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### **PROSPECTUS**

OF

### **VT DOMINIUM HOLDINGS ICVC**

(An open-ended investment company registered in England and Wales under registered number IC001093)

This document constitutes the Prospectus for VT Dominium Holdings ICVC which has been prepared in accordance with the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook.

This Prospectus is dated, and is valid as at, 7 August 2019.

Copies of this Prospectus have been sent to the Financial Conduct Authority and the Depositary.

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#### **Important Information**

If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Prospectus you should consult your professional adviser.

The Company is an investment company with variable capital incorporated with limited liability and registered in England. It is a non-UCITS retail scheme as defined in COLL.

Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited, the authorised corporate director ("ACD") of the Company, is the person responsible for the information contained in this Prospectus. To the best of its knowledge and belief (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained herein does not contain any untrue or misleading statement or omit any matters required by the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook to be included in it. Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited accepts responsibility accordingly.

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

The provisions of the Instrument of Incorporation are binding on each of the Shareholders and a copy of the Instrument of Incorporation is available on request from Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited.

This Prospectus has been issued for the purpose of section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 by Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited.

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

US Persons are not permitted to subscribe for shares in the Company. The shares in the Company have not and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act 1933, the United States Investment Company Act 1940, or the securities laws of any of any of the States of the United States of America and may not be directly or indirectly offered or sold in the United States of America or for the account or benefit of any US Person, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the United States Securities Act 1933, United States Investment Company Act 1940 and similar requirements of such state securities law.

The distribution of this Prospectus in certain jurisdictions may require that this Prospectus is translated into the official language of those countries. Should any inconsistency arise between the translated version and the English version, the English version shall prevail.

This Prospectus is based on information, law and practice at the date hereof. The Company and ACD cannot be bound by an out of date prospectus when a new version has been issued and investors should check with Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited that this is the most recently published prospectus.

Shares in the Company are not listed on any investment exchange.

Potential investors should not treat the contents of this Prospectus as advice relating to legal, taxation, investment or any other matters and are recommended to consult their own professional advisers concerning the acquisition, holding or disposal of Shares.

Except from the information about itself as Depositary contained in this Prospectus, the Depositary is not a person responsible for the information contained in this Prospectus and accordingly does not accept any responsibility therefore under the COLL Sourcebook or otherwise.

The ACD may transfer your personal information to countries located outside of the European Economic Area (the "EEA"). This may happen when the ACD's servers, suppliers and/or service providers are based outside of the EEA. The data protection laws and other laws of these countries may not be as comprehensive as those that apply within the EEA. In these instances the ACD will take steps to ensure that your privacy rights are respected. Details relevant to you may be provided upon request.

The Money Laundering Regulations 2017, The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, The FCA Senior Management Arrangements Systems & Controls Source book and Joint Money Laundering Steering Group guidance notes (which are updated from time to time) state that the ACD must check your identity and the source of the money invested. The checks may include an electronic search of information held about you on the electoral roll and using credit reference agencies. The credit reference agency may check the details you supply against any particulars on any database (public or otherwise) to which they have access and may retain a record of that information although this is only to verify your identity and will not affect your credit rating. They may also use your details in the future to assist other companies for verification purposes. If you apply for shares you are giving the ACD permission to ask for this information in line with the Data Protection Act 2018. If you invest through a financial adviser they must fill an identity verification certificate on your behalf and send it to the ACD with your application.

The ACD shall not divulge any confidential information concerning investors unless required to do so by law or regulation or as set out in this Prospectus or the ACD's Privacy Policy (available at <a href="https://www.valu-trac.com">www.valu-trac.com</a> or otherwise on request). Shareholders and potential investors acknowledge that their personal data as well as confidential information contained in the application form and arising from the business relationship with the ACD may be stored, modified, processed or used in any other way by the ACD, its agents, delegates, sub-delegates and certain third parties in any country in which the ACD conducts business or has a service provider (even in countries that do not provide the same statutory protection towards investors' personal data deemed equivalent to those prevailing in the European Union) for the purpose of administering and developing the business relationship with the investor. Subject to applicable law, investors may have rights in respect of their personal data, including a right to access and

rectification of their personal data and, in some circumstances, a right to object to the processing of their personal data. Further details are set out in the ACD's Privacy Policy.

#### 1. DEFINITIONS

"ACD" means Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited, the authorised corporate director of the Company.

"ACD Agreement" means an agreement between the Company and the ACD.

"AIFM" means the legal person appointed on behalf of the Company and which (through this appointment) is responsible for managing the Company in accordance with the AIFM Directive and The Alternative Investment Fund Managers Regulations 2013, which is at the date of this prospectus, the ACD.

"AIFM Directive" means the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive 2011/61/EU and any other implementing legislation at a UK or EU level.

"Approved Bank" means (in relation to a bank account opened by the Company):

- (a) if the account is opened at a branch in the United Kingdom:
  - (i) the Bank of England; or
  - (ii) the central bank of a member state of the OECD; or
  - (iii) a bank; or
  - (iv) a building society; or
  - a bank which is supervised by the central bank or other banking regulator of a member state of the OECD; or
- (b) if the account is opened elsewhere:
  - (i) a bank in (a); or
  - (ii) a credit institution established in an EEA State other than in the United Kingdom and duly authorised by the relevant Home State Regulator; or
  - (iii) a bank which is regulated in the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands; or
  - (iv) a bank supervised by the South African Reserve Bank;

As such definition may be updated in the glossary of definitions in the FCA Handbook from time to time.

"Auditor" means Johnston Carmichael LLP, or such other entity as is appointed to act as auditor to the Company from time to time.

"Business Day" means a day on which the London Stock Exchange is open. If the London Stock Exchange is closed as a result of a holiday or for any other reason, or there is a holiday elsewhere or other reason which impedes the calculation of the fair market value of the

Company's portfolio of securities or a significant portion thereof, the ACD may decide that any business day shall not be construed as such.

"Class" or "Classes" means in relation to Shares, means (according to the context) all of the Shares related to the Company or a particular class or classes of Share related to the Company.

"COLL" refers to the appropriate chapter or rule in the COLL Sourcebook.

"the COLL Sourcebook" means the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook issued by the FCA (and forming part of the FCA Handbook) as amended from time to time.

"Company" means VT Dominium Holdings ICVC.

"CPI" means the Consumer Prices Index (as published by the Office for National Statistics) or any replacement from time to time;

"Custodian" means RBC Investor Services Trust (UK Branch), Riverbank House, 2 Swan Lane, London, EC4R 3AF or such other entity as is appointed to act as Custodian.

"Dealing Day" means the 1st and 15th day of each month or where this does not fall on a Business Day, on such other day as the ACD and Depositary may agree (which is expected to be the next Business Day).

"Depositary" means NatWest Trustee and Depositary Services Limited, or such other entity as is appointed to act as Depositary.

"Director" or "Directors" means the director(s) of the Company from time to time (including the ACD).

"EEA State" means a member state of the European Union and any other state which is within the European Economic Area.

"Eligible Institution" means one of certain eligible institutions as defined in the glossary of definitions to the FCA Handbook.

"the FCA" means the Financial Conduct Authority or any other regulatory body which may assume its regulatory responsibilities from time to time.

"the FCA Handbook" means the FCA Handbook of Rules and Guidance, as amended from time to time.

"the Financial Services Register" means the public record, as required by section 347 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and as defined in the glossary of definitions to the FCA Handbook.

"FUND" means the investment funds sourcebook which forms part of the FCA Handbook.

"Home State" has the meaning given to it in the glossary of definitions to the FCA Handbook.

"Instrument of Incorporation" means the instrument of incorporation of the Company as amended from time to time.

"Investment Adviser" means Inpersca Limited or such other entity as is appointed to act as the investment adviser of the Company from time to time.

"Investment Manager" means the ACD and/or such other entity as is appointed to act as the investment manager of the Company from time to time.

"Net Asset Value" or "NAV" means the value of the Scheme Property of the Company less the liabilities of the Company as calculated in accordance with the Instrument of Incorporation.

"**OEIC Regulations**" means the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 as amended or re-enacted from time to time.

"OTC" means over-the-counter: a derivative transaction which is not traded on an investment exchange.

"Register" means the register of Shareholders of the Company.

"Registrar" means Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited, or such other entity as is appointed to act as Registrar to the Company from time to time.

"Regulated Activities Order" means the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001 (SI 2001/544) as amended from time to time.

"Regulations" means the OEIC Regulations and the FCA Handbook (including the COLL Sourcebook and FUND), as amended.

"Scheme Property" means the scheme property of the Company required under the COLL Sourcebook and FUND to be given for safekeeping to the Depositary.

"SDRT" means stamp duty reserve tax.

"Share" or "Shares" means a share or shares in the Company (including larger denomination shares, and smaller denomination shares equivalent to one thousandth of a larger denomination share).

"Shareholder" means a holder of registered Shares in the Company.

"Switch" means the exchange where permissible of Shares of one Class for Shares of another Class.

"Valuation Point" means the point on a Dealing Day whether on a periodic basis or for a particular valuation, at which the ACD carries out a valuation of the Scheme Property for the Company for the purpose of determining the price at which Shares of a Class may be issued, cancelled or redeemed. The current Valuation Point is 4.30 pm London time on each Dealing Day.

"VAT" means value added tax.

#### 2. DETAILS OF THE COMPANY

### 2.1. General information

#### 2.1.1. **General**

VT Dominium Holdings ICVC (the "**Company**") is an investment company with variable capital incorporated in England and Wales under the OEIC Regulations with registered number IC001093 (PRN: 778841) and authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority pursuant to an authorisation order dated 6 July 2017. The Company has an unlimited duration.

The Company is a non-UCITS retail scheme (as defined in the OEIC Regulations).

Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

A Shareholder is not liable to make any further payment to the Company after he has paid the price on purchase of the Shares.

Historical performance figures are not yet available for the Company.

The ACD is also the manager of certain authorised unit trusts and open-ended investment companies details of which are set out in Appendix IV.

Details of a typical investor in the Company and historical performance data is set out in Appendix V.

#### 2.1.2. Head Office

The head office of the Company is at Level 13 Broadgate Tower, 20 Primrose Street, London, EC2A 2EW and its principal place of business is at Orton, Moray, IV32 7QE.

### 2.1.3. Address for Service

The head office is the address of the place in the UK for service on the Company of notices or other documents required or authorised to be served on it.

## 2.1.4. Base Currency

The base currency of the Company is Pounds Sterling.

