerging markets

An investment in assets of emerging markets is generally subject to higher risks (including (possibly considerable) legal, economic and political risks) than an investment in assets of markets in industrial countries.

Emerging markets are markets that, by definition, are "in upheaval" and are therefore exposed to risks of rapid political change and economic setbacks. In recent years, many emerging market countries have experienced significant political, economic and social changes. In many cases, political considerations have led to considerable economic and social tension and, in some cases, there was both political and economic instability in these countries. Political or economic instability may affect investor confidence, which in turn may have a negative effect on exchange rates and on the prices of securities or other assets in the emerging markets.

Exchange rates and prices of securities or other assets in emerging markets are often extremely volatile. Changes to these prices are attributable, among other things, to interest rates, a changing relationship between supply and demand, forces that affect the market from the outside (especially in respect of important trading partners), trade, tax and monetary programs, the policies of governments, as well as international political and economic events.

In emerging markets, the development of securities markets is mostly in the early stages. This leads to risks and practices (such as higher volatility) that usually do not occur in more developed securities markets and these may have a negative impact on the value of the securities listed on the stock exchanges in these countries. In addition, markets in emerging market countries are often characterized by illiquidity in the form of low turnover rates of some listed securities.

It is important to note that exchange rates, securities and other assets in emerging markets are more likely to be sold in the course of a "flight

to quality" in times of economic stagnation than other types of assets that involve a low risk and that their value may deteriorate accordingly.

### 6.3.22 Sustainability risk – Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)

Sustainability risk is an event or a condition relating to environmental, social or governance factors whose occurrence can have actual or potential significant negative impact on the value of an investment. A sustainability risk can either be a standalone risk or influence other risks and materially contribute to risk, e.g., price risks, liquidity risks, counterparty risks or operational risks.

These events or conditions are broken down into the categories of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) and relate to the following topics, among others:

#### Environmental

- Climate change mitigation
- Climate change adaptation
- Protection of biodiversity
- Sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources
- Transition to a circular economy, avoidance of waste and recycling
- Avoidance and reduction of environmental pollution
- Protection of healthy ecosystems
- Sustainable use of land

#### Social

- Compliance with recognized labor standards (no child labor or forced labor, no discrimination)
- Compliance with occupational safety and health protection
- Appropriate remuneration, fair conditions in the workplace, diversity as well as opportunities for training and development
- Freedom to belong to a trade union and freedom of assembly
- Assurance of sufficient product safety, including health protection
- The same requirements of companies in the supply chain
- Inclusive projects and consideration of the concerns of communities and social minorities

#### Governance

- Honesty in tax matters
- Measures to prevent corruption
- Sustainability management by the management board
- Management board compensation dependent on sustainability
- Facilitation of whistle blowing
- Assurance of workers' rights
- Assurance of data protection
- Disclosure of information

In the context of environmental issues, the Management Company considers the following aspects in particular in connection with climate change:

Physical climatic events or conditions

- Isolated extreme weather events
  - Heat waves
  - Droughts
  - Floods
  - Storms
  - Hailstorms
  - Forest fires
  - Avalanches
- Long-term climate changes
  - Decreasing snow volumes
  - Changes in the frequency and volume of precipitation
  - Volatile weather conditions
  - Rising sea levels
  - Changes in ocean currents
  - Changes in winds
  - Changes in land and soil productivity
  - Reduced water availability (water risk)
  - Ocean acidification
  - Global warming with regional extremes

Transitional events or conditions

- Prohibitions and restrictions
- Withdrawal from fossil fuels
- Other political measures associated with the transition to a low-carbon economy
- Technological change associated with the transition to a low-carbon economy
- Changes in customer preferences and behavior

Sustainability risks may lead to a material deterioration in the financial profile, liquidity, profitability or reputation of the underlying investment. If the sustainability risks have not been anticipated and taken into account in the valuation of the investments, this may have a significant negative effect on the expected/estimated market price and/or the liquidity of the investment and therefore on the fund's returns.

## 7. Investment principles

### 7.1 Investment policy

The fund assets shall be invested in accordance with the principle of risk diversification and the investment policy principles in the relevant special section of the Sales Prospectus, and in accordance with the investment opportunities and restrictions set out in article 4 of the Management Regulations.

### 7.2 Consideration of sustainability risks in the investment process

Besides the usual financial data, the fund management takes sustainability risks into account when making investment decisions. This consideration applies to the entire investment process, i.e., for both the fundamental analysis of investments and for the decision itself.

In the fundamental analysis, ESG criteria are taken into account in particular in the proprietary market analysis.

In addition, ESG criteria are integrated into the entire investment research process. This includes identifying global sustainability trends, financially relevant ESG topics and challenges.

Risks that could arise from the effects of climate change or risks arising from the violation of internationally accepted guidelines are included in the review. The internationally recognized guidelines include, in particular, the ten principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the ILO Core Labor Standards, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.

In order to take ESG criteria into consideration, the fund management also uses a proprietary ESG database, which collates ESG data from other research companies, public sources and its own research results.

If investments are made in a company following the ESG-integrated fundamental analysis, these investments continue to be monitored taking into account ESG aspects. In addition, dialogue is sought with selected companies regarding improving corporate governance and stronger consideration of ESG criteria. This occurs, for example, through involvement as a shareholder in the company, in particular through the exercise of voting rights and other shareholder rights.

### 7.3 Reference indices

The fund may use an index or a combination of indices as benchmarks. Reference will be made to such indices if the aim of the fund is to replicate an index. They may also be used in expressly or indirectly defining the portfolio composition, the targets and/or measurement of performance.

In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of June 8, 2016, on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds and amending Directives 2008/48/EC and 2014/17/EU and Regulation (EU) No. 596/2014 and having regard to the transition period, the fund may only use reference indices if the benchmark or its administrator is registered in the relevant register of the European Securities and Markets Authority ("ESMA"). The Management Company has laid down robust written plans for each benchmark that stipulate measures that would take effect if the benchmark were to change materially or were no longer made available.

For the purposes of clarification, it is set out expressly in the special section of the Sales Prospectus whether the fund is actively or passively managed and whether the fund replicates a reference index or is managed with reference to such an index. In the latter case, the margin by

which the fund may deviate from the benchmark will be indicated.

### 7.4 Efficient portfolio management techniques

According to CSSF Circular 14/592, efficient portfolio management techniques can be used for the fund. These include all forms of derivative transactions, including total return swaps, as well as securities financing transactions, specifically securities lending transactions and repurchase agreement transactions. Such securities financing transactions may be used for the fund, as further provided for in the special section of the Sales Prospectus. Other securities financing transactions than the types mentioned here, such as margin-lending transactions, buy-sell-back transactions and sell-buy-back transactions, are currently not used. Should the Management Company make use of these types of securities financing transactions in future, the Sales Prospectus shall be amended accordingly.

Total return swaps and securities financing transactions shall be used in accordance with legal provisions, especially the provisions of the SFT Regulation.

### 7.5 Use of derivatives

Subject to an appropriate risk management system, the fund may invest in any and all derivatives permitted under the Law of 2010 that are based on assets that may be acquired for the fund or on financial indices, interest rates, exchange rates or currencies. In particular, these include options, financial futures and swaps (including total return swaps), as well as combinations thereof. These can be used not only for hedging the fund's assets but may also be part of the investment strategy.

Trading in derivatives is conducted within the confines of the investment limits and provides for the efficient management of the fund's assets, while also regulating investment maturities and risks.

### 7.6 Swaps

Swap transactions are exchange contracts in which the parties swap the assets or risks underlying the respective transaction.

The Management Company may conduct the following swap transactions for the account of the funds within the scope of the investment principles:

- Interest rate swaps,
- Currency swaps,
- Equity swaps,
- Total return swaps or
- Credit default swaps

### 7.7 Total return swaps

A total return swap is a derivative in which one counterparty transfers to another counterparty the total return of a reference liability including



income from interest and fees, gains and losses from price fluctuations, and credit losses.

If the fund makes use of the possibility of using total return swaps or other derivatives with comparable characteristics in order to substantially implement the investment strategy, information on this, such as the underlying strategy or the counterparty, can be found in the special section of this Sales Prospectus and in the annual report.

## 7.8 Swaptions

Swaptions are options on swaps. A swaption is the right, but not the obligation, to conduct a swap transaction, the terms of which are precisely specified, at a certain point in time or within a certain period.

## 7.9 Credit default swaps

Credit default swaps are credit derivatives that enable the transfer of a volume of potential credit defaults to other parties. As compensation for accepting the credit default risk, the seller of the risk pays a premium to its counterparty. In all other aspects, the information for swaps applies accordingly.

## 7.10 Securitized financial instruments

The Management Company may also acquire the financial instruments described in the preceding if they are securitized. It is also possible for the transactions involving financial instruments to be only partly securitized (as in the case of warrant-linked bonds). The statements on opportunities and risks apply accordingly to such securitized financial instruments, but with the condition that the risk of loss in the case of securitized financial instruments is limited to the value of the security.

## 7.11 OTC derivative transactions

The Management Company may conduct both those derivative transactions admitted for trading on a stock exchange or included in another regulated market and over-the-counter (OTC) transactions. A process for accurate and independent assessment of the value of OTC derivatives will be employed.

## 7.12 Securities lending transactions and repurchase agreement transactions (securities financing transactions)

The fund is allowed to transfer securities from its own assets for a certain time to the counterparty against compensation at market rates. The fund shall ensure that all securities transferred in the context of a securities lending operation can be returned at any time and that all securities lending agreements entered into can be terminated at any time.

The Management Company has appointed DWS Investment GmbH to support it in initiating, preparing and implementing securities lending as well as (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions (Securities Lending Agent).

### 7.12.1 Securities lending transactions

Provided that the investment guidelines of the fund in the special section of the Sales Prospectus contain no further restrictions, the fund may conclude securities lending transactions. The applicable restrictions can be found in CSSF Circular 08/356. Securities lending transactions may only be carried out with regard to the assets permitted under the Law of 2010 and the fund's investment guidelines.

Those transactions may be entered into for one or more of the following aims: (i) reduction of risk, (ii) reduction of cost and (iii) generation of additional capital or income with a level of risk which is consistent with the risk profile of the fund and the applicable risk diversification rules.

Depending on market conditions and market demand, it is expected that up to 70% of the fund's securities can be transferred to counterparties by means of securities lending. However, if there is an increased market demand, the Management Company reserves the right to transfer a maximum of up to 100% of the fund's securities to counterparties as a loan.

Securities lending transactions may be conducted with respect to the assets of the fund provided (i) that the transaction volume is kept at an appropriate level at all times or that the fund can require the return of the securities lent in a manner that enables it to meet its redemption obligations at all times and (ii) that these transactions do not jeopardize the management of the fund's assets in accordance with the fund's investment policy. Their risks shall be captured by the risk management process of the Management Company.

The fund may enter into securities lending transactions only if they comply with the following rules:

- The fund may only lend securities through a standardized system operated by a recognized clearinghouse or through a securities lending and borrowing program operated by a top-rated financial institution that specializes in such transactions and is subject to prudential rules considered by the CSSF to be equivalent to those laid down in Community law.
- The borrower must be subject to prudential rules considered by the CSSF to be equivalent to those laid down in Community law.
- The counterparty risk vis-à-vis a single counterparty (which, for the avoidance of doubt, may be reduced by the use of collateral) arising from one or more repurchase agreement transaction(s) may not exceed 10% of the assets of the fund when the counterparty is a financial institution falling within article 41 (1) (f) of the Law of 2010, or 5% of its assets in all other cases.

The Management Company shall disclose for the fund the actual utilization rates, the global valuation of the securities lent as well as additional

information in the annual and semiannual reports of the fund.

Securities lending transactions may also be conducted synthetically (synthetic securities lending transaction). In a synthetic securities lending transaction, a security contained in the fund is sold to a counterparty at the current market price. The sale is, however, subject to the condition that the fund simultaneously receives from the counterparty a securitized unleveraged option giving the fund the right to demand delivery at a later date of securities of the same kind, quality and quantity as the sold securities. The option price is equal to the current market price received from the sale of the securities less (a) the securities lending fee, (b) the income (e.g., dividends, interest payments, corporate actions) from the securities whose return can be demanded upon exercise of the option and (c) the exercise price associated with the option. The option will be exercised at the exercise price during the term of the option. If the security underlying the synthetic securities loan is to be sold during the term of the option in order to implement the investment strategy, such a sale may also be executed by selling the option at the then prevailing market price less the exercise price.

### 7.12.2 (Reverse) repurchase agreement transactions

Provided that the investment guidelines of the fund in the special section of the Sales Prospectus contain no further restrictions, the fund may conclude (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions. The applicable restrictions can be found in CSSF Circular 08/356. As a general rule, (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions may only be performed in respect of eligible assets under the Law of 2010 and the fund's investment principles.

Unless otherwise provided for in the special section of the Sales Prospectus, the fund may (i) enter into repurchase agreement transactions, which consist of the purchase and sale of securities with a clause granting the right to or imposing the obligation on the seller to repurchase from the buyer the securities sold at a price and at terms specified by the two parties in their contractual arrangement and (ii) enter into reverse repurchase agreement transactions, which consist of forward transactions that at maturity impose on the seller (counterparty) the obligation to repurchase the securities sold, and on the fund the obligation to return the securities received under the transaction (collectively the repurchase agreement transactions).

Those transactions may be entered into for one or more of the following aims: (i) achieving additional income and (ii) short-term secured investments. Depending on market conditions and market demand, it is assumed that up to 50% of the securities held in the fund may be transferred to a transferee (in the case of repurchase agreement transactions) and securities are

accepted within the scope of the respectively applicable investment limits against cash (in the case of reverse repurchase agreement transactions). However, if there is an increased market demand, the Management Company reserves the right to transfer a maximum of up to 100% of a fund's securities to a transferee (in the case of repurchase agreement transactions) or to receive securities in exchange for cash (in the case of reverse repurchase agreement transactions) within the limits of the applicable investment terms.

The fund can act either as purchaser or seller in repurchase agreement transactions or a series of continuing repurchase agreement transactions. Its involvement in such transactions is, however, subject to the following rules:

- a) The fund may not buy or sell securities using a repurchase agreement transaction unless the counterparty in that transaction is subject to prudential rules considered by the CSSF to be equivalent to those laid down in Community law.
- b) The counterparty risk vis-à-vis a single counterparty (which, for the avoidance of doubt, may be reduced by the use of collateral) arising from one or more repurchase agreement transaction(s) may not exceed 10% of the assets of the fund when the counterparty is a financial institution falling within article 41 (1) (f) of the Law of 2010, or 5% of its assets in all other cases.
- c) During the term of a repurchase agreement transaction in which the fund acts as the purchaser, it cannot sell the securities that are the object of the contract until the right to repurchase these securities has been exercised by the counterparty, or until the repurchase term has expired, except to the extent that the fund has other means of coverage.
- d) The securities acquired by the fund under a repurchase agreement transaction must conform to the investment policy and investment restrictions of the fund and must be limited to:
  - short-term bank certificates or money market instruments according to the definition in Directive 2007/16/EC;
  - bonds issued or guaranteed by an OECD member country or its local authorities or by supranational institutions and authorities at EU, regional or international level;
  - units of a UCI investing in money market instruments that calculates a net asset value daily and has a rating of AAA or an equivalent rating;
  - bonds issued by non-governmental issuers that provide adequate liquidity; and
  - equities listed on or trading in a regulated market in a member state of the European Union or on a stock exchange in an OECD member country, as long as these equities are contained in a major index.