### 2.1.5. Share Capital

Maximum £100,000,000,000

Minimum £1,000

Shares have no par value. The share capital of the Company at all times equals the sum of the Net Asset Value.

### 2.1.6. Marketing in EEA states

In connection with marketing Shares in EEA States to other than the United Kingdom, there are currently no special arrangements in place for:

- (a) paying in that EEA State amounts distributable to Shareholders resident in that EEA State:
- (b) redeeming in that EEA State the Shares of Shareholders resident in the EEA State;
- (c) inspecting and obtaining copies in that EEA State of the Instrument of Incorporation, this Prospectus and the annual and half-yearly report; and
- (d) making public the price of Shares of each Class.

Accordingly, the provisions applicable to the marketing of the shares in the Company in the UK shall also apply in these cases.

Shares in the Company may be marketed in other Member States and in countries outside the European Union and European Economic Area, subject to the Regulations, and any regulatory constraints in those countries, if the ACD so decides.

### 2.2. The structure of the Company

## 2.2.1. The Company

The Company is a stand alone open-ended investment company.

The Company is a non-UCITS retail scheme.

Details of the Company, including its investment objective and policy, are set out in Appendix I.

The eligible securities markets and eligible derivatives markets on which the Company may invest are set out in Appendix II. A detailed statement of the general investment and borrowing restrictions in respect of the Company is set out in Appendix III.

#### 2.2.2. **Shares**

Shares of different Classes may from time to time be issued. The differences between Classes may be the minimum subscription, the minimum holding, the charges to be borne and/or the Class Currency, as detailed in Appendix I. In most cases either net or gross income Shares or net or gross accumulation Shares are offered. The Classes currently available are set out in Appendix I.

Further Classes of Share may be established from time to time by the ACD with the approval of the FCA, the agreement of the Depositary and in accordance with the Instrument of Incorporation and the Regulations. On the introduction of any new Class

a revised prospectus will be prepared, setting out the details of each Class.

The currency in which each new Class of Shares will be denominated will be determined at the date of creation and set out in the Prospectus issued in respect of the new Class of Shares.

Shares have no par value and, within each Class subject to their denomination, are entitled to participate equally in the profits arising in respect of, and in the proceeds of, the liquidation of the Company. Shares do not carry preferential or pre-emptive rights to acquire further Shares.

Each Class may attract different charges and so monies may be deducted from the Scheme Property attributable to such Classes in unequal proportions. In these circumstances, the proportionate interests of the Classes will be adjusted accordingly. Also, each Class may have its own investment minima or other features, such as restricted access, at the discretion of the ACD.

Shareholders are entitled (subject to certain restrictions) to Switch all or part of their Shares in a Class for Shares of another Class within the Company. Details of this switching facility and the restrictions are set out in paragraph 3.4 "Switching".

### Registered Shares

All Shares are in registered form. Certificates will not be issued in respect of Shares. Ownership of Shares will be evidenced by an entry in the Company's register of Shareholders. No bearer Shares may be issued by the Company.

At least twice per year the ACD will send a statement to each person who holds shares or has held shares since the previous statement. Where shares are jointly held, statements are sent to the first named Shareholder. The statement will describe the current holding(s) of Shares at the date of the statement and any transactions in Shares since the date of the last statement. Individual statements will also be issued at any time on request by the registered Shareholder.

### Larger and Smaller Denomination Shares

Shares will be issued in larger and smaller denominations. There are 1,000 smaller denomination Shares to each larger denomination Share. Smaller denomination Shares represent what, in other terms, might be called fractions of a larger Share and have proportionate rights.

# Class of Shares

The Instrument of Incorporation currently provides for Class A Shares, Class B Shares and Class C Shares

### Income and Accumulation Shares

The Company may issue income and accumulation Shares in respect of each Class.

Further details of the Shares presently available, including details of their criteria for subscription and fee structure, are set out in Appendix I.

Holders of income Shares are entitled to be paid the distributable income attributed to such Shares on any relevant interim and annual allocation dates.

Holders of accumulation Shares are not entitled to be paid the income attributed to such Shares, but that income is automatically transferred to (and retained as part of) the capital assets of the Company on the relevant interim and/or annual accounting dates. This is reflected in the price of an accumulation Share.

## Net Shares and Gross Shares

The Instrument of Incorporation allows gross income and gross accumulation Shares to be issued, as well as net income and net accumulation Shares.

Net Shares are Shares in respect of which income allocated to them is distributed periodically to the Shareholders (in the case of net income Shares) or added periodically to capital (in the case of net accumulation Shares) in accordance with relevant tax law, net of any tax deducted or accounted for by the Company.

Gross Shares are Shares in respect of which income allocated to them is distributed periodically to the Shareholders (in the case of gross income Shares) or added periodically to capital (in the case of gross accumulation Shares) in accordance with relevant tax law, without any tax being deducted or accounted for by the Company. All references in this Prospectus are to net Shares unless otherwise stated.

#### 3. BUYING, REDEEMING AND SWITCHING SHARES

The dealing office of the ACD is normally open from 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. (London time) on each Business Day to receive requests for the purchase, sale and switching of Shares. The ACD may vary these times at its discretion. Requests to deal in Shares may be made by sending clear written instructions (or an application form) to the ACD or by telephoning 01343 880 344 (or such other number as published from time to time). The initial purchase must, at the discretion of the ACD, be accompanied by an application form.

In addition, the ACD may from time to time make arrangements to allow Shares to be bought or sold on-line or through other communication media (electronic or otherwise).

Telephone calls may be recorded. The ACD may also, at its discretion, introduce further methods of dealing in Shares in the future.

In its dealings in Shares of the Company the ACD is dealing as principal. The ACD does not actively seek to make a profit from dealing in Shares as principal but does so in order to facilitate the efficient management of the Company. The ACD is not accountable to Shareholders or the Depositary for any profit it makes from dealing in Shares as principal.

# 3.1. Money Laundering

As a result of legislation in force in the UK to prevent money laundering, the ACD is responsible for compliance with anti-money laundering regulations. In order to implement these regulations, in certain circumstances investors may be asked to provide proof of identity when buying or redeeming Shares. Until satisfactory proof of identity is provided, the ACD reserves the right to refuse to issue Shares, pay the proceeds of a redemption of Shares, or pay income on Shares to the investor. In the case of a purchase of Shares where the applicant is not willing or is unable to provide the information requested within a reasonable period, the ACD also reserves the right to sell the Shares purchased and return the proceeds to the account from which the subscription was made. These proceeds may be less than the original investment.

# 3.2. **Buying Shares**

### 3.2.1. Procedure

Shares may be bought directly from the ACD or through a professional adviser or other intermediary. In addition, the ACD may from time to time make arrangements to allow Shares to be bought through other communication media. For details of dealing charges see paragraph 3.6 below. Application forms may be obtained from the ACD.

Valid applications to purchase Shares in the Company will be processed at the Share price calculated, based on the Net Asset Value per Share, at the next Valuation Point following receipt of the application, except in the case where dealing in the Company has been suspended as set out in paragraph 3.11.

The ACD, at its discretion, has the right to cancel a purchase deal if settlement is

materially overdue (being more than five Business Days of receipt of an application form or other instruction) and any loss arising on such cancellation shall be the liability of the applicant. For postal applications payment in full must accompany the instruction. At the ACD's discretion, payment for large purchases of Shares may be made by bank transfer. The ACD is not obliged to issue Shares unless it has received cleared funds from an investor.

A purchase of Shares in writing or by telephone or any other communication media made available is a legally binding contract. Applications to purchase, once made are, except in the case where cancellation rights are applied, irrevocable. However, subject to its obligations under the Regulations, the ACD has the right to reject, on reasonable grounds relating to the circumstances of the applicant, any application for Shares in whole or part, and in this event the ACD will return any money sent, or the balance of such monies, at the risk of the applicant.

Any subscription monies remaining after a whole number of Shares have been issued will not be returned to the applicant. Instead, smaller denomination Shares will be issued. A smaller denomination Share is equivalent to one thousandth of a larger denomination Share.

Applicants who have received advice may have the right to cancel their application to buy Shares at any time during the 14 days after the date on which they receive a cancellation notice from the ACD. If an applicant decides to cancel the contract, and the value of the investment has fallen at the time the ACD receives the completed contract notice, they will not receive a full refund as an amount equal to any fall in value will be deducted from the sum originally invested. The ACD may extend cancellation rights to other investors but is under no obligation to do so.

## 3.2.2. Documents the buyer will receive

A confirmation giving details of the number and price of Shares bought will be issued no later than the end of the Business Day following the Valuation Point by reference to which the price is determined, together with, where appropriate, a notice of the applicant's right to cancel.

Registration of Shares can only be completed by the ACD upon receipt of any required registration details. These details may be supplied in writing to the ACD or by returning to the ACD the properly completed registration form and copy of the confirmation.

Settlement is due within 4 Business Days of the Valuation Point. An order for the purchase of Shares will only be deemed to have been accepted by the ACD once it is in receipt of cleared funds for the application. If settlement is not made within a reasonable period, then the ACD has the right to cancel any Shares issued in respect of the application. In the event of such a sale or realisation, the ACD shall be entitled to transfer such investments to such persons as it shall specify and, recover any shortfall from that investor.

The ACD reserves the right to charge interest at 4% above the prevailing Bank of

England base rate, on the value of any settlement received later than the 4th Business Day following the Valuation Point.

No interest will be paid on funds held prior to investment. Shares that have not been paid for cannot be redeemed.

Settlement must be made by electronic bank transfer to the bank account detailed on the application form.

Share certificates will not be issued in respect of Shares. Ownership of Shares will be evidenced by an entry on the Register. Tax vouchers in respect of periodic distributions on Shares will show the number of Shares held by the recipient.

### 3.2.3. Minimum subscriptions and holdings

The minimum initial subscriptions, subsequent subscriptions and holdings levels for each Class of Share are set out in Appendix I.

The ACD may at its sole discretion accept subscriptions and/or holdings lower than the minimum amount(s).

If following a redemption, Switch or transfer, a holding in any Class of Share should fall below the minimum holding for that Class, the ACD has the discretion to effect a redemption of that Shareholder's entire holding in that Class of Share. The ACD may use this discretion at any time. Failure not to do so immediately after such redemption, Switch or transfer does not remove this right.

### 3.3. Redeeming Shares

#### 3.3.1. Procedure

Every Shareholder is entitled on any Dealing Day to redeem its Shares, which shall be purchased by the ACD dealing as principal.

Valid instructions to the ACD to redeem Shares in the Company will be processed at the Share price calculated, based on the Net Asset Value per Share, at the next Valuation Point following receipt of the instruction, except in the case where dealing in the Company has been suspended as set out in paragraph 3.11.

A redemption instruction in respect of Shares in writing or by telephone or any other communication media made available is a legally binding contract. However, an instruction to the ACD to redeem Shares, although irrevocable, may not be settled by either the Company or the ACD if the redemption represents Shares where the money due on the earlier purchase of those Shares has not yet been received or if insufficient documentation or anti-money laundering information has been received by the ACD.

For details of dealing charges see paragraph 3.6 below.

### 3.3.2. Documents a redeeming Shareholder will receive

A confirmation giving details of the number and price of Shares redeemed will be sent to the redeeming Shareholder (or the first named Shareholder, in the case of joint Shareholders) together with (if sufficient written instructions have not already been given) a form of renunciation for completion and execution by the Shareholder (or, in the case of a joint holding, by all the joint Shareholders) no later than the end of the Business Day following the later of the request to redeem Shares or the Valuation Point by reference to which the price is determined.

Payment of redemption proceeds will normally be made to the first named Shareholder (at their risk), via bank transfer in accordance with any instruction received (the ACD may recover any bank charge levied on such transfers). Instructions to make payments to third parties (other than intermediaries associated with the redemption) will not normally be accepted.

Such payment will be made within four Business Days of the later of (a) receipt by the ACD of the form of renunciation (or other sufficient written instructions) duly signed and completed by all the relevant Shareholders together with any other documentation and appropriate evidence of title, any required anti-money laundering related documentation, and (b) the Valuation Point following receipt by the ACD of the request to redeem.

## 3.3.3. Minimum redemption

Part of a Shareholder's holding may be redeemed but the ACD reserves the right to refuse a redemption request if the value of the Shares to be redeemed is less than the minimum stated in respect of the appropriate Class in question (see Appendix I).

### 3.4. Switching

Subject to any restrictions on the eligibility of investors for a particular Share Class, a Shareholder may at any time Switch all or some of his Shares of one Class ("the Original Shares") for Shares of another Class ("the New Shares") in the Company. The number of New Shares issued will be determined by reference to the respective prices of New Shares and Original Shares at the Valuation Point applicable at the time the Original Shares are redeemed and the New Shares are issued.

Telephone switching instructions may be given but Shareholders are required to provide written instructions to the ACD (which, in the case of joint Shareholders, must be signed by all the joint Shareholders) before switching is effected.

The ACD may at its discretion make a charge on the switching of Shares between Classes. Any such charge on switching does not constitute a separate charge payable by a Shareholder, but is rather the application of any redemption charge on the Original Shares and any initial charge on the New Shares, subject to certain waivers. For details of the charges on switching currently payable, please see paragraph 3.6.3

"Charges on Switching".

If a partial Switch would result in the Shareholder holding a number of Original Shares or New Shares of a value which is less than the minimum holding in the Class concerned, the ACD may, if it thinks fit, convert the whole of the applicant's holding of Original Shares to New Shares (and make a charge on switching on such conversion) or refuse to effect any Switch of the Original Shares. Save as otherwise specifically set out, the general provisions on procedures relating to redemption will apply equally to a Switch. Written instructions must be received by the ACD before the Valuation Point on a Dealing Day to be dealt with at the prices at the Valuation Point on that Dealing Day or at such other Valuation Point as the ACD at the request of the Shareholder giving the relevant instruction may agree. Switching requests received after a Valuation Point will be held over until the next day which is a Dealing Day.

The ACD may adjust the number of New Shares to be issued to reflect the application of any charge on switching together with any other charges or levies in respect of the application for the New Shares or redemption of the Original Shares as may be permitted pursuant to the COLL Sourcebook.

A Shareholder who Switches between Classes of Shares will not be given a right by law to withdraw from or cancel the transaction.

# 3.5. Market Timing

The ACD may refuse to accept a new subscription in the Company or a switch if, in the opinion of the ACD, it has reasonable grounds for refusing to accept a subscription or a switch from them. In particular, the ACD may exercise this discretion if it believes the Shareholder has been or intends to engage in market timing.

For these purposes, market timing activities include investment techniques which involve short term trading in and out of shares generally to take advantage of variation in the price of Shares between the daily valuation points in the Company. Short term trading of this nature may often be detrimental to long term Shareholders, in particular, the frequency of dealing may lead to additional dealing costs which can affect long term performance.

### 3.6. **Dealing Charges**

The price per Share at which Shares are bought, redeemed or switched is the Net Asset Value per Share. Any initial charge or redemption charge, (or dilution levy or SDRT on a specific deal, if applicable) is payable in addition to the price or deducted from the proceeds and is taken from the gross subscription or redemption monies.

#### 3.6.1. Initial charge

The ACD may impose a charge on the purchase of Shares in each Class. The current initial charge, if any, is calculated as a percentage of the amount invested by a potential Shareholder with such percentage being set out in Appendix I. The ACD may

waive or discount the initial charge at its discretion,

The initial charge (which is deducted from subscription monies) is payable by the Shareholder to the ACD. The current initial charge (if any) of a Class may only be increased in accordance with the Regulations.

### 3.6.2. Redemption Charge

The ACD may make a charge on the redemption of Shares in each Class. The current redemption charge, if any, is calculated as a percentage of the redemption proceeds with such percentage, in respect of each Share Class, being set out in Appendix I. The ACD may waive or discount the redemption charge at its discretion.

The redemption charge (which is deducted from redemption proceeds) is payable by the Shareholder to the Company. The ACD may only introduce or increase a redemption charge in accordance with the Regulations. Also, if such a charge was introduced in respect of a specific Class of Shares, it would not apply to Shares issued before the date of the introduction (i.e., those not previously subject to a redemption charge).

### 3.6.3. Charges on Switching

On the switching of Shares between Classes in the Company the Instrument of Incorporation authorises the Company to impose a charge on switching. If a redemption charge is payable in respect of the Original Shares, this may become payable instead of, or as well as, the then prevailing initial charge for the New Shares. The charge on switching is payable by the Shareholder to the ACD.

The ACD's current policy is to only levy a charge on switching that is no more than the excess of the initial charge applicable to New Shares over the initial charge applicable to the Original Shares as specified in Appendix I.

#### 3.6.4. **Dilution Levy**

The actual cost of purchasing, selling or switching underlying investments in the Company may deviate from the mid-market value used in calculating its Share price, due to dealing charges, taxes, and any spread between buying and selling prices of the Company's underlying investments. These dealing costs could have an adverse effect on the value of the Company, known as "dilution". In order to mitigate the effect of dilution the Regulations allow the ACD to make a dilution levy on the purchase, redemption or Switch of Shares in the Company. A dilution levy is a separate charge of such amount or at such rate as is determined by the ACD to be made for the purpose of reducing the effect of dilution. This amount is not retained by the ACD, but is paid into the Company.

The dilution levy is calculated by reference to the costs of dealing in the underlying investments of the Company including any dealing spreads, commission and transfer

taxes.

The need to charge a dilution levy will depend on the volume of purchases and redemptions. It is not possible to predict accurately whether dilution would occur at any point in time.

The ACD's policy is that it may require a dilution levy on the purchase and redemption of Shares if, in its opinion, the existing Shareholders (for purchases) or remaining Shareholders (for redemptions) might otherwise be adversely affected. For example, the dilution levy may be charged in the following circumstances: where the Scheme Property of the Company is in continual decline; on the Company experiencing large levels of net purchases relative to its size; on "large deals" (typically being a purchase or redemption of Shares to a size exceeding 5% of the Net Asset Value of the Company); in any case where the ACD is of the opinion that the interests of existing or remaining Shareholders require the imposition of a dilution levy.

This policy is intended to mitigate the dilutive effect of Shareholder transactions on the future growth of the Company.

Based on future projections and on its experience of managing the Company the ACD is unlikely to impose a dilution levy unless it considers that the dealing costs relating to a Shareholder transaction are significant and will have a material impact on the Company.

It is not possible to predict accurately whether dilution would occur at any point in time. The level of dilution is not fixed and may change from time to time to reflect the underlying market conditions and the composition of the portfolio. If a dilution levy is required then, based on future projections, the estimated rate or amount of such levy will be up to 0.75%.

The ACD, in its absolute discretion, may waive or reduce the dilution levy. The ACD may alter its current dilution policy in accordance with the procedure set out in the Regulations.

On the occasions that the dilution levy is not applied, there may be an adverse impact on the total assets of the Company which may otherwise constrain the future growth of the Company. It should be noted that, as dilution is directly related to the inflows and outflows of monies from the Company, it is not possible to predict accurately the exact amount of such a charge in advance on a particular transaction.

## 3.6.5. Stamp duty reserve tax ("SDRT")

The charging of SDRT (at a rate of 0.5%) on the redemption of shares has now been abolished except from in relation to non-pro rata in specie redemptions.

The current policy is that all SDRT costs (if applicable) will be paid out of the Scheme Property of the Company and charged to capital and that SDRT will not be recovered

from individual Shareholders. However, the ACD reserves the right to require individual Shareholders to pay SDRT whenever it considers that the circumstances have arisen which make such imposition fair to all Shareholders or potential Shareholders.

#### 3.7. Transfers

Shareholders are entitled to transfer their Shares to another person or body. All transfers must be in writing in the form of an instrument of transfer approved by the ACD for this purpose. Completed instruments of transfer must be returned to the ACD in order for the transfer to be registered by the ACD. The ACD may refuse to register a transfer unless any provision for SDRT due has been paid.

### 3.8. Restrictions and Compulsory Transfer, Conversion and Redemption

The ACD may from time to time take such action and/or impose such restrictions as it may think necessary for the purpose of ensuring that no Shares are acquired or held by any person in breach of the law or governmental regulation (or any interpretation of a law or regulation by a competent authority) of any country or territory or which would result in the Company incurring any liability to taxation which the Company is not able to recoup itself or otherwise suffering (in the ACD's absolute discretion) any other adverse consequence. In this connection, the ACD may, inter alia, reject in its discretion any application for the purchase, redemption, transfer or switching of Shares or require the conversion of shares in one class to another class.