The Management Company shall disclose for the fund the actual utilization rates, the total value of the open repurchase agreement transactions as well as additional information in the annual and semiannual reports.

### 7.13 Counterparty selection

The conclusion of OTC derivative transactions, including total return swaps, securities lending transactions and repurchase agreement transactions, is only permitted with credit institutions or financial services institutions on the basis of standardized master agreements. The counterparties, independent of their legal form, must be subject to ongoing supervision by a public body, be financially sound and have an organizational structure and the resources they need to provide the services. In general, all counterparties have their headquarters in member countries of the OECD, the G20 or Singapore. In addition, either the counterparty itself or its parent company must have an investment-grade rating by one of the leading rating agencies.

### 7.14 Collateral management for OTC derivative transactions and efficient portfolio management techniques

The fund may receive collateral for OTC derivative transactions and reverse repurchase agreement transactions to reduce counterparty risk. Within the scope of its securities lending operations, the fund must receive collateral of a value equal to at least 90% of the total value of the securities lent for the duration of the agreement (taking into account interest, dividends, other possible rights and any agreed discounts or minimum transfer amounts).

To secure its obligations, the fund can accept all collateral that corresponds to the regulations of CSSF Circulars 08/356, 11/512 and 14/592.

- a) In the case of a securities loan, this collateral shall have been received before or at the time of the transfer of the securities lent. If the securities are lent via intermediaries, the transfer of the securities can take place before receipt of the collateral as long as the respective intermediary ensures the orderly completion of the transaction. Such intermediary can provide collateral in place of the borrower.
- b) In general, collateral for securities lending transactions, reverse repurchase agreement transactions and transactions with OTC derivatives (not including currency futures) must be provided in one of the following forms:
  - liquid assets such as cash, short-term bank deposits, money market instruments according to the definition in Directive 2007/16/EC, letters of credit and first-demand guarantees that are issued by top-rated credit institutions not affiliated with the counterparty, or bonds issued by an OECD member country or its local authorities or by supranational institutions and authorities at local, regional or international level, irrespective of their residual term to maturity;

- units of a UCI investing in money market instruments that calculates a net asset value daily and has a rating of AAA or an equivalent rating;
- units of a UCITS that invests predominantly in the bonds and equities listed under the next two indents;
- bonds (irrespective of their residual term to maturity) issued or guaranteed by top-rated issuers with appropriate liquidity; or
- equities admitted to or trading in a regulated market in a member state of the European Union or on a stock exchange in an OECD member country, as long as these equities are contained in a major index.

c) Collateral that is not provided in the form of cash or units of UCIs/UCITS must have been issued by a legal entity that is not affiliated with the counterparty.

All non-cash collateral received should be highly liquid and traded at a transparent price on a regulated market or within a multilateral trading system so that it can be sold in the short term at a price close to the valuation established prior to the sale. The collateral received should also comply with the provisions of article 56 of the UCITS Directive.

d) If collateral provided in the form of cash exposes the fund to a credit risk with respect to the administrator of this collateral, such exposure shall be subject to the 20% restriction indicated in article 43 (1) of the Law of 2010. In addition, such cash collateral may not be held in custody by the counterparty unless it is legally protected from the consequences of a default of the counterparty.

e) Non-cash collateral may not be held in custody by the counterparty unless it is adequately segregated from the counterparty's own assets.

f) Collateral that is provided must be adequately diversified in terms of issuers, countries and markets. If collateral fulfills a series of criteria such as standards for liquidity, valuation, credit quality of the issuer, correlation and diversification, it can be offset against the gross commitment of the counterparty. If collateral is offset, its value may be discounted by a certain percentage depending on the price volatility of the security. This discount (or haircut) is intended to compensate for short-term fluctuations in the value of the commitment and the collateral. As a rule, no discounts are applied to cash collateral.

The criterion of adequate diversification in terms of issuer concentration is considered to be fulfilled if the fund receives from a counterparty, for efficient portfolio management or for transactions with OTC derivatives, a collateral basket whereby the maximum total value of the open positions with respect to a particular issuer does not exceed 20% of the net asset value. If the fund has various counterparties, the various different collateral baskets should be aggregated to calcu-

late the 20% limit for the total value of the open positions with respect to an individual issuer.

g) The Management Company pursues a strategy for the valuation of discounts for assets it accepts as collateral (haircut strategy).

The discounts applied to collateral are governed by:

- aa) the counterparty's creditworthiness;
- bb) the liquidity of the collateral;
- cc) the price volatility of the collateral;
- dd) the credit quality of the issuer;
- ee) the country or market in which the collateral is traded;
- ff) extreme market situations; and/or
- gg) any residual maturity.

For collateral provided in connection with OTC derivative transactions, a discount of at least 2% is generally applied, e.g., for short-term government bonds with excellent credit ratings. Consequently, the value of such collateral must exceed the value of the collateralized claim by at least 2% so that an overcollateralization level of at least 102% is reached. A correspondingly higher discount of currently up to 33% (and a correspondingly higher overcollateralization level of 133%) is applied for securities with longer maturities or securities of lower-rated issuers. OTC derivative transactions are usually overcollateralized within the following range:

OTC derivative transactions

Overcollateralization level                      102% to 133%

In securities lending transactions, it is sometimes possible to apply a full valuation if the counterparty's credit quality and the collateral are excellent, whereas higher discounts can be applied for lower-rated equities and other securities, taking into account the counterparty's credit quality. Securities lending transactions are usually overcollateralized in accordance with the following schedule:

Securities lending transactions

Overcollateralization level for government bonds with excellent credit ratings	at least 101%
Overcollateralization level for government bonds with lower investment-grade ratings	at least 102%
Overcollateralization level for corporate bonds with excellent credit ratings	at least 102%
Overcollateralization level for corporate bonds with lower investment-grade ratings	at least 103%
Overcollateralization level for blue chips and mid-caps	at least 105%

The discounts applied are reviewed for appropriateness on a regular basis, at least once each year, and are adjusted accordingly if necessary.

h) The fund (or its representatives) carry out a daily valuation of the securities received. Should the value of collateral previously provided appear to be insufficient in view of the amount to be covered, the counterparty must provide additional collateral at very short notice. If appropriate, safety margins shall apply to take into account the exchange rate or market risks associated with the assets accepted as collateral.

Collateral that is admitted for trading on a stock exchange or admitted to or included in another organized market is valued at the previous day's closing price or, if it is already available at the time the valuation takes place, at the closing price of the same day. The valuation is performed in such a way as to obtain a value for the collateral that is as close as possible to the market value.

i) Collateral is held in custody by the custodian or a sub-custodian. Cash collateral in the form of bank balances may be held in blocked accounts at the custodian of the fund or, with the custodian's consent, at another credit institution, provided that this other credit institution is subject to supervision by a supervisory authority and is not associated with the guarantor.

The fund shall ensure that it is able to assert its rights in relation to the collateral if an event occurs requiring the execution of these rights, meaning that the collateral shall be available at all times, either directly or through the intermediary of a top-rated financial institution or a wholly owned subsidiary of that institution, in a form that allows the fund to appropriate or make use of the assets provided as collateral if the counterparty does not comply with its obligation to return the securities lent.

j) Reinvestment of cash collateral may occur exclusively in high-quality government bonds or in money market funds with short-term maturity structures. Cash collateral can additionally be invested by way of a reverse repurchase agreement transaction with a credit institution if the recovery of the accrued balance is assured at all times. Securities collateral, on the other hand, is not permitted to be sold or otherwise provided as collateral or pledged.

k) If the fund receives collateral for at least 30% of its assets, the associated risk is examined as part of regular stress tests conducted under normal and exceptional liquidity conditions in order to assess the consequences of changes in market value and the liquidity risk associated with the collateral. The liquidity stress testing strategy should contain guidelines covering the following aspects:

- aa) the concept for analyzing the stress test scenario, including calibration, certification and sensitivity analysis;
- bb) empirical impact assessment approach, including back-testing of liquidity risk assessments;

cc) reporting frequency and reporting thresholds/ loss tolerance threshold(s); and  
dd) loss mitigation measures, including haircut strategy and gap-risk protection.

## 7.15 Use of financial indices

If provided for in the special section of the Sales Prospectus, the objective of the investment policy may be to replicate a specific index or to replicate an index through the use of leverage. In accordance with article 9 of the Grand-Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008, and article 44 of the Law of 2010, this requires that:

- the composition of the index is sufficiently diversified;
- the index represents an adequate benchmark for the market to which it refers;
- the index is published in an appropriate manner.

If an index is replicated, then the frequency of adjustment of the composition of the index depends on the index to be replicated. The adjustment is usually made semiannually, quarterly or monthly. Replication and adjustment of the composition of the index may give rise to costs that can reduce the value of the fund's assets.

## 8. Risk management

The fund uses a risk management procedure that allows the Management Company to monitor and measure at any time the risk associated with the investment positions and their contribution to the overall risk profile of the investment portfolio.

The Management Company monitors the fund in accordance with the requirements of CSSF Regulation 10-04 and the Luxembourg or European Directives adopted from time to time, in particular CSSF Circular 11/512 and the CESR/10-788 guidelines as well as CSSF Circular 14/592. For the fund, the Management Company shall ensure that the total risk associated with derivative financial instruments in accordance with article 42 (3) of the Law of 2010 does not exceed 100% of the net assets of the fund and that the market risk of the fund does not exceed a total of 200% of the market risk of the non-derivative reference portfolio (in the case of the relative VaR approach) or not more than 20% (in the case of the absolute VaR approach).

The risk management approach applied for the fund is specified in the special section of the Sales Prospectus for the fund.

In general, the Management Company endeavors to ensure that investments made in the fund through derivatives do not exceed twice the value of the fund's assets (hereinafter referred to as leverage), unless otherwise stated in the special section of the Sales Prospectus. This leverage effect is calculated using the "sum of notionals" approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative divided by the current net value of the

portfolio). Derivatives in the portfolio are taken into account when calculating the leverage. Collateral is not currently reinvested and is therefore not taken into account.

However, this leverage varies depending on market conditions and/or changes in positions (also to hedge the fund against unfavorable market movements). Therefore, despite constant monitoring by the Management Company, the target ratio could be exceeded at some point. The expected leverage indicated is not to be considered as an additional risk limit for the fund.

In addition, the fund may borrow 10% of its net assets if this borrowing is temporary. A correspondingly greater overall exposure can significantly increase the opportunities and risks of an investment (see in particular the risk warnings in the section "Risks associated with derivative transactions").

## 9. Potential conflicts of interest

Within the scope of and in compliance with the applicable procedures and measures for conflict management, the Management Company, the members of the supervisory board as well as the management board of the Management Company, the management, the fund manager, the designated sales agents and persons authorized to carry out the distribution, the custodian, if applicable the investment advisor, the administration, the investors, the Securities Lending Agent as well as all subsidiaries, affiliated companies, representatives or agents of the aforementioned entities and persons ("Associated Persons") may:

1. conduct among themselves or for the fund financial and banking transactions or other transactions, such as derivative transactions (including total return swaps), securities lending and (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions, or enter into the corresponding contracts, including those that are directed at the fund's investments in securities or at investments by an Associated Person in a company or undertaking, such investment being a constituent part of the fund's assets, or be involved in such contracts or transactions;
2. for their own accounts or for the accounts of third parties, invest in units, securities or assets of the same type as the components of the fund's assets and trade in them;
3. in their own names or in the names of third parties, participate in the purchase or sale of securities or other investments in or from the fund through or jointly with the Management Company or the custodian, or a subsidiary, an affiliated company, representative or agent of these.

Assets of the fund in the form of liquid assets or securities may be deposited with an Associated Person in accordance with the legal provisions governing the custodian. Liquid assets of the fund assets may be invested in certificates of

deposit issued by an Associated Person or in bank deposits offered by an Associated Person. Banking or comparable transactions may also be conducted with or through an Associated Person. Companies in the Deutsche Bank Group and/or employees, representatives, affiliated companies or subsidiaries of companies in the Deutsche Bank Group ("DB Group Members") may be counterparties in the Management Company's derivative transactions or derivatives contracts ("Counterparty"). In addition, in some cases a Counterparty may be required to value such derivative transactions or contracts. These valuations can be used as a basis for calculating the value of certain assets of the fund. The Management Company is aware that DB Group Members may possibly be involved in a conflict of interest if they act as Counterparty and/or provide such valuations. The valuation will be adjusted and carried out in a manner that is verifiable. However, the Management Company believes that such conflicts can be handled appropriately and assumes that the Counterparty possesses the aptitude and competence to perform such valuations.

In accordance with the respective terms agreed, DB Group Members may, in particular, act as Management Board members and Supervisory Board members, sales agent or sub-agent, custodian, sub-custodian, fund manager or investment advisor, and may offer to provide financial and banking transactions to the Management Company. The Management Company is aware that conflicts of interest may arise due to the functions that DB Group Members perform in relation to the Management Company. In respect of such eventualities, each DB Group Member has undertaken to endeavor, to a reasonable extent, to resolve such conflicts of interest equitably (with regard to the Members' respective duties and responsibilities), and to endeavor to ensure that the interests of the Management Company and of the investors are not adversely affected. The Management Company is of the view that DB Group Members possess the required aptitude and competence to perform such duties.

The Management Company is of the view that the interests of the Management Company and the above-mentioned entities may be in conflict with each other. The Management Company has taken appropriate measures to avoid conflicts of interest. In the event of unavoidable conflicts of interest, the Management Company will endeavor to ensure that conflicts of interest are handled fairly and resolved in favor of the fund. It is a principle of the Management Company to take all reasonable steps to establish organizational structures and to apply effective administrative measures to enable the identification, handling and monitoring of the conflicts in question. In addition, the Management Company Management is responsible for ensuring that the systems, controls and procedures of the company for the identification, monitoring and resolution of conflicts of interest are appropriate.

Transactions with or between Associated Persons may be conducted for the fund with respect to the fund assets, provided that such transactions are in the best interests of the investors.

Additional information on the handling of conflicts of interest is available on the website [www.dws.com](http://www.dws.com) under Legal Resources.