If it comes to the notice of the ACD that any Shares ("affected Shares"):

- (a) are owned directly or beneficially in breach of any law or governmental regulation (or any interpretation of a law or regulation by a competent authority) of any country or territory; or
- (b) would result in the Company incurring any liability to taxation which the Company would not be able to recoup itself or suffering any other adverse consequence (including a requirement to register under any securities or investment or similar laws or governmental regulation of any country or territory); or
- (c) are held in any manner by virtue of which the Shareholder or Shareholders in question is/are not qualified to hold such Shares or if it reasonably believes this to be the case or the holding of such shares might cause the Company or its shareholders a pecuniary or administrative disadvantage or other adverse consequence which the Company might not otherwise incur or suffer;

the ACD may give notice to the Shareholder(s) of the affected Shares requiring the transfer of such Shares to a person who is qualified or entitled to own them or that a request in writing be given for the redemption or conversion of such Shares in accordance with the COLL Sourcebook. If any Shareholder upon whom such a notice is served does not within 30 days

after the date of such notice transfer his affected Shares to a person qualified to own them or submit a written request for their redemption to the ACD or establish to the satisfaction of the ACD (whose judgement is final and binding) that he or the beneficial owner is qualified and entitled to own the affected Shares, he shall be deemed upon the expiry of that 30 day period to have given a request in writing for the redemption or cancellation or conversion (at the discretion of the ACD) of all the affected Shares.

A Shareholder who becomes aware that he is holding or owns affected Shares shall immediately, unless he has already received a notice as set out above, either transfer all his affected Shares to a person qualified to own them or submit a request in writing to the ACD for the redemption, conversion or cancellation of all his affected Shares.

Where a request in writing is given or deemed to be given for the redemption of affected Shares, such redemption will (if effected) be effected in the same manner as provided for in the COLL Sourcebook.

#### 3.9. Issue of Shares in exchange for in specie assets

The ACD may arrange for the Company to issue Shares in exchange for assets other than cash, but will only do so where the Depositary has taken reasonable care to determine that the Company's acquisition of those assets in exchange for the Shares concerned is not likely to result in any material prejudice to the interests of Shareholders.

The ACD will ensure that the beneficial interest in the assets is transferred to the Company with effect from the issue of the Shares.

The ACD will not issue Shares in exchange for assets the holding of which would be inconsistent with the investment objective or policy of the Company.

## 3.10. In specie redemptions

If a Shareholder requests the redemption of Shares the ACD may, where it considers that deal to be substantial in relation to the total size of the Company or in some way detrimental to the Company, arrange for scheme property having the appropriate value to be transferred to the Shareholder (an 'in specie transfer'), in place of payment for the Shares in cash. Before the redemption is effected, the ACD will give written notice to the Shareholder of the intention to make an in specie transfer.

The ACD will select the property to be transferred in consultation with the Depositary. The ACD and Depositary must ensure that the selection is made with a view to achieving no more advantage or disadvantage to the Shareholder requesting the redemption than to the continuing Shareholders.

## 3.11. Suspension of dealings in the Company

The ACD may, with the prior agreement of the Depositary, and must without delay if

the Depositary so requires temporarily suspend the issue, cancellation, sale and redemption of Shares in the Company where due to exceptional circumstances it is in the interests of all the Shareholders in the Company.

The ACD and the Depositary must ensure that the suspension is only allowed to continue for as long as is justified having regard to the interests of Shareholders.

The ACD or the Depositary (as appropriate) will immediately inform the FCA of the suspension and the reasons for it and will follow this up as soon as practicable with written confirmation of the suspension and the reasons for it to the FCA and the regulator in each EEA state where the Company is offered for sale.

The ACD will notify Shareholders as soon as is practicable after the commencement of the suspension, including details of the exceptional circumstances which have led to the suspension, in a clear, fair and not misleading way and giving Shareholders details of how to find further information about the suspension.

Where such suspension takes place, the ACD will publish details on its website or other general means, sufficient details to keep Shareholders appropriately informed about the suspension, including, if known, its possible duration.

During the suspension none of the obligations in COLL 6.2 (Dealing) will apply but the ACD will comply with as much of COLL 6.3 (Valuation and Pricing) during the period of suspension as is practicable in light of the suspension.

Suspension will cease as soon as practicable after the exceptional circumstances leading to the suspension have ceased but the ACD and the Depositary will formally review the suspension at least every 28 days and will inform the FCA of the review and any change to the information given to Shareholders.

The ACD may agree during the suspension to deal in Shares in which case all deals accepted during and outstanding prior to the suspension will be undertaken at a price calculated at the first Valuation Point after the restart of dealings in Shares.

#### 3.12. Deferred Redemption of Shares

If requested redemptions of Shares on a particular Dealing Day exceed 10% of the Company's value, redemptions of Shares may be deferred to the next Valuation Point. Any such deferral would only be undertaken in such manner as to ensure consistent treatment of all Shareholders who had sought to redeem Shares at the Valuation Point at which redemptions were deferred, and so that all deals relating to the earlier Valuation Point were completed before those relating to a later Valuation Point were considered. The intention of the deferred redemption power is to reduce the impact of dilution on the Scheme Property. In times of high levels of redemption, deferred redemption provisions would enable the ACD to protect the interests of continuing Shareholders by allowing it to match the sale of property of the Company to the level of redemptions of Shares in the Company.

### 3.13. Liquidity Management

The Company is managed so that the liquidity profile is aligned with its requirement to need redemption requests from Shareholders on each Dealing Day. In normal circumstances, redemption requests will be processed as set out in Clause 3.3. However, in exceptional circumstances, if there is insufficient liquidity in the Company to meet redemption requests, the ACD may need to temporarily suspend dealing in the Company (as further described in Clause 3.11)

The ACD may also address temporary liquidity constraints in relation to the Company by (i) borrowing cash (within the limits of Appendix III) to meet redemptions; or (ii) applying the in specie redemption provisions in Clause 3.10.

The ACD will manage and monitor liquidity risk in accordance with liquidity risk management procedures. The liquidity risk management procedures include the management, implementation and maintaining of appropriate liquidity limits for the Company and periodic stress testing of the liquidity risk of the Company under both normal and exceptional liquidity conditions to ensure that anticipated redemption requests can be met.

If the ACD's policy for managing liquidity should change then this will be set out in the annual report.

## 3.14. Governing law

All deals in Shares are governed by the law of England and Wales.

#### 4. VALUATION OF THE COMPANY

#### 4.1. General

The price of a Share is calculated by reference to the Net Asset Value of the Company. The Net Asset Value per Share of the Company is currently calculated at 4.30 pm (London time) (this being the Valuation Point) on each Dealing Day.

The ACD may at any time during a Business Day carry out an additional valuation if it considers it desirable to do so. The ACD shall inform the Depositary of any decision to carry out any such additional valuation. Valuations may be carried out for effecting a scheme of amalgamation or reconstruction which do not create a Valuation Point for the purposes of dealings. Where permitted and subject to the Regulations, the ACD may, in certain circumstances (for example where a significant event has occurred since the closure of a market) substitute a price with a more appropriate price which in its opinion reflects a fair and reasonable price for that investment.

The ACD will, upon completion of each valuation, notify the Depositary of the price of Shares, of each Class and the amount of any dilution levy applicable in respect of any purchase or redemption of Shares.

A request for dealing in Shares must be received by the Valuation Point on a particular Dealing Day in order to be processed on that Dealing Day. A dealing request received after this time will be held over and processed on the next Dealing Day, using the Net Asset Value per Share calculated as at the Valuation Point on that next Dealing Day.

### 4.2. Calculation of the Net Asset Value

The value of the Scheme Property shall be the value of its assets less the value of its liabilities determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- 4.2.1. All the Scheme Property (including receivables) is to be included, subject to the following provisions.
- 4.2.2. Scheme Property which is not cash (or other assets dealt with in paragraph4.2.3 and 4.2.4 below) shall be valued as follows and the prices used shall(subject as follows) be the most recent prices which it is practicable to obtain:
  - (a) Units or shares in a collective investment scheme:
    - (i) if a single price for buying and redeeming units or shares is quoted, at that price; or
    - (ii) if separate buying and redemption prices are quoted, at the average of the two prices provided the buying price has been reduced by any initial charge included therein and the redemption price has been increased by any exit or redemption charge attributable thereto; or

- (iii) if, in the opinion of the ACD, the price obtained is unreliable or no recent traded price is available or if no recent price exists, at a value which, in the opinion of the ACD, is fair and reasonable;
- (b) exchange-traded derivative contracts:
  - (i) if a single price for buying and selling the exchange-traded derivative contract is quoted, at that price; or
  - (ii) if separate buying and selling prices are quoted, at the average of the two prices;
- (c) over-the-counter derivative contracts shall be valued in accordance with the method of valuation as shall have been agreed between the ACD and the Depositary
- (d) any other investment:
  - (i) if a single price for buying and redeeming the security is quoted, at that price; or
  - (ii) if separate buying and redemption prices are quoted, at the average of the two prices; or
  - (iii) if, in the opinion of the ACD, the price obtained is unreliable or no recent traded price is available or if no recent price exists or if the most recent price available does not reflect the ACD's best estimate of the value, at a value which, in the opinion of the ACD, is fair and reasonable:
- (e) Scheme Property other than that described in paragraphs 4.2.2(a) to 4.2.2(b) above, at a value which, in the opinion of the ACD, is fair and reasonable:
- 4.2.3. Cash and amounts held in current and deposit and margin accounts and in other time related deposits shall be valued at their nominal values.
- 4.2.4. In determining the value of the Scheme Property, all instructions given to issue or cancel Shares shall be assumed (unless the contrary is shown) to have been carried out and any cash paid or received and all consequential action required by the Regulations or this Instrument of Incorporation shall be assumed (unless the contrary has been shown) to have been taken.
- 4.2.5. Subject to paragraph 4.2.6 below, agreements for the unconditional sale or purchase of Scheme Property which are in existence but uncompleted shall

be assumed to have been completed and all consequential action required to have been taken. Such unconditional agreements need not be taken into account if made shortly before the valuation takes place and if, in the opinion of the ACD, their omission will not materially affect the final net asset amount.

- 4.2.6. All agreements are to be included under paragraph 4.2.5 which are, or ought reasonably to have been, known to the person valuing the Scheme Property assuming that all other persons in the ACD's employment take all reasonable steps to inform it immediately of the making of any agreement.
- 4.2.7. Deduct an estimated amount for anticipated tax liabilities (on unrealised capital gains where the liabilities have accrued and are payable out of the property of the Scheme; on realised capital gains in respect of previously completed and current accounting periods; and on income where the liabilities have accrued) including (as applicable and without limitation) capital gains tax, income tax, corporation tax, VAT, stamp duty, SDRT and any foreign taxes or duties.
- 4.2.8. Deduct an estimated amount for any liabilities payable out of the Scheme Property and any tax or duty thereon, treating periodic items as accruing from day to day.
- 4.2.9. Deduct the principal amount of any outstanding borrowings whenever repayable and any accrued but unpaid interest on borrowings.
- 4.2.10. Add an estimated amount for accrued claims for tax of whatever nature which may be recoverable.
- 4.2.11. Add any other credits or amounts due to be paid into the Scheme Property.
- 4.2.12. Add a sum representing any interest or any income accrued due or deemed to have accrued but not received and any stamp duty reserve tax provision anticipated to be received.
- 4.2.13. Currencies or values in currencies other than Sterling shall be converted at the relevant Valuation Point at a rate of exchange that is not likely to result in any material prejudice to the interests of Shareholders or potential Shareholders.

### 4.3. Price per Share in each Class

The price per Share at which Shares are bought or are redeemed is the Net Asset Value per Share at the Valuation Point. Any initial charge or redemption charge, (or dilution levy or SDRT on a specific deal, if applicable) is payable in addition to the price or deducted from the proceeds and is taken from the gross subscription or redemption monies.

Each allocation of income made in respect of the Company at a time when more than

one Class is in issue shall be done by reference to the relevant Shareholder's proportionate interest in the income property of the Company calculated in accordance with the Instrument of Incorporation.

The ACD will make use of the revised 'delivery versus payment' (DvP) exemption as set out in the FCA Rules, which provides for a one business day window during which money held for the purposes of settling a transaction in Shares is not treated as 'client money'. Specifically, under the DvP exemption, money received by the ACD from an investor, or money due to be paid to an investor by the ACD, need not be treated as client money if: (i) the ACD receives the money from an investor for the subscription of Shares and the money is passed to the Depositary for the purpose of creating Shares in the Company within one business day of receipt of money from the investor; or (ii) the ACD holds the money in the course of redeeming Shares provided that the proceeds of that redemption are paid to an investor within one business day of receipt from the Depositary.

### 4.4. Pricing basis

The ACD deals on a forward pricing basis. A forward price is the price calculated at the next Valuation Point after the purchase or redemption is deemed to be accepted by the ACD. Shares in the Company are single priced.

#### 4.5. Publication of Prices

The prices of all Shares are published on the ACD's website. The prices of Shares may also be obtained by calling 01343 880 344 during the ACD's normal business hours.

As the ACD deals on a forward pricing basis, the price that appears in these sources will not necessarily be the same as the one at which investors can currently deal. The ACD may also, at its sole discretion, decide to publish certain Share prices in other third party websites or publications but the ACD does not accept responsibility for the accuracy of the prices published in, or for the non-publication of prices by, these sources for reasons beyond the control of the ACD.

#### 5. RISK FACTORS

Potential investors should consider the following risk factors before investing in the Company.

#### 5.1. General

The investments of the Company are subject to normal market fluctuations and other risks inherent in investing in securities. There can be no assurance that any appreciation in the value of investments will occur. The value of investments and the income derived from them may fall as well as rise and investors may not recoup the original amount they invest in the Company. There is no certainty that the investment objective of the Company will actually be achieved and no warranty or representation is given to this effect. The level of any yield for the Company may be subject to fluctuations and is not guaranteed.

Inflation will affect the future buying power of any investment. If the returns on an investment in the Company have not beaten the rate of inflation, such investment will have less buying power in the future.

The entire market of a particular asset class or geographical sector may fall, having a more pronounced effect on funds heavily invested in that asset class or region. There will be a variation in performance between funds with similar objectives due to the different assets selected.

### 5.2. Effect of Initial Charge or Redemption Charge

Where an initial charge or redemption charge is imposed, an investor who realises his Shares may not (even in the absence of a fall in the value of the relevant investments) realise the amount originally invested.

In particular, where a redemption charge is payable, investors should note that the percentage rate at which the redemption charge is calculated is based on the market value rather than the initial value of the Shares. If the market value of the Shares has increased the redemption charge will show a corresponding increase.

The Shares therefore should be viewed as medium to long term investments.

## 5.3. **Dilution**

The Company may suffer a reduction in the value of its Scheme Property due to dealing costs incurred when buying and selling investments. To offset this dilution effect the ACD may require the payment of a dilution levy in addition to the price of Shares when bought or as a deduction when sold.

## 5.4. Charges to Capital

Where the investment objective of the Company is to treat the generation of income as a higher priority than capital growth, or the generation of income and capital growth

have equal priority, all or part of the ACD's fee may be charged against capital instead of against income. The treatment of the ACD's fee may increase the amount of income (which may be taxable) available for distribution to Shareholders but will erode capital and may constrain capital growth.

# 5.5. Suspension of Dealings in Shares

Investors are reminded that in certain circumstances their right to redeem Shares (including a redemption by way of switching) may be suspended.

### 5.6. Currency Exchange Rates

Currency fluctuations may adversely affect the value of the Company's investments and the income thereon and, depending on an investor's currency of reference, currency fluctuations may adversely affect the value of his investment in Shares.

## 5.7. Share Currency Designation Risk

Share Classes may be available which are designated in a currency other than the Base Currency. In such circumstances, adverse exchange rate fluctuations between the Class Currency and the Base Currency, or between the Class Currency and the underlying currency exposures resulting from the underlying investment decisions including the currency management transactions may result in a decrease in return and/or a loss of capital for Shareholders.

Any currency management transactions that are undertaken to control this risk may limit Shareholders of any Share Class from benefiting from opportunities if there was no currency management transactions and might expose investors to losses. Currency management transactions will expose investors to fluctuations in the Net Asset Value per Shares reflecting the gains/loss on and the costs of the relevant financial instruments.

Where currency management transactions provide exposure to currencies that are different from the Class Currency or the currency exposures arising from the underlying investments, the Company will be exposed to the risk that changes in the value of the currencies to which the Company is exposed may not correlate with changes in the value of the currency in which the underlying securities are denominated, which could result in loss on both the currency management transactions and the Company's securities.

## 5.8. Credit and Fixed Interest Securities

Fixed interest securities are particularly affected by trends in interest rates and inflation. If interest rates go up, the value of capital may fall, and vice versa. Inflation will also decrease the real value of capital.

The value of a fixed interest security will fall in the event of the default or reduced credit rating of the issuer. Generally, the higher the yield, the higher the perceived credit risk

of the issuer. High yield bonds with lower credit ratings (also known as sub-investment grade bonds) are potentially more risky (higher credit risk) than investment grade bonds. A sub-investment grade bond has a Standard & Poor's credit rating of below BBB or equivalent. BBB is described as having adequate capacity to meet financial commitments. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the bond issuer to meet its financial commitments.

## 5.9. Counterparty and Settlement

The Company will be exposed to a credit risk on parties with whom it trades and will also bear the risk of settlement default.

#### 5.10. **Tax**

Tax laws currently in place may change in the future which could affect the value of your investments. See the section headed 'Taxation' for further details about taxation of the Company.

### 5.11. Inflation and Interest Rates

The real value of any returns that an investor may receive from the Company could be affected by interest rates and inflation over time.

#### 5.12. **Custody**

There may be a risk of loss where the assets of the Company are held in custody that could result from the insolvency, negligence or fraudulent action of a custodian or subcustodian.

#### 5.13. **Liquidity**

Depending on the types of assets the Company invests in there may be occasions where there is an increased risk that a position cannot be liquidated in a timely manner at a reasonable price.

## 5.14. Legal and Regulatory Risks

Legal and regulatory (including taxation) changes could adversely affect the Company. Regulation (including taxation) of investment vehicles such as the Company is subject to change. The effect of any future legal or regulatory (including taxation) change on the Company is impossible to predict, but could be substantial and have adverse consequences on the rights and returns of Shareholders.

### 5.15. Lack of Operating History

The Company is a newly incorporated entity and has no operating history. The past investment performance of the ACD, the Investment Manager or their affiliates may not

be construed as an indicator of the future results of an investment in the Company.

# 5.16. **Cyber Security Risk**

As the use of technology has become more prevalent in the course of business, funds have become more susceptible to operational and financial risks associated with cyber security, including: theft, loss, misuse, improper release, corruption and destruction of, or unauthorised access to, confidential or highly restricted data relating to the Company and the Shareholders and compromises or failures to systems, networks, devices and applications relating to the operations of the Company and its service providers. Cyber security risks may result in financial losses to the Company and the Shareholders; the inability of the Company to transact business with the Shareholders; delays or mistakes in the calculation of the Net Asset Value or other materials provided to Shareholders; the inability to process transactions with Shareholders or the parties; violations of privacy and other laws,; regulatory fines, penalties and reputational damage; and compliance and remediation costs, legal fees and other expenses. The Company's service providers (including but not limited to the ACD and the Depositary and their agents), financial intermediaries, companies in which the Company invests and parties with which the Company engages in portfolio or other transactions also may be adversely impacted by cyber security risks in their own business, which could result in losses to the Company or the Shareholders. While measures have been developed which are designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security, there is no guarantee that those measures will be effective, particularly since the Company does not directly control the cyber security defences or plans of its service providers, financial intermediaries and companies in which the Company invests or with which it does business.

## 5.17. Concentration

The Company may invest in a narrow range of funds or stock and so may be more volatile than more broadly diversified equity funds.

#### 6. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

# 6.1. **Regulatory Status**

The ACD, the Depositary and the Investment Manager are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority of 12 Endeavour Square, London, E20 1JN.

### 6.2. Authorised Corporate Director and AIFM

#### 6.2.1. **General**

The ACD and AIFM of the Company is Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited which is a private company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales on 3 October 1989 with company number 02428648.

The directors of the ACD are:

- R Peter W Millar
- Anne Laing
- Martin Henderson
- Douglas Halley
- Michael Barron

The directors of the ACD and their significant business activities (if any) not connected with the business of the ACD are as set out in Appendix IV.

Registered Office: Level 13 Broadgate Tower, 20 Primrose Street,

London, EC2A 2EW.

Principal Place of Business: Orton, Moray, IV32 7QE.

**Share Capital**: It has a share capital of £1,673,295 ordinary shares

of £1 each issued and paid up.

Ultimate Holding Company: Valu-Trac Limited, a company incorporated in

Bermuda.

The ACD is responsible for managing and administering the Company's affairs in compliance with the COLL Sourcebook and FUND. The ACD may delegate its management and administration functions, but not responsibility, to third parties, including associates subject to the rules in the COLL Sourcebook and FUND.

Whilst the ACD retains the management function in respect of the Company it has appointed the Investment Adviser to provide it with advice in relation to the investments of the Company (as further explained in paragraph 6.4 below). Discretion over the

investments made by the Company remains with the ACD.