### Conflicts of interest at the level of the distributors

The payment of commissions, initial sales charges and bonuses to distributors may result in conflicts of interest at the expense of the investor in that an incentive could be created for distributors to preferably sell units of funds with a higher commission to their clients. Such commissions are included in the fees or may, if applicable, be borne by the investors of the fund in the form of initial sales charges.

Distributors and investment advisors may possibly pursue their own interests in respect of the sale or brokerage of units of the fund and in respect of the associated advisory or brokerage activity. Such a conflict of interest may result in distributors and investment advisors making an investment recommendation based not on the interest of the investors, but rather on self-interest.

### 9.1 Specific conflicts of interest in relation to the custodian or sub-custodians

The custodian is part of an international group of companies and operations which, in the ordinary course of its business, is also active for a large number of clients and for its own account, which may lead to actual or potential conflicts of interest under certain circumstances. Conflicts of interest arise when the custodian or a company affiliated with it exercises activities under the custodial agreement or separate contractual or other arrangements. These may include the following activities:

- (a) the provision of nominee, management, registration and transfer agent, research, securities lending, investment management, financial advisory and/or other advisory services to the fund;
- (b) the execution of banking, sales and trading transactions, including foreign exchange, derivative, credit, brokerage, market making or other financial transactions with the fund, either as a principal and in its own interest or on behalf of other clients.

In connection with the above activities, the following applies to the custodian or its affiliated companies:

- (a) They will seek to make a profit from these activities, and are entitled to receive and retain any profits or remunerations of any kind. They are not required to notify the fund of the nature or amount of any such profits or compensation, including but not limited to

- fees, costs, commissions, income shares, spreads, markups, markdowns, interest, reimbursements, discounts or other benefits received in connection with such activities;
- (b) They may buy, sell, issue, trade or hold in custody securities or other financial products or instruments as principals in their own interest, in the interest of their affiliated companies or for their other clients;
- (c) They may trade in the same or the opposite direction to the transactions carried out, including on the basis of information in their possession but not available to the fund;
- (d) They may provide the same or similar services to other clients, including competitors of the fund;
- (e) They may be granted creditor rights by the fund that they may exercise.

The fund may engage the services of an affiliated company of the custodian to carry out foreign exchange, spot or swap transactions on behalf of the fund. In such cases, the affiliated company acts as the principal and not as a broker, contractor or trustee of the fund. The affiliated company will seek to generate profits through these transactions and is entitled to retain profits without disclosing these to the fund. The affiliated company shall enter into such transactions under the terms and conditions agreed with the fund. If the cash of the fund is deposited with an affiliated company which is a bank, a potential conflict arises with respect to the interest (if any) credited or charged by the affiliated company to this account and the fees or other benefits the affiliated company could derive from holding such cash as a bank rather than as a trustee.

The Management Company may also be a client or counterparty of the custodian or its affiliated companies.

The use of sub-custodians by the custodian may give rise to conflicts that can be assigned to four general categories:

- a) conflicts arising from the choice of sub-custodians and the allocation of assets among multiple sub-custodians which, in addition to objective evaluation criteria, are influenced by (a) cost factors such as the lowest fees charged, discounts and similar incentives, and (b) the broad mutual business relationships in which the custodian may operate on the basis of the economic benefit of the broader business relationship;
- b) affiliated or non-affiliated sub-custodians acting on behalf of other clients and in their own interest, which may lead to conflicts of interest with the interests of the client;
- c) affiliated or non-affiliated sub-custodians maintaining only indirect relationships with clients, and considering the custodian to be their counterparty, which may encourage the custodian to act in its own interest or in the interest of other clients to the detriment of clients; and

- d) sub-custodians potentially having market-based creditor rights with respect to clients' assets, which they may be interested in enforcing if they do not receive payment for securities transactions.

In the performance of its duties, the custodian shall act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and solely in the interest of the fund and its investors.

The custodian shall functionally and hierarchically separate the performance of its custodial tasks from the performance of its other duties, which may be in conflict. The internal control system, the various reporting lines, the allocation of tasks and reporting to management enable potential conflicts of interest and other matters relating to the custodian to be properly identified, handled and monitored. Furthermore, in the case of sub-custodians used by the custodian, contractual restrictions shall be imposed by the custodian in order to take account of some of the potential conflicts. The custodian shall additionally exercise due diligence and supervise the sub-custodians in order to ensure a high level of service for its clients. The custodian shall also provide regular reports on the activities of its clients and the portfolios held by its clients, with the underlying functions subject to internal and external control audits. Finally, the custodian shall separate the performance of its custodial duties internally from its own activities and comply with a code of conduct that obliges employees to act ethically, honestly and transparently in dealing with clients.

Current information on the custodian and a description of its duties, possible conflicts of interest, the custodial functions delegated by the custodian as well as a list of agents and sub-agents and a list of possible conflicts of interest that could arise from such delegation shall be made available to investors on request.

## 10. Prevention of money laundering and transparency register

### 10.1 Anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing measures

The transfer agent will request information and documents (such as proof of identity) necessary for compliance with the anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing legislation in force in Luxembourg.

If there are doubts as to the identity of an investor or if the transfer agent does not have sufficient information to establish the identity, the transfer agent will request further information and/or documents in order to establish the identity of the investor beyond doubt. If the investor refuses or fails to provide the requested information and/or documents, the transfer agent may refuse or delay the entry of the investor's data in the fund's register of investors.

Furthermore, the transfer agent is obliged to obtain necessary information and documents concerning the beneficial owner and to verify this information (e.g., by way of a (certified) copy of proof of identity). The processing of subscription applications may be suspended until the transfer agent duly receives all necessary information and documents.

The transfer agent is additionally obliged to verify the origin of funds received by a financial institution. The processing of subscription applications may be suspended until the transfer agent has duly established the origin of the funds.

Moreover, the transfer agent is obliged to determine that the invested funds have been properly taxed. In order to ensure compliance with these requirements, the transfer agent shall obtain the information and/or documents in question (e.g., a confirmation by the investor) from the investor. The processing of subscription applications may be suspended until the transfer agent has obtained the necessary information and/or documents to verify compliance with the requirements.

The information and documents provided to the transfer agent shall be obtained solely for the purpose of complying with anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing legislation in force in Luxembourg.

Initial or follow-up unit subscription applications can also be submitted indirectly, i.e., via the distributors. In this case, the transfer agent may waive the aforementioned required proof of identity under the following circumstances or under the circumstances which are considered sufficient under Luxembourg's anti-money laundering legislation:

- if a subscription application is processed through a distributor under the supervision of the competent authorities, whose rules provide for an identification verification procedure for customers which is equivalent to that laid down in Luxembourg anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing legislation and to which the distributor is subject;
- if a subscription application is processed through a distributor whose parent company is under the supervision of the competent authorities, whose rules provide for an identification verification procedure for customers which is equivalent to that laid down in Luxembourg anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing legislation; and
- if the law applicable to the parent company or the Group guidelines impose equivalent obligations on its subsidiaries or branches.

For EU countries, it is generally assumed that natural or legal persons doing business in the financial sector are required by the respective competent supervisory authorities in these countries to carry out identification verification

procedures for their clients which are equivalent to the verification procedure prescribed under Luxembourg law. After an analysis, third countries may be treated as equivalent to these countries.

Distributors may provide a nominee service to investors who purchase units through them. Investors may decide, at their own discretion, whether to take advantage of this service, in which the nominee holds the units in its name for and on behalf of the investors; the investors are entitled to demand direct ownership of the units at any time. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, investors are free to make investments directly with the Management Company without using the nominee service. Investors who use a nominee service must agree that, if the transfer agent submits a request to the nominee, the identity and authentication documents for determining the identity of the investor must be made available to the transfer agent.

The transfer agent is obliged to maintain current information and documents necessary for compliance with anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing legislation in force in Luxembourg (e.g., documents for determining and authenticating the identity of an investor), for example, by updating existing information and documents and, where required, obtaining additional information and documents. Additional information and documents may also be obtained in particular due to changes in the anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing legislation in force in Luxembourg.

Transactions may be suspended until the transfer agent duly receives all necessary information and documents.

## 10.2 Luxembourg Beneficial Owners Register (transparency register)

The Law of 2019 obliges all entities registered in the Luxembourg Trade and Companies Register, including the fund, to collect and store certain information on their beneficial owners. The fund is furthermore obliged to enter the collected information in the Beneficial Owners Register, which is administered by the Luxembourg Business Register under the supervision of the Luxembourg Ministry of Justice. In this respect, the fund is obliged to monitor the existence of beneficial owners continuously and in relation to particular circumstances and to notify the Register.

Article 1 (7) of the Law of 2004 defines a beneficial owner, *inter alia*, as any natural person that ultimately owns or controls a company. In this case, this includes any natural person in whose ownership or under whose control the fund ultimately lies by way of directly or indirectly holding a sufficient quantity of units or voting rights or a participation, including in the form of bearer units, or by means of another form of control.

If a natural person has a share of 25% plus one unit or an interest of more than 25% in the fund, this is deemed to be an indication of direct ownership. If a company that is controlled by one or more natural persons or if several companies that are controlled by the same natural person or persons respectively has or have a share of 25% plus one unit or an interest of more than 25% in the fund, this is deemed to be an indication of indirect ownership.

Besides the stated reference points for direct and indirect ownership, there are other forms of control according to which an investor can be classified as a beneficial owner. In this respect, an analysis is conducted in the individual case if indications of ownership or control are present.

If an investor is classified as a beneficial owner as defined by the Law of 2019, the fund is obliged, pursuant to the Law of 2019 subject to criminal sanction, to collect and transmit information. Likewise, the respective investor is himself obliged to provide information.

If investors require additional information regarding the statutory requirements in connection with the transparency register or to determine whether or not they are classified as beneficial owners, they can contact the fund via the following e-mail address to seek clarification: [dws-lux-compliance@list.db.com](mailto:dws-lux-compliance@list.db.com)

## 11. Legal status of the investors

The Management Company invests the capital invested in the fund in its own name for the collective account of investors in accordance with the principle of risk diversification in securities, money market instruments and other eligible assets. The invested capital and the assets acquired form the fund assets, which are held separately from the Management Company's own assets.

The investors are joint owners of the fund's assets in proportion to the number of units they hold. Their rights are represented by units issued as registered units or bearer units securitized in global certificates. All fund units have the same rights.

## 12. Units

The Management Company may issue the units as registered units or bearer units. If the units are issued as bearer units, these take the form of one or more global certificates.

### 12.1 Registered units

The Management Company may decide to issue the units in the form of registered units. All of the fund's registered units are entered in the unit register that is maintained by the registrar and transfer agent or by one or more agents authorized to do so by the registrar and transfer agent. Registered units are issued without share certi-

ificates; proof of an investor's ownership right to the respective unit or fraction of a unit is provided by entry in the unit register.

Payments of distributions to the investors for registered units are made by bank transfer at the risk of the investors. Upon application by the investor, distribution amounts can also be regularly reinvested.

Registered units may generally be transferred unless otherwise provided for in the special section of the Sales Prospectus. The transfer is conducted in fulfillment of all necessary transfer requirements as requested by the registrar and transfer agent and by entry of the name of the transfer recipient in the unit register.

### 12.2 Bearer units securitized by global certificates

Bearer units securitized by global certificates shall be issued in the name of the Management Company and deposited with the clearinghouses. The transferability of the bearer units securitized by a global certificate shall be subject to the applicable statutory provisions in force as well as the rules and procedures of the clearing house responsible for the transfer. Investors receive the bearer units securitized by a global certificate by entering them in the custody accounts of their financial intermediaries, which are held directly or indirectly at the clearing houses. Such bearer units securitized by a global certificate are freely transferable in accordance with the provisions contained in this Sales Prospectus, the regulations applicable on the respective stock exchange and/or the regulations of the respective clearinghouse. Investors who do not participate in such a system may only transfer bearer units securitized by a global certificate via a financial intermediary participating in the settlement system of the relevant clearinghouse.

Payments of distributions for bearer units securitized by global certificates shall be made by way of crediting the securities account opened with the relevant clearinghouse by the financial intermediaries of the investors.

The Law of 2014 makes provisions that units issued by Luxembourg public limited companies (*sociétés anonymes*) and partnerships limited by shares (*sociétés en commandite par actions*) as well as by investment funds must be deposited and registered with the appointed custodian. Deutsche Bank Luxembourg S.A., 2, Boulevard Konrad Adenauer, 1115 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, was appointed as custodian within the meaning of this Law.

### 12.3 Calculation of the net asset value per unit

To calculate the unit value, the value of the assets belonging to the fund, less the liabilities of the fund, is determined on each valuation date and divided by the number of units in circulation. The valuation date is generally each bank business

day in Luxembourg unless otherwise provided for in the special section of the Sales Prospectus. A bank business day is a day on which the commercial banks are open and settle payments.

Details on the calculation of the unit value and asset valuation are laid down in the Management Regulations.

On public holidays that are bank business days in a country that is relevant for the valuation date, as well as on December 24 and 31 of each year, the Management Company and the custodian currently refrain from determining the net asset value per unit. A different calculation of the net asset value per unit is published in suitable media in each country of distribution (if necessary), as well as on the Management Company's website at [www.dws.com](http://www.dws.com).

#### 12.4 Issue of units

Fund units are issued on each valuation day at the unit value plus the initial sales charge to be paid by the purchaser of units in favor of the Management Company. The initial sales charge may be withheld in part or in full by the intermediaries to compensate for sales activities. If stamp duties or other charges are incurred in a country in which units are issued, the issue price increases accordingly.

The fund units can also be issued as fractional units with up to three decimal places unless otherwise provided for in the special section of the Sales Prospectus. Fractional units are rounded to the nearest thousandth according to commercial practice. Such rounding may be to the benefit of either the respective investor or the fund.

Newly subscribed units will only be allocated to the respective investor upon receipt of payment by the custodian or the approved correspondent banks. However, the corresponding units will already be taken into account for accounting purposes in the calculation of the net asset value on the value date following the corresponding securities settlement and can be canceled until receipt of payment. If an investor's units are to be canceled due to non-payment or late payment of these units, this may result in a loss for the fund.

The Management Company is authorized to issue new units on an ongoing basis. The Management Company does, however, reserve the right to suspend or permanently discontinue the issue of units. In this case, payments already made will be refunded immediately. The investors will be informed immediately of the suspension and resumption of the issue of units.

Units can be purchased from the Management Company and from any designated paying agents. If the Management Company no longer issues new units, units can only be acquired via the secondary market.

An example calculation for determining the issue price is as follows:

Net fund assets	EUR	1,000,000.00
÷ Number of units in circulation on the reporting date		<u>10,000.00</u>
<b>Net asset value per unit</b>	EUR	100.00
+ Initial sales charge (e.g., 5%)	EUR	<u>5.00</u>
<b>Issue price</b>	EUR	<u><u>105.00</u></u>

#### 12.5 Rejection of subscription orders

The Management Company reserves the right, at its own discretion, to reject or accept in whole or in part subscription orders for units without giving reasons.