### 6.2.2. Terms of Appointment:

The appointment of the ACD has been made under an agreement between the Company and the ACD, as amended from time to time (the "ACD Agreement").

Pursuant to the ACD Agreement, the ACD manages and administers the affairs of the Company in accordance with the Regulations, the Instrument of Incorporation and this Prospectus. The ACD Agreement incorporates detailed provisions relating to the ACD's responsibilities.

The ACD Agreement may be terminated by either party after on not less than six months written notice or earlier upon the happening of certain specified events. The ACD Agreement contains detailed provisions relating to the responsibilities of the ACD and excludes it from any liability to the Company or any Shareholder for any act or omission except in the case of negligence, wilful default, fraud, bad faith, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Company on its part. The ACD Agreement provides indemnities to the ACD to the extent allowed by the Regulations and other than for matters arising by reason of its negligence, wilful default, fraud, bad faith, breach of duty or breach of trust in the performance of its duties and obligations. Subject to certain limited exceptions set out in the Regulations, the ACD may retain the services of any person to assist it in the performance of its functions.

Details of the fees payable to the ACD are set out in paragraph 7.2 "Charges payable to the ACD" below.

The Company has no directors other than the ACD. The ACD is the manager or authorised corporate director of certain authorised unit trusts and open-ended investment companies details of which are set out in Appendix IV.

## 6.3. The Depositary

## 6.3.1. **General**

NatWest Trustee and Depositary Services Limited is the Depositary of the Company.

The Depositary is incorporated in England as a private limited company. Its registered and head office is at 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA. The ultimate holding company of the Depositary is The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, which is incorporated in Scotland. The principal business activity of the Depositary is the provision of trustee and depositary services. The Depositary is authorised and regulated by the FCA. It is authorised to carry on investment business in the United Kingdom by virtue of its authorisation and regulation by the regulator.

Duties of the Depositary

The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of the property of the Company,

monitoring the cash flows of the Company, and must ensure that certain processes carried out by the ACD are performed in accordance with the applicable rules and Company documents.

In addition to its safekeeping and oversight functions mentioned above, the Depositary is also responsible for:

- ensuring that the Company's cash flows are properly monitored, and that all payments made by or on behalf of investors upon the subscription of Shares have been received;
- carrying out the instructions of the ACD unless these conflict with applicable law or the Instrument of Incorporation;
- ensuring that in transactions involving the Company's assets any consideration is remitted to the Company within the usual time limits; and
- ensuring that the Company's income is applied in accordance with applicable law and the Instrument of Incorporation.

#### Conflicts of Interest

The Depositary may act as the depositary of other open-ended investment companies and as trustee or custodian of other collective investment schemes.

It is possible that the Depositary and/or its delegates and sub-delegates may in the course of its or their business be involved in other financial and professional activities which may on occasion have potential conflicts of interest with the Company and/or other funds managed by the ACD or other funds for which the Depositary acts as the depositary, trustee or custodian. The Depositary will, however, have regard in such event to its obligations under the Depositary Agreement and the Regulations and, in particular, will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that the performance of its duties will not be impaired by any such involvement it may have and that any conflicts which may arise will be resolved fairly and in the best interests of Shareholders collectively so far as practicable, having regard to its obligations to other clients.

Nevertheless, as the Depositary operates independently from the Company, Shareholders, the ACD and its associated suppliers and the Custodian, the Depositary does not anticipate any conflicts of interest with any of the aforementioned parties.

### Delegation of safekeeping functions

The Depositary is permitted to delegate (and authorise its delegate to sub-delegate) the safekeeping of Scheme Property.

The Depositary has delegated safekeeping of the Scheme Property to RBC Investor Services Trust, UK Branch ("the **Custodian**"). In turn, the Custodian has delegated the custody of assets in certain markets in which the Company may invest to various sub-

delegates ("sub-custodians").

Up-to-date information regarding the Depositary, its duties, its conflicts of interest and the delegation of its safekeeping functions (including the list showing the identity of each delegate and sub-delegate) will be made available to shareholders on request

### 6.3.2. Terms of Appointment:

The appointment of the Depositary has been made under an agreement between the Company, the ACD and the Depositary, (the "Depositary Agreement").

Under the Depositary Agreement, the Depositary is free to render similar services to others and the Depositary, the Company and the ACD are subject to a duty not to disclose confidential information.

The powers, duties, rights and obligations of the Depositary, the Company and the ACD under the Depositary Agreement shall, to the extent of any conflict, be overridden by the FCA Rules.

Under the Depositary Agreement the Depositary will be liable to the Company for any loss of Financial Instruments held in Custody or for any liabilities incurred by the Company as a result of the Depositary's negligent or intentional failure to fulfil its obligations.

However, the Depositary Agreement excludes the Depositary from any liability except in the case of fraud, wilful default, negligence or failure to exercise due care and diligence in the performance or non-performance of its obligations.

It also provides that the Company will indemnify the Depositary for any loss suffered in the performance or non-performance of its obligations except in the case of fraud, wilful default, negligence or failure to exercise due care and diligence on its part.

The Depositary Agreement may be terminated on 6 months' notice by the Company or the Depositary or earlier on certain breaches or the insolvency of a party. However, termination of the Depositary Agreement will not take effect, nor may the Depositary retire voluntarily, until the appointment of a new Depositary.

Details of the fees payable to the Depositary are given in paragraph 7.3 "Depositary's fees and expenses" below.

### 6.4. The Investment Adviser

The ACD has appointed Inpersca Limited (by means of an investment advisory agreement) to provide investment advisory services to it in respect of the Company. The Investment Adviser is an appointed representative of the ACD. The Investment Adviser's registered office and its principal place of business is at 28 Walker Street, Edinburgh, EH3 7HR. The Investment Adviser shall advise the ACD as to the merits of investment opportunities or information relevant to the making of judgements about the

merits of investment opportunities and will identify holdings and their relative weightings for consideration and inclusion in the Company's portfolio. The advisory agreement may be terminated by either party on not less than six months' written notice or earlier upon the happening of certain specified events (including if the ACD considers termination to be in the interests of investors).

The Investment Adviser will receive a fee paid by the ACD out of its remuneration received each month from the Company.

## 6.5. The Registrar

The ACD will also act as Registrar with responsibility for maintaining the Register. The Register will be kept at the offices of the ACD, where it can be inspected by Shareholders during normal business hours.

#### 6.6. The Auditors

The auditors of the Company are Johnston Carmichael LLP whose principal place of business is at Commerce House, South St, Elgin IV30.

The Auditors are responsible for auditing the annual accounts of the Company and expressing an opinion on certain matters relating to the Company in the annual report including whether its accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Regulations and the Instrument of Incorporation

#### 6.7. Conflicts of Interest

The ACD, the Investment Manager and other companies within the ACD and/or the Investment Manager's group may, from time to time, act as investment manager or advisers to other funds or sub-funds which follow similar investment objectives to those of the Company. It is therefore possible that the ACD and/or the Investment Manager may in the course of its business have potential conflicts of interest with the Company or that a conflict exists between the Company and other funds managed by the ACD. Each of the ACD and the Investment Manager will, however, have regard in such event to its obligations under the ACD Agreement and the Investment Advisory A agreement respectively and, in particular, to its obligation to act in the best interests of the Company so far as practicable, having regard to its obligations to other clients, when undertaking any investment business where potential conflicts of interest may arise. Where a conflict of interest cannot be avoided, the ACD and the Investment Manager will ensure that the Company and other collective investment schemes they manage are fairly treated.

The ACD acknowledges that there may be some situations where the organisational or administrative arrangements in place for the management of conflicts of interest are not sufficient to ensure, with reasonable confidence, that risks of damage to the interests of the Company or its shareholders will be prevented. Should any such situations arise the ACD will disclose these to shareholders in the report and accounts

or otherwise an appropriate format.

The Depositary may act as the depositary of other open-ended investment companies and as trustee or custodian of other collective investment schemes.

Details of the ACD's conflicts of interest policy are available on its website at: www.valu-trac.com.

#### 7. FEES AND EXPENSES

# 7.1. **Ongoing**

Other costs, charges, fees or expenses, other than the charges made in connection with the subscription and redemption of Shares (see paragraph 3.6) payable by a Shareholder or out of Scheme Property are set out in this section.

The Company may, so far as the COLL Sourcebook and FUND allows, pay out of the Scheme Property all relevant costs, charges, fees and expenses including, but not limited to, the following:

- 7.1.1. the fees and expenses and other charges payable to the ACD, the Investment Manager, the Registrar/Administrator and the Depositary;
- 7.1.2. broker's commission, fiscal charges (including stamp duty and/or stamp duty reserve tax) and other disbursements which are necessary to be incurred in effecting transactions for the Company and normally shown in contract notes, confirmation notes and difference accounts as appropriate;
- 7.1.3. fees and expenses in respect of establishing and maintaining the register of Shareholders, including any sub-registers and any associated incurred expenses whether they are provided by the ACD, its associates or any other person;
- 7.1.4. any costs incurred in or about the listing of Shares in the Company on any Stock Exchange, and the creation, conversion and cancellation of Shares;
- 7.1.5. any costs incurred in establishing or maintaining any services or facilities for electronic dealing in shares;
- 7.1.6. any costs incurred by the Company in publishing the price of the Shares in a national or other newspaper or any other form of media;
- 7.1.7. any costs incurred in producing and dispatching any payments made by the Company, or the yearly and half-yearly reports of the Company;
- 7.1.8. any fees, expenses or disbursements of any legal or other professional adviser of the Company or of the ACD or Investment Manager in relation to the Company;
- 7.1.9. any costs incurred in taking out and maintaining any insurance policy in relation to the Company;
- any costs incurred in respect of meetings of Shareholders convened for any purpose;
- 7.1.11. any payment permitted by clause 6.7.15R of the COLL Sourcebook;

- 7.1.12. interest on borrowings and charges incurred in effecting or terminating such borrowings or in negotiating or varying the terms of such borrowings;
- 7.1.13. taxation and duties payable in respect of the Scheme Property or the issue or redemption of Shares;
- 7.1.14. the audit fees of the Auditors (including VAT) and any expenses of the Auditors:
- 7.1.15. the fees of the FCA, in accordance with FCA's Fee Manual, together with any corresponding periodic fees of any regulatory authority in a country or territory outside the United Kingdom in which shares in the Company are or may be marketed;
- 7.1.16. any expense incurred in relation to company secretarial duties including the cost of maintenance of minute books and other documentation required to be maintained by the Company;
- 7.1.17. any costs incurred in modifying the Instrument of Incorporation, Prospectus, KIIDs and other materials of the Company;
- 7.1.18. any costs incurred in printing reports, accounts, the Instrument of Incorporation, Prospectus and KIIDs of the Company, and any costs incurred as a result of periodic updates of such documents and any other administrative expenses;
- 7.1.19. all fees and expenses of paying agents in countries other than the UK where shares in the Company are registered for retail sale;
- 7.1.20. any other fee, cost, charge or expense otherwise due or permitted to be deducted from the Company under the Regulations;
- 7.1.21. any value added or similar tax relating to any change or expense set out herein:
- 7.1.22. expenses properly incurred by the ACD in the performance of its duties as ACD of the Company, including without limitation any costs incurred in preparing, translating, producing (including printing), distributing and modifying, any instrument of incorporation any prospectus or key investor information document (apart from the cost of distributing the key investor information document), or reports, accounts, statements, contract notes and other like documentation or any other relevant document required under the Regulations;
- 7.1.23. such other expenses as the ACD resolves are properly payable out of the Company's property;

The ACD is also entitled to be paid by the Company out of the Scheme Property any

expenses incurred by the ACD or its delegates of the kinds described above.