The Management Company also reserves the right to withhold any excess subscription credit until final settlement. If an order is rejected in whole or in part, the subscription amount or the corresponding balance shall be repaid to the first named applicant at the risk of the person(s) entitled thereto without interest immediately after the decision of non-acceptance has been taken.

#### 12.6 Redemption of units

Fund units are redeemed on each valuation date at the unit value less the redemption fee to be paid by the investor. No redemption fee is currently charged. If stamp duties or other charges are incurred in a country in which units are redeemed, the redemption price decreases accordingly.

Investors may submit all or a portion of their units of all unit classes for redemption.

The Management Company has the right to carry out substantial redemptions only once the corresponding assets of the fund have been sold. In general, redemption requests above 10% of the net asset value of a fund are considered as substantial redemptions and the Management Company is under no obligation to execute redemption requests if any such request pertains to units valued in excess of 10% of the net asset value of the fund.

The Management Company reserves the right, taking into account the principle of the equal treatment of all investors, to dispense with minimum redemption amounts (if provided for).

The Management Company, having regard to the fair and equal treatment of investors and taking into account the interests of the remaining investors of the fund, may decide to defer redemption requests as follows:

If redemption requests are received with respect to a Valuation Date (the "**Original Valuation Date**") whose value, individually or together with other requests received with respect to the Original Valuation Date, exceeds 10% of the net

asset value of the fund, the Management Company reserves the right to defer all redemption requests in full with respect to the Original Valuation Date to another Valuation Date (the "**Deferred Valuation Date**") but which shall be no later than 15 Business Days from the Original Valuation Date (a "**Deferral**").

The Deferred Valuation Date will be determined by the Management Company taking into account, among other things, the liquidity profile of the relevant fund and the applicable market circumstances.

In the case of a Deferral, redemption requests received with respect to the Original Valuation Date will be processed based on the net asset value per unit calculated on the Deferred Valuation Date. All redemption requests received with respect to the Original Valuation Date will be processed in full with respect to the Deferred Valuation Date.

Redemption requests received with respect to the Original Valuation Date are processed on a priority basis over any redemption requests received with respect to subsequent Valuation Dates. Redemption requests received with respect to any subsequent Valuation Date will be deferred in accordance with the same Deferral process and the same Deferral period described above until a final Valuation Date is determined to end the process on deferred redemptions.

In these circumstances, exchange requests are treated as redemption requests.

The Management Company will publish information on the decision to start a Deferral and the end of the Deferral for the investors who have applied for redemption on the Management Company's website at [www.dws.com](http://www.dws.com).

Units can be redeemed with the Management Company, the sales agents and with any designated paying agents. Any other payments to the investors also take place via these agents.

An example calculation for determining the redemption price is as follows:

Net fund assets	EUR	1,000,000.00
÷ Number of units in circulation on the reporting date		<u>10,000.00</u>
<b>Net asset value per unit</b>	EUR	100.00
- Redemption fee (e.g., 2.5%)	EUR	<u>2.50</u>
<b>Redemption price</b>	EUR	<u><u>97.50</u></u>

The Management Company may, at its sole discretion, restrict or prohibit ownership of units of the fund by unauthorized persons ("Unauthorized Persons"). Unauthorized Persons are defined as private individuals, partnerships or corporations which, at the sole discretion of the Management Company, are not authorized to subscribe or hold units of the fund or, where applicable, of a

specific sub-fund or unit class, (i) if, in the opinion of the Management Company, such a unitholding could be detrimental to the fund, (ii) if this would result in a breach of laws or regulations in force in Luxembourg or abroad, (iii) if the fund should subsequently suffer tax, legal or financial disadvantages which it would not otherwise have suffered, or (iv) if the aforementioned persons or companies do not meet the conditions for the acquisition of the units to be fulfilled by the investors.

The Management Company may request investors to submit any information or documents it deems necessary to determine whether the beneficial owner of the units is (i) an Unauthorized Person, (ii) a U.S. person or (iii) a person holding units but not meeting the necessary conditions.

If the Management Company becomes aware at any time that units are in the beneficial ownership of the persons referred to in (i), (ii) and (iii) above (regardless of whether they are exclusive owners or co-owners), and if the person concerned does not comply with the Management Company's request to sell their units and to submit a proof of sale to the Management Company within 30 calendar days after the Management Company has issued the request, the Management Company may, at its own discretion, force the redemption of such units at the redemption price. The compulsory redemption shall be effected in accordance with the terms and conditions applicable to the units, immediately after the close of business indicated in the Management Company's notification to the Unauthorized Person, and the investors shall no longer be deemed to be owners of these units.

## 12.7 Exchange of units

- a) Investors may, with certain restrictions, at any time exchange some or all of their units for units of another unit class.
- b) An exchange between unit classes denominated in different currencies is possible if the units are held by the same transfer agent.
- c) An exchange between registered units and bearer units securitized by a global certificate is not possible.

## 12.8 Market timing and short-term trading

The Management Company prohibits all practices connected with market timing and short-term trading and reserves the right to refuse orders if it suspects that such practices are being applied. In such cases, the Management Company will take all measures necessary to protect the other investors in the fund.

## 12.9 Late trading

Late trading is the acceptance of an order after expiry of the relevant acceptance periods on the respective valuation date and the execution of such an order at the price applicable on that date on the basis of the net asset value. The practice of late trading is prohibited, as this is in breach of the terms and conditions in the fund's Sales Prospec-

tus, according to which the price at which an order placed after the order acceptance deadline is executed is based on the next valid net asset value per unit.

## 12.10 Publication of the issue and redemption prices

The applicable issue and redemption prices as well as all other information for investors may be requested at any time from the registered office of the Management Company, on the Management Company's website at [www.dws.com](http://www.dws.com) and from any designated paying agents. In addition, the issue and redemption prices are published in appropriate media (such as the Internet, electronic information systems, newspapers, etc.) in every country of distribution. Neither the Management Company nor any designated paying agents shall be liable for errors or omissions in the price publications.

## 13. Costs

### 13.1 Costs and services received

The fund pays to the Management Company an all-in fee on the net assets of the fund based on the net asset value calculated on the valuation date. The amount of the all-in fee determined is specified in the special section of the Sales Prospectus. The all-in fee shall generally be withdrawn from the fund at the end of each month. This all-in fee shall in particular serve as compensation for investment management, fund management, the distribution of the fund (if applicable) and the services of the custodian.

Aside from the all-in fee, the following costs may be charged to the fund:

- all taxes imposed on the assets of the fund and on the fund itself (in particular the *taxe d'abonnement*), as well as any taxes that may arise in connection with administrative and custodial costs;
- any costs that may arise in connection with the acquisition and disposal of assets;
- extraordinary costs (e.g., litigation costs) incurred to protect the interests of the investors of the fund; the decision to cover these costs is made individually by the Management Company and must be reported separately in the annual report;
- costs for informing the fund investors by means of a durable medium, with the exception of costs for informing the investors in the case of a fund merger and in the case of measures related to accounting errors in determining the NAV or when contravening investment limits.

In addition, a performance-based fee may be paid, the amount of which is also stated in the special section of the Sales Prospectus.

Where total return swaps are used, certain costs and fees may be incurred in connection therewith, in particular upon entering into these transactions and/or any increase or decrease of

their notional amount. The amount of such fees may be fixed or variable. Further information on costs and fees incurred by the fund, as well as the identity of the recipients and any affiliation they may have with the Management Company, the fund manager, or the custodian, if applicable, will be disclosed in the annual report. Revenues arising from the use of total return swaps shall in general – net of direct or indirect operational costs – accrue to the fund's assets.

The fund pays 30% of the gross revenues generated from securities lending and borrowing as costs/fees to the Management Company and retains 70% of the gross revenues generated from such transactions. Out of the 30%, the Management Company retains 5% for its own coordination and oversight tasks and pays the direct costs (e.g., transaction and collateral management costs) to external service providers. The remaining amount (after deduction of the Management Company costs and the direct costs) is paid to DWS Investment GmbH for supporting the Management Company in initiating, preparing and implementing securities lending and borrowing.

For simple reverse repurchase agreement transactions, i.e., those which are not used to reinvest cash collateral received under securities lending and borrowing or a repurchase agreement transaction, the fund retains 100% of the gross revenues, less the transaction costs that the fund pays as direct costs to an external service provider.

The Management Company is a related party to DWS Investment GmbH.

Currently, the fund only uses simple reverse repurchase agreement transactions, no other (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions. In case other (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions will be used, the Sales Prospectus will be updated accordingly. The fund will then pay up to 30% of the gross revenues generated from (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions as costs/fees to the Management Company and retains at least 70% of the gross revenues generated from such transactions. Out of the 30%, the Management Company will retain 5% for its own coordination and oversight tasks and will pay the direct costs (e.g., transaction and collateral management costs) to external service providers. The remaining amount (after deduction of the Management Company costs and the direct costs) will be paid to DWS Investment GmbH for supporting the Management Company in initiating, preparing and implementing (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions.

The specified costs are listed in the annual reports.

The Management Company may pass on parts of its management fee to intermediaries. Such payments are in compensation for sales services performed on an agency basis and may constitute a substantial share of the management fee. The annual report contains additional information



on this. The Management Company does not receive any reimbursement of the fees and expense reimbursements paid out of the fund's assets to the custodian and third parties.

In addition to the costs mentioned above, additional costs may be incurred by the investor in some countries in connection with the duties and services of local distributors, any designated paying agents or similar entities. These costs are not borne by the fund's assets, but directly by the investor.

### 13.2 Investment in units of target funds

Investments in target funds can lead to double charging, as fees are charged both at the level of the fund and at the level of a target fund. In connection with the acquisition of target fund units, the following types of fees are borne directly or indirectly by the investors in the fund:

- the management fee / all-in fee of the target fund;
- the performance-based fee of the target fund;
- the initial sales charges and redemption fees of the target fund;
- reimbursements of expenses by the target fund;
- other costs.

The annual and semiannual reports will contain a disclosure of the initial sales charges and redemption fees that have been charged to the fund during the reporting period for the acquisition and redemption of units of target funds. In addition, the annual and semiannual reports shall disclose the fees charged to the fund by another company as a management fee / all-in fee for the target fund units held in the fund.

If the assets of the fund are invested in units of a target fund managed directly or indirectly by the same Management Company or another company with which the Management Company is jointly managed or controlled or connected through a significant direct or indirect investment, the Management Company or the other company shall not charge the fund any initial sales charges or redemption fees for the purchase or redemption of units of this other fund.

The share of the management or all-in fee attributable to the units of affiliated investment funds (double charging or difference method) can be found in the special section of the Sales Prospectus.

### 13.3 Repayment to certain investors of management fees collected

The Management Company may, at its discretion, agree with individual investors the partial repayment to these investors of the management fees collected. This can be a consideration especially in the case of institutional investors who directly invest large amounts for the long term. Inquiries regarding the details may be directed to the Management Company.

### 13.4 Total expense ratio

The total expense ratio is defined as the ratio of the expenditure incurred by the fund to the average assets of the fund, excluding transaction costs incurred. The effective total expense ratio is calculated annually and published in the annual report. The total expense ratio is published in the Key Information Document as "ongoing charges."

If the investor is advised on the acquisition of units by third parties (particularly companies providing investment services such as credit institutions and investment firms), or if such third parties act as intermediaries for the purchase, they may report expenses or expense ratios to the investor that are not consistent with the expense information in this Sales Prospectus or in the Key Information Document, and the charges reported may exceed the total expense ratio described here.

This may be due in particular to regulatory requirements for the determination, calculation and disclosure of costs by the aforementioned third parties that result from the MiFID II Directive.

Deviations from the expense statement may arise on the one hand from the fact that these third parties additionally take into account the costs of their own services (e.g., a premium or also ongoing commissions for the brokerage or consulting activities, fees for custody account management, etc.). In addition, these third parties are subject to sometimes differing requirements for the calculation of costs incurred at fund level, so that, for example, the transaction costs of the fund are included in the third party's expense statement, although they are not part of the above-mentioned total expense ratio in accordance with the provisions currently applicable to the Management Company.

Deviations in the expense statement may arise not only with regard to the cost information prior to the conclusion of the contract, but also in the event of any regular cost information by a third party regarding the existing fund investment as part of a permanent business relationship with its client.

### 13.5 Buy and sell orders for securities and financial instruments

The Management Company submits buy and sell orders for securities and financial instruments directly to brokers and traders for the account of the fund. It concludes agreements with these brokers and traders under customary market conditions that comply with first-rate execution standards. When selecting the broker or trader, the Management Company takes into account all relevant factors, such as the creditworthiness of the broker or trader and the execution capacities provided. The prerequisite for the selection of a broker is that the Management Company shall always ensure that the transactions are executed while taking into account the appropriate market

at the appropriate time for transactions of the appropriate type and size at the best possible conditions.

The Management Company may enter into agreements with selected brokers, traders and other analysis providers in the context of which market information and analysis services (research) are acquired from the respective provider. The services are used by the Management Company for the purpose of managing the fund. When availing of these services, the Management Company shall comply with all applicable regulatory provisions and industry standards. In particular, the Management Company shall not accept any services if these agreements do not support the Management Company in its investment decision process according to reasonably prudent discretion.

### 13.6 Regular savings plans or withdrawal plans

Regular savings plans or withdrawal plans may be offered in certain countries where the fund is licensed for public distribution. Further information on this can be obtained at any time on request from the Management Company or the respective distributors in the countries of distribution of the fund.

### 13.7 Compensation policy

The Management Company is included in the compensation strategy of the DWS Group. All matters related to compensation, as well as compliance with regulatory requirements, are monitored by the relevant governing bodies of the DWS Group. The DWS Group pursues a total compensation approach that comprises fixed and variable compensation components and contains portions of deferred compensation, which are linked both to individual future performance and the sustainable development of the DWS Group. Under the compensation strategy, particularly employees of the first and second management level receive a portion of the variable compensation in the form of deferred compensation elements, which are largely linked to the long-term performance of the DWS share price or of the investment products.

In addition, the compensation policy applies the following guidelines:

- a) The compensation policy is consistent with and conducive to sound and effective risk management and does not encourage the assumption of excessive risk.
- b) The compensation policy is consistent with the business strategy, objectives, values and interests of the DWS Group (including the Management Company, the UCITS it manages and the investors of these UCITS) and includes measures to avoid conflicts of interest.
- c) Performance is generally evaluated on a multi-year basis.

- d) The fixed and variable components of the total compensation are proportionate to each other, with the share of the fixed component in the total compensation being high enough to provide complete flexibility with regard to the variable compensation components, including the possibility of waiving payment of a variable component.