VAT will be added to these fees, charges and expenses where appropriate and will be payable by the Company.

#### Allocation of expenses

Expenses are allocated between capital and income in accordance with the Regulations. However, the approach for the Company is set out in Appendix I. **Deducting charges from capital may erode or constrain capital growth.** 

Where expenses are deducted in the first instance from income, if and only if this is insufficient, the ACD and Depositary have agreed that all or part of the deductions will be made from capital (save for any charge made in respect of SDRT). If deductions were made from capital, this would result in capital erosion and constrain growth.

The ACD and the Depositary have agreed that the fees payable to the ACD and the Depositary will be apportioned as is set out in Appendix I in respect of each share class of the Company.

## 7.2. Charges payable to the ACD

## 7.2.1. Annual Management Charge

In payment for carrying out its duties and responsibilities the ACD is entitled to take an annual fee out of the Company as set out in Appendix I. The annual management charge will accrue on a daily basis in arrears by reference to the Net Asset Value of the Company on the immediately preceding Dealing Day and the amount due for each month is payable on the last Dealing Day of each month. The current annual management charges for the Company is set out in Appendix I. The fees payable to the Investment Manager(s) are payable by the ACD out of its own fee income.

#### 7.2.2. Expenses

The ACD is also entitled to all reasonable, properly documented, out of pocket expenses incurred in the performance of its duties as set out above, including stamp duty, stamp duty reserve tax on transactions in shares and expenses incurred in effecting regulatory changes to the Company.

VAT is payable on the charges or expenses mentioned above, where appropriate.

If a Class's expenses in any period exceed its income the ACD may take that excess from the capital property attributable to that Class.

The current annual fee payable to the ACD for a Class may only be increased or a new type of remuneration introduced in accordance with the Regulations.

#### 7.3. Depositary's fee and expenses

The Depositary receives for its own account a periodic fee which will accrue and is due monthly on the last Valuation Point in each calendar month in respect of that day and the period since the last Valuation Point in the preceding month and is payable within seven days after the last Valuation Point in each month. The fee is calculated by reference to the value of the Company on the last Valuation Point of the preceding month except for the first accrual which is calculated by reference to the first Valuation Point of the Company. The rate of the periodic fee shall be as agreed between the ACD and the Depositary from time to time and is currently based on the value of the Company:

- Up to £25million 4 bps per annum
- £25 million to £50 million 3.75 bps per annum
- £50 million to £100 million 3.5 bps per annum
- thereafter 3 bps per annum

(plus VAT) subject to a minimum of £15,000 (plus VAT) per annum.

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These rates can be varied from time to time in accordance with the OEIC Regulations and the Rules.

In addition to the periodic fee referred to above, the Depositary shall also be entitled to be paid transaction and custody charges in relation to transaction handling and safekeeping of the Scheme Property as follows:

Item Range

Custody charges 0.0% to 0.12%

Transaction charges £0 to £40 per transaction

Transaction and custody charges vary from country to country depending on the markets and the type of transaction involved. Transaction charges accrue at the time the transactions are effected and are payable as soon as is reasonably practicable, and in any event not later than the last Business Day of the month when such charges arose or as otherwise agreed between the Depositary and the ACD. Custody charges accrue and are payable as agreed from time to time by the ACD, the Depositary and the Custodian.

Where relevant, the Depositary may make a charge for (or otherwise benefit from) providing services in relation to: distributions, the provision of banking services, holding money on deposit, lending money or engaging in stock lending or derivative transactions in relation to the Company and may purchase or sell or deal in the purchase or sale of Scheme Property, provided always that the services concerned and any such dealing are in accordance with the provisions of the OEIC Regulations or

the Rules.

The Depositary will also be entitled to payment and reimbursement of all costs, liabilities and expenses properly incurred in the performance of, or arranging the performance of, functions conferred on it by the Instrument of Incorporation, the OEIC Regulations, the Rules or the general law.

On a winding up, redemption or termination of the Company, the Depositary will be entitled to its pro rata fees, charges and expenses to the date of winding up, redemption or termination (as appropriate) and any additional expenses necessarily realised in settling or receiving any outstanding obligations.

Any value added tax on any fees, charges or expenses payable to the Depositary will be added to such fees, charges or expenses.

Any of the Depositary's fees, charges and expenses described above may be payable to any person (including the ACD or any associate or nominee of the Depositary or of the ACD) who has had the relevant duty delegated to it by the Depositary pursuant to the FCA Rules.

#### 7.4. Investment Adviser's fee

The Investment Adviser's fees and expenses (plus VAT thereon where applicable) for providing investment advisory services will be paid by the ACD out of its remuneration under the ACD Agreement.

The Investment Adviser is also entitled to be repaid out of the assets of the Company, all reasonable, properly documented, out of pocket expenses incurred in the proper performance of its duties.

Further details of this agreement are summarised in paragraph 6.4.2 "Terms of Appointment" above.

# 8. INSTRUMENT OF INCORPORATION

The Instrument of Incorporation is available for inspection at the ACD's offices at Orton, Moray, IV32 7QE.

#### 9. SHAREHOLDER MEETINGS AND VOTING RIGHTS

## 9.1. Class and Company Meetings

The Company has dispensed with the holding of annual general meetings.

The provisions below, unless the context otherwise requires, apply to Class meetings as they apply to general meetings of the Company, but by reference to Shares of the Class concerned and the Shareholders and value and prices of such Shares.

## 9.2. Requisitions of Meetings

The ACD may requisition a general meeting at any time.

Shareholders may also requisition a general meeting of the Company. A requisition by Shareholders must state the objects of the meeting, be dated, be signed by Shareholders who, at the date of the requisition, are registered as holding not less than one tenth in value of all Shares then in issue and the requisition must be deposited at the head office of the Company. The ACD must convene a general meeting no later than eight weeks after receipt of such requisition.

## 9.3. Notice and Quorum

Shareholders will receive at least 14 days' notice of a general meeting and are entitled to be counted in the quorum and vote at such meeting either in person or by proxy. The quorum for a meeting is two Shareholders, present in person or by proxy. The quorum for an adjourned meeting is one person entitled to be counted in a quorum. Notices of meetings and adjourned meetings will be sent to Shareholders at their registered addresses.

## 9.4. Voting Rights

At a general meeting, on a show of hands every Shareholder who (being an individual) is present in person or (being a corporation) is present by its representative properly authorised in that regard, has one vote.

On a poll vote, a Shareholder may vote either in person or by proxy. The voting rights attaching to each Share are such proportion of the voting rights attached to all the Shares in issue that the price of the Share bears to the aggregate price of all the Shares in issue at the date seven days before the notice of meeting is sent out, such date to be decided by the ACD.

A Shareholder entitled to more than one vote need not, if he votes, use all his votes or cast all the votes he uses in the same way.

In the case of joint Shareholders, the vote of the most senior Shareholder who votes, whether in person or by proxy, must be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint Shareholders. For this purpose seniority must be determined by the order in

which the names stand in the Register.

Except where the COLL Sourcebook, FUND or the Instrument of Incorporation require an extraordinary resolution (which needs at least 75% of the votes cast at the meeting to be in favour if the resolution is to be passed) any resolution required by the COLL Sourcebook or FUND will be passed by a simple majority of the votes validly cast for and against the resolution.

The ACD may not be counted in the quorum for a meeting and neither the ACD nor any associate (as defined in the COLL Sourcebook) of the ACD is entitled to vote at any meeting of the Company except in respect of Shares which the ACD or associate holds on behalf of or jointly with a person who, if the registered Shareholder, would be entitled to vote and from whom the ACD or associate has received voting instructions.

Where all the Shares in the Company are registered to, or held by, the ACD or its associates and they are therefore prohibited from voting and a resolution (including an extraordinary resolution) is required to conduct business at a meeting, it shall not be necessary to convene such a meeting and a resolution may, with the prior written agreement of the Depositary, instead be passed with the written consent of Shareholders representing 50% or more, or for an extraordinary resolution 75% or more, of the Shares in issue.

"Shareholders" in this context means Shareholders on the date seven days before the notice of the relevant meeting was sent out but excludes holders who are known to the ACD not to be shareholders at the time of the meeting.

# 9.5. Variation of Class rights

The rights attached to a Class may not be varied without the sanction of an extraordinary resolution passed at a meeting of Shareholders of that Class or otherwise in accordance with the COLL Sourcebook.

## 10. TAXATION

#### 10.1. General

The information below is a general guide based on current United Kingdom law and HM Revenue & Customs practice, all of which are subject to change. It is not intended to be exhaustive and there may be other tax considerations which may be relevant to prospective investors.

It summarises the tax position of the Company and of investors who are resident, and in the case of individuals, ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom for tax purposes and hold Shares as investments. The regime for taxation of income and capital gains received by investors depends on the tax law applicable to their particular circumstances and/or the place where the Scheme Property is invested.

Prospective investors who are in any doubt about their tax position, or who may be subject to tax in a jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom, are recommended to take professional advice.

#### 10.2. The Company

### Capital Gains

The Company is generally exempt from United Kingdom tax on capital gains realised on the disposal of investments. However, in some cases, gains realised on holdings in non-reporting offshore funds will incur a tax charge on disposal.

#### Income

Subject to certain exemptions, the Company will be subject to corporation tax at the lower rate of income tax (currently 20%) on its income from investments after relief for allowable expenses.