Further details on the current compensation policy are published on the Management Company's website at <https://www.dws.com/en-lu/footer/Legal-Resources/dws-remuneration-policy>. This includes a description of the calculation methods for compensation and bonuses to specific employee groups, as well as the specification of the persons responsible for the allocation, including members of the Compensation Committee. The Management Company shall provide this information free of charge in paper form upon request. Moreover, the Management Company provides additional information on employee compensation in the annual report.

## 14. Liquidation of the fund / Amendment of the Management Regulations

The Management Company may liquidate the fund or amend the Management Regulations at any time. Details are set out in the Management Regulations.

## 15. Taxes

In accordance with articles 174–176 of the Law of 2010, the assets of the fund are subject to a tax in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (taxe d'abonnement) of 0.05% p.a. or 0.01% p.a. at present, payable quarterly on the fund's net assets reported at the end of each quarter.

The rate is 0.01% p.a. with regard to:

- funds whose sole purpose is to invest in money market instruments and time deposits with credit institutions;
- funds whose sole purpose is to invest in time deposits with credit institutions;
- individual (sub-)funds and individual unit classes, provided that the investment in these (sub-)funds or unit classes is reserved for one or more institutional investors.

In accordance with article 175 of the Law of 2010, a (sub-)fund asset or unit class may also be fully exempted from the taxe d'abonnement under certain conditions.

The applicable tax rate for the fund is specified in the special section of the Sales Prospectus.

The income of the fund may be subject to withholding tax in countries in which the fund's assets are invested. In such cases, neither the custodian nor the Management Company is obliged to obtain tax certificates.

The tax treatment of fund income for investors depends on the tax regulations applicable to the investor in each individual case. A tax advisor should be consulted for information on the individual tax burden on investors (in particular non-resident taxpayers).

## 16. Selling restrictions

The units hereby offered were not approved by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) or by another government authority of the United States of America and neither the SEC nor another authority of the United States of America has checked the accuracy or the suitability of this Sales Prospectus. The units are offered and sold outside of the United States of America in compliance with Regulation S of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). Any person that is a U.S. person (in accordance with the definition of the term "U.S. person" according to Regulation S of the Securities Act) is not entitled to invest in the fund. The Management Company was not and will not be registered as an investment company according to the United States Investment Company Act of 1940 as amended (Investment Company Act) and is therefore not subject to the provisions of the Investment Company Act, which is designed to protect investors in registered investment companies.

The units may not be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged or transferred as collateral to U.S. persons, attributed to U.S. persons, encumbered with rights of U.S. persons or exchanged with U.S. persons, and derivative contracts, swaps, structured notes or other agreements may not grant U.S. persons rights to units directly, indirectly or synthetically, or subject U.S. persons to the provisions of such agreements in relation to the units (each referred to as "transfer"). Any such transfer to a U.S. person is null and void.

### 16.1 Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act – "FATCA"

The provisions of the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (generally known as "FATCA") are part of the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act (the "HIRE Act"), which came into force in the United States in March 2010. These provisions of U.S. law serve to combat tax evasion by U.S. citizens. Accordingly, financial institutions outside of the United States ("foreign financial institutions" or "FFIs") are obliged to make annual disclosures to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") on financial accounts held directly or indirectly by "specified" U.S. persons. In general, for FFIs that do not meet this reporting obligation, known as Non-Participating Foreign Financial Institutions (NPFIs), a penalty tax of 30% is applied to certain income from U.S. sources.

In principle, non-U.S. funds such as this fund have a FFI status and must conclude a FFI agreement with the IRS if they are not classified as "FATCA-compliant" or, provided an applicable Model 1 intergovernmental agreement ("IGA") is in effect,

do not meet the requirements of the IGA applicable to their home country either as a "reporting financial institution" or as a "non-reporting financial institution." IGAs are agreements between the United States of America and other countries regarding the implementation of FATCA requirements. Luxembourg signed a Model 1 agreement with the United States and a related Memorandum of Understanding on March 28, 2014. In Luxembourg, this IGA was transposed into national law by the FATCA Law.

The Management Company heeds all requirements resulting from FATCA and, in particular, those resulting from the Luxembourg IGA as well as from the national implementation act. It may, among other things, become necessary in this context for the Management Company to require new investors to submit the necessary documents to prove their tax residency in order to make it possible to determine on that basis whether they must be classified as specified U.S. persons.

Investors and intermediaries acting on behalf of investors should take note that, according to the applicable principles of this fund, units cannot be offered or sold for the account of U.S. persons and that subsequent transfers of units to U.S. persons are prohibited. If units are held by a U.S. person as the beneficial owner, the Management Company may, at its discretion, enforce a compulsory redemption of the units in question.

### 16.2 Common Reporting Standard (CRS)

In order to facilitate a comprehensive and multi-lateral automatic exchange of information at global level, the OECD was mandated by the G8/G20 countries to develop a global reporting standard. This reporting standard has been included in the amended Directive on administrative cooperation (DAC 2) of December 9, 2014. EU member states transposed DAC 2 into national law by December 31, 2015; it was enacted in Luxembourg by the CRS Law.

Under the Common Reporting Standard, certain financial institutions under Luxembourg law are obliged to carry out an identification of their account holders and to determine where the account holders are tax residents (under this same law, investment funds such as this one are generally regarded as financial institutions under Luxembourg law). For this purpose, a financial institution under Luxembourg law deemed to be a Reporting Financial Institution must obtain self-disclosure in order to determine the status within the meaning of the CRS and/or the tax residence of its account holders when opening an account.

Luxembourg's Reporting Financial Institutions are, since 2017, obliged to provide the Luxembourg tax administration (Administration des contributions directes) with information on holders of financial accounts on an annual basis, for fiscal year 2016 for the first time. This notification is made annually

by June 30 and, in certain cases, also includes the controlling persons resident for tax purposes in a state subject to the reporting requirement (to be established by a Grand-Ducal Regulation). The Luxembourg tax authorities automatically exchange this information with the competent foreign tax authorities annually.

### **16.3 Data protection in connection with the CRS**

In accordance with the CRS Law and Luxembourg's data protection regulations, each natural person concerned (i.e., potentially subject to reporting) must, before their personal data are processed, be informed by the Luxembourg Reporting Financial Institution of the processing of the data.

If the fund is to be classified as a Reporting Financial Institution, it shall notify those natural persons who are subject to reporting as defined in the above explanations of such classification in accordance with Luxembourg data protection regulations.

The Reporting Financial Institution is responsible for the processing of personal data and is the body responsible for processing for the purposes of the CRS Law.

- The personal data are intended for processing in accordance with the CRS Law.
- The data can be reported to the Luxembourg tax authorities (Administration des contributions directes), which may forward them to the competent authority/authorities of one or more reporting countries.
- If a request for information is sent to the natural person concerned for the purposes of the CRS Law, they are obliged to respond. Failure to respond within the prescribed time limit may result in the account being reported (erroneously or twice) to the Luxembourg tax authorities.

Every natural person concerned has the right to access and have corrected, if necessary, the data submitted to the Luxembourg tax administration for the purposes of the CRS Law.

### **16.4 Language versions**

The German version of the Sales Prospectus is authoritative. The Management Company may, with regard to fund units sold to investors in such countries, declare translations into the languages of those countries where the units may be offered for sale to the public to be binding on itself and on the fund.

## Investor profiles

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The definitions of the following investor profiles were created based on the premise of normally functioning markets. Further risks may arise in each case in the event of unforeseeable market situations and market disturbances due to non-functioning markets.

### **“Risk-averse” investor profile**

The fund is intended for the safety-oriented investor with little risk appetite, seeking steady performance but at a low level of return. Short-term and long-term fluctuations of the unit value are possible as well as significant losses up to the total loss of capital invested. The investor is willing and able to bear such a financial loss and is not concerned with capital protection.

### **“Income-oriented” investor profile**

The fund is intended for the income-oriented investor seeking higher returns through dividend distributions and interest income from bonds and money market instruments. Return expectations are offset by risks in the equity, interest rate and

currency areas, as well as by credit risks and the possibility of incurring losses up to and including the total loss of capital invested. The investor is also willing and able to bear a financial loss and is not concerned with capital protection.

### **“Growth-oriented” investor profile**

The fund is intended for the growth-oriented investor seeking capital appreciation primarily from equity gains and exchange rate movements. Return expectations are offset by high risks in the equity, interest rate and currency areas, as well as by credit risks and the possibility of incurring significant losses up to and including the total loss of capital invested. The investor is willing and able to bear such a financial loss and is not concerned with capital protection.

### **“Risk-tolerant” investor profile**

The fund is intended for the risk-tolerant investor who, in seeking investments with strong returns, can tolerate the substantial fluctuations in the values of investments, and the very high risks this

entails. Strong price fluctuations and high credit risks result in temporary or permanent reductions of the net asset value per unit. Expectations of high returns and tolerance of risk by the investor are offset by the possibility of incurring significant losses up to and including the total loss of capital invested. The investor is willing and able to bear such a financial loss and is not concerned with capital protection.

The Management Company provides additional information to distribution agents and distribution partners concerning the profile of a typical investor or the target client group for this financial product. If the investor is advised on the acquisition of units by distribution agents or distribution partners, or if such agents or partners act as intermediaries for the purchase of units, they may therefore present additional information to the investor that also relates to the profile of a typical investor.

## Performance

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Past performance is not a guarantee of future results for the fund. The returns and the principal value of an investment may rise or fall, so investors

must take into account the possibility that they will not get back the original amount invested. Data on current performance can be found on the

Management Company’s website [www.dws.com](http://www.dws.com), in the KID, or in the funds semi-annual and annual reports.

## B. Sales Prospectus – Special Section

### DWS USD Floating Rate Notes

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Fund currency</b>	USD
<b>Fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Inception date</b>	November 10, 1992 (for differing inception dates for individual unit classes, please see the unit class overview below)
<b>Initial issue price</b>	The initial issue prices for individual unit classes are provided in the unit class overview below.
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	– (absolute VaR)
<b>Leverage</b>	Maximum of twice the fund's assets.
<b>Valuation date</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg and Frankfurt/Main. A bank business day is a day on which the commercial banks are open and settle payments.
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All orders are submitted on the basis of an unknown net asset value per unit. Orders received by the Management Company or the paying agent at or before <b>11:45 AM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per unit on that valuation date. Orders received after <b>11:45 AM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per unit on the next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In the case of a purchase, the equivalent value is charged within two bank business days after issue of the units. The equivalent value is credited within two bank business days after redemption of the units.
<b>Maturity date</b>	No fixed maturity
<b>Fractions of units</b>	Up to three decimal places
<b>Publication of the filing of the Management Regulations in the Trade and Companies Register (RESA)</b>	March 1, 2023
<b>Entry into force of the Management Regulations</b>	January 1, 2023

## Overview of the unit classes

<b>Unit class currency</b>	USD LD, USD LC, USD FD, USD FC, USD IC, USD ID, USD TFC, USD TFD	USD
<b>Initial issue price</b>	USD LD, USD TFC, USD TFD USD LC USD FD  USD FC, USD IC USD ID	USD 100.00 (including initial sales charge) USD 188.90 (plus initial sales charge) Net asset value per unit of the USD LD unit class on the inception date of the USD FD unit class USD 187.03 (plus initial sales charge) Net asset value per unit of the USD LD unit class on the inception date of the USD ID unit class
<b>Minimum investment</b>	USD LD, USD LC, USD TFC, USD TFD USD FD, USD FC USD IC, USD ID	None USD 2,000,000 USD 10,000,000
<b>Initial sales charge (payable by the unitholder)</b>	USD LD, USD LC USD FD, USD FC, USD IC, USD ID, USD TFC, USD TFD	Up to 1% 0%
<b>Redemption fee (payable by the unitholder)</b>	USD LD, USD LC, USD FD, USD FC, USD IC, USD ID, USD TFC, USD TFD	0%
<b>All-in fee p.a.* (payable by the fund)</b>	USD LD, USD LC USD FD, USD FC USD IC, USD ID, USD TFC, USD TFD	Up to 0.6% Up to 0.3% Up to 0.25%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement (payable by the fund)</b>	USD LD, USD LC, USD FD, USD FC, USD TFC, USD TFD USD IC, USD ID	0.05%  0.01%
<b>Inception date</b>	USD LD USD LC, USD FC, USD IC USD FD, USD ID USD TFC, USD TFD	November 10, 1992 February 6, 2017 TBD January 2, 2018

\* The fund may also be charged with the expenses mentioned in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the fund is subject to **increased volatility**, which means that the price per unit may also be subject to **considerable** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

## Investment objective and investment policy

This fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and discloses information in accordance with article 8 (1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). Although the fund does not pursue a sustainable investment objective, it invests a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined in article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of the fund DWS USD Floating Rate Notes is to generate a return in U.S. dollars.

The fund is actively managed. It is not managed with reference to a benchmark.

At least 70% of the fund's assets shall be invested in floating rate bonds denominated in U.S. dollars or hedged against the U.S. dollar. Furthermore, the

fund's assets may be invested in convertible bonds or fixed rate bonds that are traded on stock exchanges, or in another regulated market that is recognized, open to the public and operates regularly, in a member country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the G20, the EU or Singapore, as well as in investment funds (including money market funds), deposits with credit institutions and money market instruments.

The fund's assets are invested in money market instruments (such as commercial paper, certificates of deposit and time deposits) as defined in article 41 (1) a - d and h of the Law of 2010, which therefore do not have to be admitted for trading on a stock exchange or included in a regulated market.

At least 10% of the fund's assets are invested in assets that have a residual term to maturity that exceeds 24 months.

The fund may invest no more than 10% of its assets in units of other undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities or other collective investment undertakings.

Up to 10% of the fund's assets may be invested in asset-backed securities (ABS). The asset-backed securities are based on receivables from leasing, credit card or car financing transactions, SME (Small & Medium Enterprise) financing or mortgage loans. These must have an investment-grade rating. An investment instrument is categorized as investment-grade if the lowest rating assigned by the three rating agencies (S&P, Moody's and Fitch) is investment-grade. If the investment is downgraded to a rating lower than Baa3 (by Moody's) or BBB- (by S&P and Fitch), it must be sold within six months.

If there is no official rating, an internal rating in line with the DWS internal guidelines shall be applied.

Up to 5% of the fund's assets may be invested in securities that do not have an investment-grade rating at the time of acquisition.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy shall also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These include, among others, options, forwards, futures contracts, futures, futures on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including total return swaps and credit default swaps.

These may be acquired for hedging and investment purposes.

Securities lending and borrowing may be entered into in line with the investment policy.

The fund may also hold liquid assets as described in article 4 B. (o) of the Management Regulations.

At least 51% of the fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with the DWS standards set out below with respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices.

The portfolio management of this fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success.

This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore based on data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogue on ESG matters and corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded scores within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including:

#### **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., with respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive higher scores. Issuers with an excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behavior of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization, and behavior within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labor, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with the highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Sovereigns Assessment**

The DWS Sovereigns Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, the arms industry and tobacco. Other business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in other areas. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the exposure to tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the exposure to the defense industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the exposure to coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Exposure to controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's exposure to controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include, for example, antipersonnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, and chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed by their level of exposure to the production of controversial weapons (controversial weapons production, component production, etc.) irrespective of the total revenues they generate from this. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use-of-Proceeds Bond Assessment**

In a departure from the above, bonds that conform to the DWS use-of-proceeds bond assessment are eligible for investment even if the issuer of the bond does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use-of-proceeds bonds is examined in a two-stage procedure.

In the first stage, DWS checks whether a bond meets the requirements for a use-of-proceeds bond. A fundamental element of this is checking compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of the proceeds, the selection of the projects financed with these proceeds, the management of the use of the proceeds and the annual reports to the investors about the use of the proceeds.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of this bond with respect to defined minimum standards in relation to environmental, social and corporate governance practices. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology described above and excludes

- Corporate issuers with poor ESG quality in comparison to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding sovereign governance (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- Issuers with the highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F"), or
- Issuers with an excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the corporate governance practices also by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk and Norm Assessment as outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the fund, which is why they are not taken into account in the calculation of the minimum proportion of assets that fulfill these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may be acquired for the fund if, and only if, the issuers of the underlyings fulfill the ESG assessment methodology.

The ESG assessment methodology is not used for liquid assets.

As part of the fund's investment in assets that meet DWS standards with respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices as further described above, the fund management invests at least 2% of the fund's net assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR. These sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that have environmental and/or social goals, such as the following (the list is not exhaustive):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequalities
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption and production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of the contribution to the individual UN SDGs will vary depending on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will determine the contribution to the UN SDGs on the basis of its Sustainability Investment Assessment, in which various criteria are used to assess the potential investments with regard to whether an economic activity can be classified as sustainable. As part of this assessment, the fund management assesses (1) whether an economic activity makes a contribution to one or more UN SDGs, (2) whether this economic activity or other economic activities of the company significantly harm these goals ("Do Not Significantly Harm" – DNSH assessment) and (3) whether the company itself complies with the DWS Safeguard Assessment.

The Sustainability Investment Assessment uses data from several data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine whether an activity is sustainable. Activities that make a positive contribution to the UN SDGs are assessed based on revenue, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). Where a contribution is determined to be positive, the activity is deemed sustainable if the DNSH assessment and the DWS Safeguard Assessment for the company are positive.

Due to the lack of reliable data, the fund does not commit to targeting a minimum allocation of sustainable investments which are consistent with an environmental goal according to the EU taxonomy. For this reason, the current proportion of environmentally sustainable investments that conform to the EU taxonomy is 0% of the fund's net assets. However, it may be the case that some of the economic activities that the investments are based on are consistent with the EU taxonomy.

The fund management takes into account the following principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises (no. 10) and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14)

The principal adverse impacts listed above are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the assets of the fund which meet the environmental and social characteristics when the proprietary ESG assessment methodology is applied. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are also considered in the DNSH assessment.

This fund has not defined a benchmark for the achievement of the promoted environmental and/or social characteristics.

In addition, the Management Company views active ownership as a very effective means of improving the governance, guidelines and processes and of working towards a better long-term performance on the part of the investee companies. Active ownership means using the position of unitholder to make an impact on the activities or the behavior of the investee companies. With the investee companies, constructive dialogue can be initiated regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance, including topics such as

disclosure, culture and remuneration. Dialogue can be entered into by means of issuer meetings or engagement letters, for example. In the event of equity capital investments, interaction with the company is also possible by means of exercising voting rights (proxy voting) or attending general shareholders' meetings.

More information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this fund is annexed to this Sales Prospectus.

The fund may not invest in contingent convertibles.

The fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets.

During the reasonable duration of a restructuring of the fixed rate instruments held by the fund, the fund manager may also invest up to 10% of the fund's assets in listed or unlisted equities. Furthermore, the fund manager may also participate in capital increases or other capital changes (e.g., for convertible or warrant-linked bonds) that take place as part of a restructuring or subsequent to a restructuring.

The respective risks associated with the investment assets are presented in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Additional information

If total return swaps are used to implement the investment strategy described above, the following must be taken into account:

The proportion of the fund's net assets that may be the object of total return swaps (expressed as the sum of the nominal values of the total return swaps divided by the net asset value of the fund) is expected to reach up to 10%. However, depending on market conditions, the objectives of efficient portfolio management and investors' interests, this share may rise to as much as 20%. The calculation is carried out in accordance with the CESR/10-788 guidelines.

Additional information on total return swaps can be found under "Efficient portfolio management techniques" and elsewhere in the general section of the Sales Prospectus. The selection of counterparties for total return swaps is based on the principles described in the "Counterparty selection" section of the general section. Further information on counterparties is disclosed in the annual report. With regard to specific risk considerations arising from the use of total return swaps, investors are referred to the "General risk warnings" section and, in particular, to the "Risks associated with derivative transactions" section in the Sales Prospectus.



### Specific risk warning

The fund invests in various asset-backed securities (ABS). These securities may be exposed to strong market fluctuations. In addition, these securities are extremely illiquid in times of market uncertainty and may be unsaleable under certain circumstances. It is therefore possible that there may be a total loss or a significant reduction in value of these securities. Despite the diversification within the fund, it cannot be ruled out that several securities in which the fund invests will be adversely affected at the same time. Strong price fluctuations for the fund, as well as high losses in value, therefore cannot be ruled out.

With respect to the potential illiquidity and the still restricted capacity of the ABS market, the Management Company specifically points out that there is a possibility that the calculation of the NAV may be suspended and also that the redemption of units may be suspended. The calculation of the issue and redemption price, as well as the issue and redemption of units, may be suspended by the Management Company if and for as long as the immediate sale of fund assets to gain the necessary liquidity for large-scale redemptions is not in the interests of the investors. In such cases, the Management Company is only authorized to redeem units at the applicable redemption price if corresponding units of the fund's assets were sold and the interests of all investors are safeguarded.

### Risk management

The absolute value-at-risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk for the fund.

The leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the fund's assets. However, the expected leverage indicated is not to be considered as an additional risk limit for the fund.

### Stock exchanges and markets

The Management Company may have the units of the fund admitted for listing on a stock exchange or traded in regulated markets; currently the Management Company is not availing itself of this option.

The possibility of the units also being traded in other markets without the Management Company's consent cannot be ruled out. A third party can, without the consent of the Management Company, arrange for the units to be included in the open market or in other over-the-counter trading.

The market price underlying stock exchange trading or trading in other regulated markets is not determined exclusively by the value of the assets held in the fund. Supply and demand are also contributing factors. The market price may therefore deviate from the calculated net asset value per unit.

### Investment in units of target funds

In addition to the information provided in the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the following applies for this fund:

For investment in affiliated target funds, the portion of the all-in fee attributable to units of affiliated target funds is reduced by the all-in fee / management fee charged by the acquired target fund, if necessary up to the full amount (difference method).

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

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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**Environmental and/or social characteristics**

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

**Yes**

**No**

It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective:** \_\_%

in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social 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 2% of sustainable investments

with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

with a social objective

It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

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



This fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons. This fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). This fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

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

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “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 methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

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?

The fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

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

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant 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.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

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

**X** Yes, the fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "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?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This fund follows a bond strategy as the principal investment strategy. At least 70% of the net assets shall be invested in floating rate bonds denominated in U.S. dollars or hedged against the U.S. dollar. Furthermore, the net assets may be invested in convertible bonds or fixed rate bonds that are traded on stock exchanges or in another regulated market that is recognized, open to the public and operates regularly, in a member country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the G20, the EU or Singapore, as well as in investment funds and money market instruments. At least 10% of the fund's assets shall be invested in assets that have a residual term to maturity that exceeds 24 months. Please refer to the special section of the Sales Prospectus for further details of the principal investment strategy. The net assets shall be primarily invested in assets that fulfill the defined standards for the promoted environmental or social characteristics, as set out in the following sections. The strategy of the fund in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is an integral part of the ESG assessment methodology and is continuously monitored through the investment guidelines of the fund.

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?

**ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceeds Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),

- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above. Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

**Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “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?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**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 procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “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?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 2% of the fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

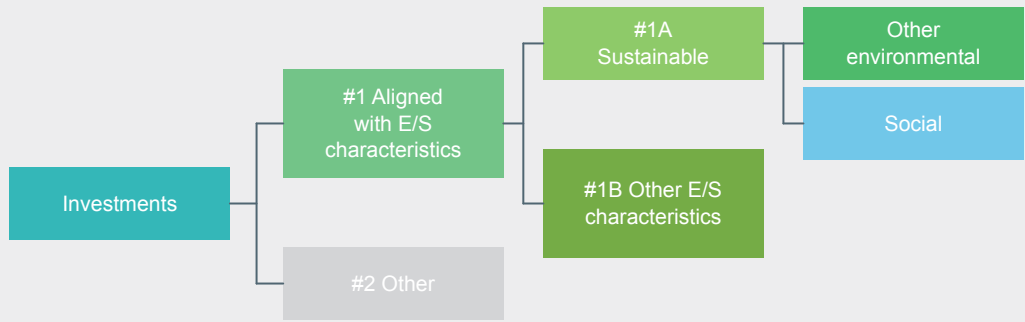


**Asset allocation**

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

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** 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.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the fund.

**Enabling activities**

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

**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.

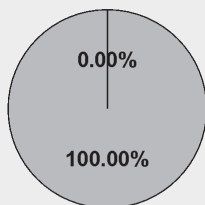


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

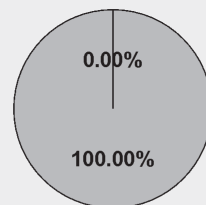
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial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

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned □ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned □ Other Investments

\*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 fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



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 fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 2% of the net assets of the fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 2% of the net assets of the fund.



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

This fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/bond-funds/LU0041580167/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## C. Management Regulations

The contractual rights and obligations of the Management Company, the custodian and the investors with regard to the fund shall be determined in accordance with the following Management Regulations.

### Article 1 The fund

The fund DWS USD Floating Rate Notes (the fund) is a legally dependent investment fund (fonds commun de placement) consisting of securities and other assets (fund assets) that is managed for the joint account of the holders of units (investors) in compliance with the principle of risk diversification. The liability of investors is limited to the amount of their investment. The assets and liabilities of the fund are kept separate from those of the Management Company. The fund is not liable for the liabilities of the Management Company or of the investors.

The investors are owners of the fund's assets in proportion to the number of units they hold. The assets constituting the fund's assets are generally held in safe custody by the custodian.

The mutual contractual rights and obligations of the investors, the Management Company and the custodian are governed by these Management Regulations, the current version of which, together with any amendments thereto, is filed with the Trade and Companies Register in Luxembourg, and the notice of deposit is published in the Recueil Electronique des Sociétés et Associations (RESA) of the Trade and Companies Register. By purchasing a unit, the investor accepts the Management Regulations and all approved changes to them.

### Article 2 The Management Company

1. The Management Company of the fund is DWS Investment S.A. (Management Company), a public limited company under Luxembourg law, with its registered office in Luxembourg. It was founded on April 15, 1987. The Management Company is represented by its Management Board. The Management Board may entrust one or more of its members and/or employees of the Management Company with day-to-day management.

2. The Management Company manages the fund in its own name, but only in the interest and for the joint account of the investors. The management authority extends in particular to the purchase, sale, subscription, exchange and acceptance of securities and other permissible assets as well as to the exercise of all rights directly or indirectly connected with the fund assets.

3. The Management Company may appoint a fund manager under its own responsibility and control and at its own expense.

4. The Management Company may appoint investment advisors and an advisory investment committee under its own responsibility.

### Article 3 The custodian

1. The custodian is State Street Bank International GmbH, a limited liability company established under German law with its registered office in Munich, acting through State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch. State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch, is authorized by the CSSF to act as a custodian in Luxembourg. The custodian was appointed by the Management Company.

2. The rights and obligations of the custodian are governed by the Luxembourg Law of December 17, 2010, relating to undertakings for collective investment (Law of 2010), these Management Regulations and the custodial agreement.

3. Both the custodian and the Management Company may terminate the appointment of the custodian at any time by giving three months' written notice. Such termination will be effective when the Management Company, with the authorization of the responsible supervisory authority, appoints another bank as custodian and that bank assumes the responsibilities and functions as custodian; until then the previous custodian shall continue to fulfill its responsibilities and functions as custodian to the fullest extent in order to protect the interests of the investors.

### Article 4 General investment policy guidelines

The investment objectives and investment policy of the fund are described in the special section of the Sales Prospectus. The following general investment principles and restrictions apply to the fund insofar as no deviations or additions to the fund are contained in the special section of the Sales Prospectus.

#### A. Investments

- a) The fund can invest in securities and money market instruments that are listed on or traded in a regulated market.
- b) The fund can invest in securities and money market instruments that are traded in another market in a member state that operates regularly and is recognized, regulated and open to the public. A "member state" for purposes of this article as defined by the Law of 2010 includes member states of the European Union as well as states that are contracting parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area that are not member states of the European Union and, within the limits set forth by this Agreement and related acts, are considered to be equivalent to member states of the European Union.
- c) The fund may invest in securities and money market instruments that are admitted for trading on a stock exchange in a third coun-

try or traded in another regulated market there that operates regularly and is recognized and open to the public and is located in another country in Europe, Asia, Oceania, the American continent or Africa.

- d) The fund can invest in newly issued securities and money market instruments, provided that
  - the terms of issue include the obligation to apply for admission for trading on a stock exchange or in another regulated market that operates regularly and is recognized and open to the public, and
  - such admission is procured no later than one year after the issue.
- e) The fund can invest in units of undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) as defined by Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of July 13, 2009, on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities, supplemented by Directive 2014/91/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of July 23, 2014, amending Directive 2009/65/EC on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities as regards custodial functions, remuneration policies and sanctions (UCITS Directive) and/or other collective investment undertakings (UCIs) as defined by article 1 (2) first and second indent of the UCITS Directive with registered office in a member state or in a third country, provided that
  - such other UCIs were authorized under laws that provide that they are subject to supervision considered by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF) to be equivalent to that laid down in Community law, and that cooperation between authorities is sufficiently ensured;
  - the level of protection for investors of the other UCIs is equivalent to that provided for investors of a UCITS, and in particular that the rules on asset segregation, borrowing, lending, and short sales of securities and money market instruments are equivalent to the requirements of the UCITS Directive;
  - the business activity of the other UCIs is reported in annual and semiannual reports to enable an assessment to be made of the assets and liabilities, income and operations over the reporting period;
  - no more than 10% of the assets of the UCITS or of the other UCI whose acquisition is being contemplated can, according to its terms of contract or its Articles of Incorporation, be invested in units of other UCITS or other UCIs.

- f) The fund can invest in deposits with credit institutions that are repayable on demand or have the right to be withdrawn, and mature within twelve months or less, provided that the credit institution has its registered office in a member state or, if the credit institution has its registered office in a third country, provided that it is subject to prudential rules considered by the CSSF to be equivalent to those laid down in Community law.
- g) The fund can invest in derivative financial instruments ("derivatives"), including equivalent cash-settled instruments, that are traded in one of the markets referred to in (a), (b) and (c) and/or in derivative financial instruments that are not traded on a stock exchange ("OTC derivatives"), provided that
- the underlyings are instruments covered by this paragraph, or are financial indices, interest rates, foreign exchange rates or currencies that fall within the scope of the investment policy;
  - the counterparties to OTC derivative transactions are institutions subject to prudential supervision, and belonging to the categories approved by the CSSF; and
  - the OTC derivatives are subject to reliable and verifiable valuation on a daily basis and can be sold, liquidated or closed by an offsetting transaction at any time at their fair value at the fund's initiative.
- h) The fund can invest in money market instruments not traded in a regulated market that are usually traded in the money market, are liquid and have a value that can be accurately determined at any time, provided that the issuer or issuer of such instruments is itself subject to regulations for the protection of savings and investors, and provided that these instruments are
- issued or guaranteed by a central, regional or local authority or the central bank of a member state, the European Central Bank, the European Union or the European Investment Bank, a third country or, in the case of a federal state, by one of the members making up the federation, or by a public international body of which one or more member states are members; or
  - issued by a company whose securities are traded in the regulated markets specified in (a), (b) or (c) above; or
  - issued or guaranteed by an institution that is subject to supervision according to the criteria stipulated in Community law, or by an institution that is subject to and complies with prudential rules considered by the CSSF to be at least as stringent as those laid down in Community law; or
- issued by other issuers belonging to a category approved by the CSSF, provided that investments in such instruments are subject to investor protection equivalent to that laid down in the first, the second or the third preceding indent, and provided that the issuer is a company whose capital and reserves amount to at least ten million euro and which presents and publishes its annual accounts in accordance with the Fourth Council Directive 78/660/EEC, or is an entity that, within a group of companies that includes one or several listed companies, is dedicated to the financing of the group or is an entity that is dedicated to the financing of securitization vehicles that benefit from credit lines to assure liquidity.
- i) Notwithstanding the principle of risk spreading, the fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in securities and money market instruments stemming from different issues that are issued or guaranteed by a member state or its local authorities, by a member country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the G20 or Singapore, or by public international institutions of which one or more member states are members, provided that the fund holds securities that originated from at least six different issues and the securities stemming from any one issue do not exceed 30% of the assets of the fund.
- j) The fund may not invest in precious metals or in precious-metal certificates; should the investment policy of the fund make specific reference to this provision, this restriction shall not apply to 1:1 certificates whose underlying is one single commodity or precious metal and that meet the requirements for securities according to article 2 of EU Directive 2007/16/EC and article 1 (34) of the Law of 2010.
- B. Investment limits
- a) No more than 10% of the fund's net assets may be invested in securities or money market instruments of any one issuer.
- b) No more than 20% of the fund's net assets may be invested in deposits made with any one institution.
- c) The default risk exposure to a counterparty in OTC derivative transactions entered into in the context of efficient portfolio management may not exceed 10% of the fund's net assets if the counterparty is a credit institution as defined in A. (f) above. In other cases, the limit is a maximum of 5% of the fund's net assets.
- d) The total value of the securities and money market instruments of issuers in which the fund respectively invests more than 5% of its net assets may not exceed 40% of the fund's net assets.
- This limitation does not apply to deposits or OTC derivative transactions made with financial institutions subject to prudential supervision.
- Notwithstanding the individual upper limits specified in B. (a), (b) and (c), the fund may not invest more than 20% of its net assets with one and the same institution in a combination of
- securities or money market instruments issued by this institution; and/or
  - deposits made with this institution; and/or
  - OTC derivatives acquired from this institution.
- e) The limit of 10% specified in B. (a) rises to 35%, and the limit set in B. (d) does not apply if the securities or money market instruments are issued or guaranteed by
- a member state or its local authorities; or
  - a third country; or
  - public international bodies of which one or more member states are members.
- f) The limit specified in B. (a) rises from 10% to 25%, and the limit set in B. (d) does not apply (i) as of July 8, 2022, for covered bonds as defined by article 3, no. 1, of Directive (EU) 2019/2162 of the European Parliament and of the Council of November 27, 2019, on the issue of covered bonds and covered bond public supervision and amending Directives 2009/65/EC and 2014/59/EU, and (ii) for
- bonds issued prior to July 8, 2022, by a credit institution that has its registered office in a member state and which is legally subject to special public supervision intended to protect the holders of such bonds; and
  - sums deriving from the issue of such bonds prior to July 8, 2022, are invested in accordance with the law in assets that, during the whole period of validity of the bonds, are capable of covering claims attaching to the bonds; and
  - such assets, in the event of default of the issuer, would be used on a priority basis for the repayment of the principal and payment of the accrued interest.
- If the fund invests more than 5% of its assets in bonds of this type issued by any one issuer, the total value of these investments may not exceed 80% of the value of the fund's net assets.
- g) The limits specified in B. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) may not be combined, and thus investments in securities or money market

instruments issued by any one institution or in deposits made with this institution or in this institution's derivatives shall under no circumstances exceed 35% of the fund's net assets.

The fund can cumulatively invest up to 20% of its assets in securities and money market instruments of any one group of companies.

Companies that are included in the same group for the purposes of consolidated accounting as defined in EU Directive 83/349/EEC or in accordance with recognized international accounting rules shall be regarded as a single issuer for the purpose of calculating the investment limits specified in this article.

- h) The fund may invest no more than 10% of its net assets in securities and money market instruments other than those specified in A. above.
- i) Unless otherwise provided for in the special section of the Sales Prospectus, the fund may invest no more than 10% of its net assets in units of other UCITS and/or UCIs as defined in A. (e).

However, by way of derogation and in accordance with the provisions and requirements of Chapter 9 of the Law of 2010, the fund may, as a feeder, invest at least 85% of its assets in units of another UCITS (or its sub-funds) recognized in accordance with the UCITS Directive and which is itself neither a feeder nor holds units of another feeder. If the fund acts as a feeder fund, this will be reflected appropriately in the special section of the Sales Prospectus and in the Key Information Document.

If the fund may, according to its investment policy, invest more than 10% in units of other UCITS and/or UCIs as defined in article 4 A. (e), notwithstanding article 4 B. (i) of the Management Regulations, the following applies:

The fund may acquire units of other UCITS and/or UCIs as defined in article 4 A. (e) if no more than 20% of the fund's net assets are invested in one and the same UCITS and/or UCI.

Each sub-fund of an umbrella fund is to be viewed as a stand-alone issuer, provided that the principle of individual liability per sub-fund is applied in respect of third parties.

Investments in units of UCIs other than UCITS must not exceed 30% of the fund's net assets in total.

For investments in units of another UCITS and/or other UCI, the assets of the UCITS or other UCI in question are not taken into

account in relation to the upper limits specified in B. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

- j) If admission to one of the markets specified in A. (a), (b) or (c) is not obtained within the one-year deadline, new issues shall be considered unlisted securities and money market instruments and counted toward the investment limit stated there.
- k) The Management Company may not acquire, for any investment funds managed by it which fall within the scope of Part I of the Law of 2010 or the UCITS Directive, shares that carry voting rights enabling it to exercise significant influence over the management of the issuer.

The fund may acquire a maximum of

- 10% of the non-voting shares of any one issuer;
- 10% of the debt securities of any one issuer;
- 25% of the units of any one fund;
- 10% of the money market instruments of any one issuer.

The investment limits specified in the second, third and fourth indents may be disregarded at the time of acquisition if at that time the gross amount of the debt securities or of the money market instruments, or the net amount of the securities in issue, cannot be calculated.

- l) The investment limits specified in (k) shall not be applied to:
  - securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a member state or its local authorities;
  - securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a country that is not a member state of the European Union;
  - securities and money market instruments issued by public international organizations of which one or more member states of the European Union are members;
  - shares held by the fund in the capital of a company incorporated in a country that is not a member state of the European Union that invests its assets mainly in the securities of issuers having their registered offices in that country, where under the legislation of that country such a holding represents the only way in which the fund can invest in the securities of issuers of that country. This derogation, however, shall apply only if in its investment policy the company from the country that is not a member state of the European Union complies with the limits specified in B. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g), (l) and (k). Where these limits are exceeded, article 49 of the Law of 2010 shall apply accordingly;

- shares held by one or more investment companies in the capital of subsidiary companies that only conduct certain management, advisory or marketing activities with regard to the repurchase of units at the request of investors in the country where the subsidiaries are located, and do so exclusively on behalf of that investment company or those investment companies.

- m) Notwithstanding the limits specified in B. (k) and (l), the maximum limits specified in B. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) for investments in equities and/or debt securities of any one issuer are 20% when the objective of the investment policy is to replicate a certain index or a leveraged index on the following basis:

- the composition of the index is sufficiently diversified;
- the index represents an adequate benchmark for the market to which it refers;
- the index is published in an appropriate manner.

The limit specified here is 35% where that proves to be justified by exceptional market conditions in particular in regulated markets where certain securities or money market instruments are highly dominant. An investment up to that limit shall be permitted for only one single issuer.

- n) The fund's overall exposure relating to derivatives must not exceed the total net value of its portfolio. The exposure is calculated taking into account the current value of the underlying assets, the counterparty risk, future market movements and the time available to liquidate the positions.

The fund can, as part of its investment strategy and within the limits of paragraph B. (g), invest in derivatives, provided that the overall risk of the underlyings does not exceed the investment limits of paragraph B. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

If the fund invests in index-based derivatives, these investments are not taken into consideration as regards the investment limits specified in B. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

When a security or money market instrument embeds a derivative, the latter must be taken into consideration when complying with the requirements of the investment limits.

- o) In addition, the fund may hold up to 20% of its net assets in liquid assets. These liquid assets are limited to demand deposits for covering current or extraordinary payments or for the period required for reinvestment in eligible assets, or for an essential period in the event of unfavorable market conditions.

In the case of exceptionally unfavorable market conditions, more than 20% can be held temporarily in liquid assets if circumstances so require and where this appears justified with regard to the interests of the investors.

- p) Up to 10% of the fund's net assets may be invested in special purpose acquisition companies (hereinafter "SPACs") that qualify as eligible investments as defined by article 1 (34) and article 41 of the Law of 2010, article 2 of the Grand-Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008, and the CESR guidelines. SPACs are companies that procure capital by means of an IPO and are established for the sole purpose of acquiring an existing company and merging with this.

#### C. Exceptions to investment limits

- a) The fund need not comply with the investment limits when exercising subscription rights attaching to securities or money market instruments that form part of its assets.
- b) While ensuring compliance with the principle of risk spreading, the fund can depart from the specified investment limits for a period of six months following the date of its authorization.

#### D. Loans

Loans may not be taken out by either the Management Company or the custodian for the account of the fund. However, the fund may acquire foreign currencies by means of a "back-to-back" loan.

Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, the fund may borrow up to 10% of the fund's assets, provided that such borrowing is on a temporary basis.

For the account of the fund, neither the Management Company nor the custodian may grant loans or act as a guarantor on behalf of third parties.

This shall not prevent the acquisition of securities, money market instruments or other financial instruments that are not yet fully paid in.

#### E. Short sales

Neither management companies nor custodians that operate on behalf of investment funds may engage in short sales of securities, money market instruments or other financial instruments referred to in A. (e), (g) and (h).

#### F. Encumbrance

The fund's assets may only be pledged as collateral, transferred, assigned or otherwise encumbered to the extent that such transactions are required by a stock exchange or regulated

market or imposed by contractual or other terms and conditions.

### Article 5 Unit classes

The investor may be offered one or more unit classes at the discretion of the Management Company.

1. All unit classes of the fund shall be invested together in accordance with the investment objectives of the fund, but they may differ from each other, in particular with regard to their fee structure, minimum investment amount for initial and subsequent subscriptions, the currency, the distribution policy, the conditions to be met by investors or other specific characteristics. The configuration characteristics of the unit classes (e.g., type of investor, distribution policy, initial sales charge, currency of the units, fee structure, minimum investment or a combination of these features) are described in detail in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

2. The Management Company reserves the right to offer only one unit class or only certain unit classes for sale to investors in certain jurisdictions so as to comply with the applicable laws, customs or business practices there. Furthermore, the Management Company reserves the right to adopt principles that apply to certain investor categories or transactions in respect of the acquisition of certain unit classes.

3. The unit classes currently offered are generally listed in the special section of the Sales Prospectus, as well as in the annual and semi-annual reports. The Sales Prospectus will be updated accordingly on a regular basis. Current information on the unit classes launched will be published on the Management Company's website at [www.dws.com](http://www.dws.com).

### Article 6 Calculation of the net asset value per unit

1. The value of a unit is expressed in USD ("fund currency"), unless a currency other than the fund currency is indicated in the special section of the Sales Prospectus for any of the unit classes ("unit class currency"). It is calculated for the fund on each bank business day in Luxembourg (valuation date), unless otherwise provided for in the special section of the Sales Prospectus.

The calculation is made by dividing the net fund assets by the number of units of the fund in circulation on the valuation date. If unit classes are offered in the fund, the net asset value per unit will be calculated individually for each unit class issued in the fund. The net assets of the fund are calculated according to the following principles:

- a) Securities and money market instruments listed on a stock exchange are valued at the most recent available price paid.

b) Securities and money market instruments not listed on a stock exchange but traded on another regulated securities market are valued at a price no lower than the bid price and no higher than the ask price at the time of the valuation, and which the Management Company considers to be a market price.

c) In the event that such prices are not in line with market conditions, or for securities and money market instruments other than those covered in (a) and (b) above for which there are no fixed prices, these securities and money market instruments, as well as all other assets, will be measured at the current market value as determined in good faith by the Management Company, following generally accepted valuation principles verifiable by auditors.

d) Liquid assets are valued at their nominal value plus interest.

e) Time deposits may be valued at their yield value if a contract exists between the Management Company and the custodian stipulating that these time deposits can be withdrawn at any time and that their yield value is equal to the realized value.

f) All assets denominated in a currency other than that of the fund are translated into the currency of the fund at the last mid-market exchange rate.

g) The prices of the derivatives employed by the fund will be set in the usual manner, which shall be verifiable by the auditor and subject to systematic examination. The criteria that have been specified for pricing the derivatives shall remain in effect for the term of each individual derivative.

h) Credit default swaps are valued according to standard market practice at the present value of future cash flows, whereby the cash flows are adjusted to take into account the risk of default. Interest rate swaps are valued at their market value, which is determined based on the yield curve for each swap. Other swaps are valued at an appropriate market value, determined in good faith in accordance with recognized valuation methods that have been specified by the Management Company and approved by the fund's auditor.

i) The target fund units contained in the fund are valued at the most recent available redemption price that has been determined.

2. An income adjustment account is maintained for the fund.

## **Article 7** **Suspension of the calculation of the net asset value per unit**

The Management Company has the right to suspend the calculation of the net asset value per unit if and while circumstances exist that make this suspension necessary and if the suspension is justified when taking into consideration the interests of the unitholders, in particular:

- while a stock exchange or other regulated market on which a substantial portion of the securities or money market instruments of the fund are traded is closed (excluding normal weekends and holidays) or when trading on that stock exchange or the corresponding regulated market has been suspended or restricted;
- in an emergency, if the Management Company is unable to access its fund investments or cannot freely transfer the equivalent value of its purchases or sales of investments or calculate the net asset value per unit in an orderly manner.

Investors who have applied for redemption of units will be informed promptly of the suspension and will then be notified immediately once the calculation of the net asset value per unit is resumed. Investors will be paid the redemption price valid at that time after the resumption.

Suspension of the calculation of the net asset value per unit will be published on the Management Company's website and in accordance with the provisions of the country of distribution.

## **Article 8** **Issue and redemption of fund units**

1. All fund units have the same rights. If the Management Company decides to issue unit classes, all units within a unit class shall have the same rights. The fund units may be issued as registered units or bearer units securitized in global certificates. Investors are not entitled to receive delivery of definitive securities.

2. The issue and redemption of units are performed by the Management Company and any designated paying agents.

3. Units are issued on each valuation date at the issue price. The issue price is the unit value plus, where applicable, an initial sales charge in favor of the Management Company. The exact amount of the initial sales charge is to be found in the special section of the Sales Prospectus. The Management Company may pass on the initial sales charge to intermediaries as remuneration for sales services. The issue price may be increased by fees or other charges incurred in the respective countries of distribution. The fund units can also be issued as fractional units with up to three decimal places unless otherwise provided for in the special section of the Sales Prospectus. Fractional units entitle the holder to participate in any distributions on a pro-rata basis.

4. Investors are entitled at any time to request the redemption of their units. The redemption price is the unit value less, where applicable, a redemption fee in favor of the Management Company. The exact amount of the redemption fee is to be found in the special section of the Sales Prospectus. The redemption price may also be decreased by fees or other charges incurred in the respective countries of distribution.

5. The Management Company may redeem units unilaterally against payment of the redemption price, insofar as this appears necessary in the interests of all investors or to protect the Management Company or the fund.

## **Article 9** **Restrictions on the issue of units**

1. The Management Company may at any time and at its discretion reject a subscription application or temporarily limit, suspend or permanently discontinue the issue of units, or may redeem units at the redemption price if such action should appear necessary in consideration of the interests of the investors or the public, or to protect the fund or the investors. In this case, the Management Company or the designated paying agent (if applicable) will promptly refund payments on subscription applications that have not yet been executed.

2. Suspension of the issue of units will be published on the Management Company's website and in accordance with the provisions of the country of distribution.

## **Article 10** **Restrictions on the redemption of units**

1. The Management Company is entitled to suspend the redemption of units if exceptional circumstances so require and the suspension is justified in the interest of the unitholders.

2. The Management Company has the right to carry out substantial redemptions only once the corresponding assets of the fund have been sold as detailed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

3. The Management Company or any designated paying agent is obligated to transfer the redemption price to the country of the applicant only if this is not prohibited by law – for example by foreign exchange regulations – or by other circumstances beyond the control of the Management Company or any designated paying agent.

4. Suspension of the redemption of units will be published on the Management Company's website and in accordance with the provisions of the country of distribution.

## **Article 11** **Fiscal year and audit of financial statements**

The fiscal year commences on January 1 and ends on December 31 of each year.

The fund's annual financial statements shall be audited by an auditor appointed by the Management Company.

## **Article 12** **Costs and services received**

The fund pays an all-in fee of up to 0.6% p.a. on the net assets of the fund based on the net asset value calculated on the valuation date. The amount of the all-in fee determined is specified in the special section of the Sales Prospectus. The all-in fee shall generally be withdrawn from the fund at the end of each month. This all-in fee shall in particular serve as compensation for investment management, fund management, the distribution of the fund (if applicable) and the services of the custodian.

Aside from the all-in fee, the following costs may be charged to the fund:

- all taxes imposed on the assets of the fund and on the fund itself (in particular the tax d'abonnement), as well as any taxes that may arise in connection with administrative and custodial costs;
- any costs that may arise in connection with the acquisition and disposal of assets;
- extraordinary costs (e.g., litigation costs) incurred to protect the interests of the investors of the fund; the decision to cover these costs is made individually by the Management Company and must be reported separately in the annual report;
- costs for informing the fund investors by means of a durable medium, with the exception of costs for informing the investors in the case of a fund merger and in the case of measures related to accounting errors in determining the NAV or when contravening investment limits.

In addition, a performance-based fee may be paid, the amount of which is also stated in the special section of the Sales Prospectus.

Where total return swaps are used, certain costs and fees may be incurred in connection therewith, in particular upon entering into these transactions and/or any increase or decrease of their notional amount. The amount of such fees may be fixed or variable. Further information on costs and fees incurred by the fund, as well as the identity of the recipients and any affiliation they may have with the Management Company, the fund manager, or the custodian, if applicable, will be disclosed in the annual report. Revenues arising from the use of total return swaps shall in general – net of direct or indirect operational costs – accrue to the fund's assets.

The fund pays 30% of the gross revenues generated from securities lending and borrowing as costs/fees to the Management Company and retains 70% of the gross revenues generated from such transactions. Out of the 30%, the Management Company retains 5% for its own coordination and oversight tasks and pays the direct costs (e.g., transaction and collateral management costs) to external service providers. The remaining amount (after deduction of the Management Company costs and the direct costs) is paid to DWS Investment GmbH for supporting the Management Company in initiating, preparing and implementing securities lending and borrowing.

For simple reverse repurchase agreement transactions, i.e., those which are not used to reinvest cash collateral received under securities lending and borrowing or a repurchase agreement transaction, the fund retains 100% of the gross revenues, less the transaction costs that the fund pays as direct costs to an external service provider.

The Management Company is a related party to DWS Investment GmbH.

Currently, the fund only uses simple reverse repurchase agreement transactions, no other (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions. In case other (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions will be used, the Sales Prospectus will be updated accordingly. The fund will then pay up to 30% of the gross revenues generated from (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions as costs/fees to the Management Company and retains at least 70% of the gross revenues generated from such transactions. Out of the 30%, the Management Company will retain 5% for its own coordination and oversight tasks and will pay the direct costs (e.g., transaction and collateral management costs) to external service providers. The remaining amount (after deduction of the Management Company costs and the direct costs) will be paid to DWS Investment GmbH for supporting the Management Company in initiating, preparing and implementing (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions.

### Investment in units of target funds

1. Investments in target funds can lead to double charging, as fees are charged both at the level of the fund and at the level of a target fund. In connection with the acquisition of target fund units, the following types of fees are borne directly or indirectly by the investors in the fund:

- the management fee / all-in fee of the target fund;
- the performance-based fee of the target fund;
- the initial sales charges and redemption fees of the target fund;
- reimbursements of expenses by the target fund;
- other costs.

2. The annual and semiannual reports will contain a disclosure of the initial sales charges and redemption fees that have been charged to the fund during the reporting period for the acquisition and redemption of units of target funds. In addition, the annual and semiannual reports shall disclose the fees charged to the fund by another company as a management fee / all-in fee for the target fund units held in the fund.

3. If the assets of the fund are invested in units of a target fund managed directly or indirectly by the same Management Company or another company with which the Management Company is jointly managed or controlled or connected through a significant direct or indirect investment, the Management Company or the other company shall not charge the fund any initial sales charges or redemption fees for the purchase or redemption of units of this other fund.

The share of the management or all-in fee attributable to the units of affiliated investment funds (double charging or difference method) can be found in the special section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Article 13 Distribution policy

1. The Management Company shall decide whether to make a distribution or reinvestment. In the case of a distribution, the Management Company shall also decide each year whether a distribution will be made and in what amount. Both regular net income and realized capital gains may be distributed. In addition, unrealized capital gains, as well as retained capital gains from previous years and other assets, may also be distributed, provided the net assets of the fund do not fall below the minimum amount specified in article 23 of the Law of 2010. Distributions are paid out based on the number of units in issue on the distribution date. Distributions may be paid entirely or partly in the form of bonus units. Any remaining fractions of units may be paid out in cash or credited. Distributions not claimed within the deadlines stipulated in article 18 shall lapse in favor of the fund.

2. The Management Company may elect to pay out interim distributions for the fund in accordance with the law.

### Article 14 Amendments to the Management Regulations

1. The Management Company may, with the consent of the custodian, amend the Management Regulations in whole or in part at any time.

2. Amendments to the Management Regulations shall be filed in the Trade and Companies Register and shall enter into force immediately after filing, unless otherwise specified. A notice of filing will be published in the Trade and Companies Register (RESA).

### Article 15 Publications

1. As a rule, publications are made available on the Management Company's website at [www.dws.com](http://www.dws.com).

2. Issue and redemption prices may be requested from the Management Company and from any designated paying agents. In addition, the issue and redemption prices are published in appropriate media (such as the Internet, electronic information systems, newspapers, etc.) in every country of distribution.

3. The Management Company produces an audited annual report and a semiannual report for the fund according to the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

4. The Sales Prospectus, the Management Regulations, the Key Information Document, and the annual and semiannual reports of the fund are available free of charge to investors at the registered office of the Management Company and at any designated paying agents.

### Article 16 Liquidation of the fund

1. The fund is established for an indefinite period unless otherwise provided for in the special section of the Sales Prospectus.

2. Notwithstanding the provision in section 1, the fund may be liquidated by the Management Company at any time. The Management Company may decide to liquidate the fund if this appears necessary or appropriate, taking into account the interests of the investors, to protect the interests of the Management Company or in the interest of investment policy.

3. The liquidation of the fund is mandatory in the cases provided for by law.

4. If a fixed maturity date is stipulated for the fund and unless otherwise provided for in the special section of the Sales Prospectus, the following applies:

- a) The Management Company will generally begin selling the fund's assets 15 bank business days prior to the maturity date, and will, insofar as possible, sell all assets, collect all receivables and pay all liabilities by the maturity date.
- b) The issue and redemption of units will generally be suspended 15 bank business days prior to the maturity date to guarantee calculation of the liquidation proceeds on the maturity date and their timely disbursement to the investors.
- c) No later than on the maturity date (or the following bank business day if the maturity date does not fall on a bank business day), the Management Company will announce the liquidation proceeds per unit that will be

available at the custodian and any designated paying agents of the fund for disbursement on that day.

- d) Any resulting liquidation costs will be borne by the fund unless stipulated otherwise by the Management Company.

In the event of a liquidation/merger of the fund prior to the maturity date, the provisions in this article under 2. and in article 17 shall apply.

5. As required by law and the regulations of the country of distribution, the liquidation of the fund shall be announced by the Management Company in the RESA and in at least two daily newspapers of sufficiently broad circulation, including at least one Luxembourg newspaper.

6. Upon liquidation of the fund, the issue of units is discontinued. Unless otherwise determined by the Management Company, the redemption of units is also discontinued at this time. If the Management Company decides to continue to allow redemptions, it will be ensured that all investors are treated equally.

7. On the instructions of the Management Company or, where appropriate, the liquidators appointed by the Management Company or by the custodian in agreement with the supervisory authority, the custodian will distribute the proceeds of liquidation, less any liquidation costs and fees, among the investors of the fund in accordance with their rights. The net proceeds of liquidation not collected by investors upon completion of the liquidation proceedings will at that time be deposited by the custodian with the Caisse de Consignation in Luxembourg for the account of investors entitled to them, where such amounts will be forfeited if not claimed there by the statutory deadline.

8. The investors, their heirs or successors may not apply for the liquidation or division of the fund.

### **Article 17 Merger**

1. According to the definitions in the Law of 2010, the fund may, by resolution of the Management Company, be merged with another Luxembourg or non-Luxembourg UCITS or with a sub-fund of a Luxembourg or non-Luxembourg UCITS either as the transferring or as the receiving fund.

2. Unless otherwise provided for in individual cases, the execution of the merger shall be carried out as if the transferring fund were dissolved without being liquidated and all assets were simultaneously taken over by the receiving (sub-)fund in accordance with statutory provisions. Investors in the transferring fund receive units of the receiving (sub-)fund, the number of which is based on the ratio of the net asset

values per unit of the funds involved at the time of the merger, with a provision for settlement of fractions if necessary.

3. Investors of the fund will be notified of the merger on the Management Company's website [www.dws.com](http://www.dws.com) as well as in accordance with the regulations of the country of distribution. Investors of the fund may, within a period of at least thirty days, request the redemption or exchange of units free of charge as outlined in greater detail in the relevant publication.

4. For each merger of a transferring fund by dissolution, the decision on the effective date of the merger must be filed with the Trade and Companies Register and must be published via a corresponding notice of deposit in the RESA.

5. The Management Company may additionally decide to merge unit classes within the fund. The result of such a merger is that the investors in the transferring unit class receive units of the receiving unit class, the number of which is based on the ratio of the net asset values per unit of the unit classes involved at the time of the merger, with a provision for settlement of fractions if necessary.

6. The execution of the merger will be monitored by the auditors of the fund.

### **Article 18 Limitation of claims and submission period**

1. Claims of investors against the Management Company or the custodian shall cease to be enforceable in court once a period of five years has elapsed since the claim arose; this shall not affect the provision in article 16 (7).

2. The submission period for coupons is five years.

### **Article 19 Applicable law, jurisdiction and language of contract**

1. The Management Regulations of the fund are subject to Luxembourg law. The same applies to the legal relationships between the investors and the Management Company. The Management Regulations are filed with the RESA. Any legal disputes between investors, the Management Company and the custodian are subject to the jurisdiction of the competent court in the judicial district of Luxembourg in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. The Management Company and the custodian may elect to submit themselves and the fund to the jurisdiction and laws of any of the countries of distribution in respect of the claims of investors who reside in the relevant country, and with regard to matters concerning the fund.

2. The German wording of these Management Regulations shall prevail. The Management Company may, with regard to fund units sold to investors in such countries, declare translations into the languages of those countries where the units may be offered for sale to the public to be binding on itself and on the fund.



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