The Company is not subject to tax on dividends and similar distributions from UK resident companies (its "franked investment income"). To the extent that the Company receives income from, or realises gains on investments issued in, foreign countries, it may be subject to withholding tax or other taxation in those jurisdictions and to UK corporation tax on the income. Where the Company suffers foreign tax on income received, this will generally be a cost to the Company but in some cases may be deducted from the UK tax payable on that income.

The Company will make dividend distributions except where more than a certain percentage of its property has been invested throughout the distribution period in interest-paying investments, in which case it will make interest distributions.

## 10.3. Shareholders

#### 10.3.1. **Income**

UK resident and domiciled Shareholders are taxed on the full net income earned for them, whether distributed or accumulated. Shareholders will be sent tax vouchers stating the make up of their distributions showing in each case their taxable income and the tax which has been applied. Individuals liable to income tax at the basic rate will have no further liability to tax. Higher and additional rate taxpayers will have to pay an additional amount of income tax on the amount received. Certain categories of Shareholder may be able to reclaim some tax credits.

Dividend distributions will be streamed into franked and unfranked income for the Shareholders chargeable to UK corporation tax, according to the underlying gross income of the Company. The unfranked element will be treated as an annual payment which has been subject to income tax at a rate of 20%, and the Shareholder may therefore be liable to further tax.

### 10.3.2. Income equalisation

The first income allocation received by an investor after buying Shares may include an amount of income equalisation. This is effectively a repayment of the income equalisation paid by the investor as part of the purchase price. It is a return of capital, and is not taxable. Rather it should be deducted from the acquisition cost of the Shares for capital gains tax purposes.

## 10.3.3. Capital Gains

Shareholders may be liable to capital gains tax on gains arising from the redemption, transfer or other disposal of Shares. The rate of tax, and available reliefs, will be as applicable from time to time.

An exchange of Shares between classes within the Company will not normally be treated as a disposal for this purpose.

Shareholders chargeable to UK corporation tax must include all chargeable gains realised on the disposal of Shares in their taxable profits.

#### 10.3.4. Inheritance Tax

Shareholdings of an individual shareholder may become subject to an inheritance tax liability under the following circumstances. During an individual's lifetime, any transfer of shareholdings at less than market value may be liable.

Additionally, transfer following the death of the individual may also be liable. The charge to inheritance tax is not restricted to UK individuals. Reliefs and exemptions may apply to reduce or extinguish any liability to inheritance tax. Investors should seek professional advice if they are unclear on the inheritance tax consequences of investing in the Company.

## 10.4. Reporting of Tax Information

The Company and the ACD are subject to obligations which require them to provide certain information to relevant tax authorities about the Company, investors and payments made to them.

The International Tax Compliance Regulations, SI 2015/878 (which give effect in the UK to amendments made to the EU Directive on Administrative Cooperation, Directive 2011/16/EU, which replace the reporting obligations under the Taxation of Savings Income Directive 2003/48/EC) may require the disclosure to HMRC of details of payments of interest and other income (which may include distributions on redemption payments by collective investment funds) to shareholders who are individuals or residual entities, and HMRC will pass such details to the EU member state where the shareholder resides.

The International Tax Compliance (Crown Dependencies and Gibraltar) Regulations 2014 imposed a separate reporting regime for investors from several of the UK's overseas territories: Jersey, Guernsey, Isle of Man and Gibraltar.

The International Tax Compliance Regulations 2015 give effect to reporting obligations under the OECD's Common Reporting Standard, which replaced the reporting regime for investors from the UK's overseas territories with effect from 1 January 2016 and extends it to investors from other jurisdictions.

The International Tax Compliance Regulations 2015 also give effect to an intergovernmental agreement between the US and the United Kingdom in relation to the US Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA"). FATCA is designed to help the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") combat US tax evasion. It requires financial institutions, such as the Company, to report on US investors or US holdings, whether or not this is relevant. Failure to comply (or be deemed compliant) with these requirements will subject the Company to US withholding taxes on certain US-sourced income and gains.

Provided the Company complies with its obligations under the International Tax Compliance Regulations 2015 to identify and report US taxpayer information directly to HMRC, it should be deemed compliant with FACTA. HMRC will share such information with the IRS.

Shareholders may be asked to provide additional information to the ACD to enable the Company to satisfy these obligations. Failure to provide requested information may subject a Shareholder to liability for any resulting US withholding taxes, US tax information reporting and/or mandatory redemption, transfer or other termination of the Shareholder's interest in the Company.

To the extent the Company is subject to withholding tax as a result of:

- a Shareholder failing (or delaying) to provide relevant information to the ACD;
- a Shareholder failing (or delaying) to enter into a direct agreement with the

IRS;

the Company becoming liable under FATCA or any legislation or regulation to account for tax in any jurisdiction in the event that a Shareholder or beneficial owner of a Share receives a distribution, payment or redemption, in respect of their Shares or disposes (or be deemed to have disposed) of part or all of their Shares in any way;

(each a "Chargeable Event"),

the ACD may take any action in relation to a Shareholder's or beneficial owner's holding to ensure that such withholding is economically borne by the relevant Shareholder or beneficial owner, and/or the ACD and/or its delegate or agent shall be entitled to deduct from the payment arising on a Chargeable Event an amount equal to the appropriate tax. The action by the ACD may also include, but is not limited to, removal of a non-compliant Shareholder from the Company or the ACD or its delegates or agents redeeming or cancelling such number of Shares held by the Shareholder or such beneficial owner as are required to meet the amount of tax. Neither the ACD nor its delegate or agent, will be obliged to make any additional payments to the Shareholder or beneficial owner in respect of such withholding or deduction.

Each investor agrees to indemnify the Company, and/or the ACD and its delegates/agents for any loss caused by such investor arising to the Company, or ACD and/or its delegates/agents by reason of them becoming liable to account for tax in any jurisdiction on the happening of a Chargeable Event.

The foregoing statements are based on UK law and HMRC practice as known at the date of this Prospectus and are intended to provide general guidance only. Shareholders and applicants for Shares are recommended to consult their professional advisers if they are in any doubt about their tax position.

No liability is accepted by the ACD for such interpretation and all Shareholders should seek independent legal and taxation advice.

#### 11. WINDING UP OF THE COMPANY

The Company will not be wound up except as an unregistered company under Part V of the Insolvency Act 1986 or under the COLL Sourcebook.

Where the Company is to be wound under the COLL Sourcebook, such winding up may only be commenced following approval by the FCA. The FCA may only give such approval if the ACD provides a statement (following an investigation into the affairs of the Company) either that the Company will be able to meet its liabilities within 12 months of the date of the statement or that the Company will be unable to do so. The Company may not be wound up under the COLL Sourcebook if there is a vacancy in the position of ACD at the relevant time.

The Company shall be wound up under the COLL Sourcebook:

- 11.1. if an extraordinary resolution to that effect is passed by Shareholders; or
- 11.2. when the period (if any) fixed for the duration of the Company by the Instrument of Incorporation expires or any event occurs, for which the Instrument of Incorporation provides that the Company is to be wound up (for example, if the Share capital of the Company is below £1 million, or if a change in the laws or regulations of any country means that, in the ACD's opinion, it is desirable to wind up the Company);
- 11.3. on the date stated in any agreement by the FCA in response to a request by the ACD for the winding up of the Company;
- 11.4. on the effective date of a duly approved scheme of arrangement which is to result in the Company ceasing to hold any Scheme Property; or

On the occurrence of any of the above:

- 11.5. COLL 6.2 (Dealing), COLL 6.3 (Valuation and Pricing) and COLL 5 (Investment and borrowing powers) will cease to apply to;
- 11.6. the Company will cease to issue and cancel Shares in the Company and the ACD shall cease to sell or redeem Shares or arrange for the Company to issue or cancel them for the Company (except in respect of a final cancellation);
- 11.7. no transfer of a Share shall be registered and no other change to the Register of Shareholders shall be made without the sanction of the ACD:
- 11.8. where the Company is being wound up, the Company shall cease to carry on its business except in so far as it is beneficial for the winding up of the Company;
- 11.9. the corporate status and powers of the Company and subject to 11.6 to 11.9 above, the powers of the ACD shall continue until the Company is dissolved.

The ACD shall, as soon as practicable after the winding up or termination commences, realise the assets and meet the liabilities of the Company and, after paying out or retaining adequate

provision for all liabilities properly payable and retaining provision for the costs of winding up, or termination arrange for the Depositary to make one or more interim distributions out of the proceeds to Shareholders proportionately to their rights to participate in the Scheme Property. The ACD must instruct the Depositary how the proceeds must be held prior to being utilised to meet liabilities or make distributions to Shareholders with a view to the prudent protection of creditors and Shareholders against loss. If the ACD has not previously notified Shareholders of the proposal to wind up the Company, the ACD shall, as soon as practicable after the commencement of winding up of the Company, give written notice of the commencement to Shareholders. When the ACD has caused all of the Scheme Property to be realised and all of the liabilities of the Company to be realised, the ACD shall arrange for the Depositary to make a final distribution to Shareholders on or prior to the date on which the final account is sent to Shareholders of any balance remaining in proportion to their holdings in the Company.

As soon as reasonably practicable after completion of the winding up of the Company, the Depositary shall notify the FCA that the winding up has been completed.

On completion of a winding up of the Company, the Company will be dissolved and any money (including unclaimed distributions) still standing to the account of the Company, will be paid into court by the ACD within one month of the dissolution or the termination.

Following the completion of a winding up the Company, the ACD must prepare a final account showing how the winding up took place and how the Scheme Property was distributed. The Auditors of the Company shall make a report in respect of the final account stating their opinion as to whether the final account has been properly prepared. Within four months of the completion of the winding up or termination this final account and the auditors' report must be sent to the FCA and to each person who was a Shareholder (or the first named of joint Shareholders) immediately before the winding up or termination commenced.

## 12. GENERAL INFORMATION

# 12.1. Accounting Periods

The annual accounting period of the Company ends each year on 31 May (the accounting reference date). Details of the interim accounting periods (if any) are set out in Appendix I.

The ACD may even out the payments of income within an accounting period by carrying forward income otherwise distributable with a view to augmenting amounts to be paid out at a later date.

### 12.2. Notice to Shareholders

All notices or other documents sent by the ACD to a Shareholder will be sent by normal post (or by email if the Shareholder agrees) to the last address (or email address as appropriate) notified in writing to the Company by the Shareholder.

#### 12.3. Income Allocations

The allocation date(s) in respect of the Company are set out in Appendix I

In relation to income Shares, distributions of income are paid by bank transfer directly into a Shareholder's bank account on or before the relevant income allocation date in each year as set out in Appendix I.

The ACD may at its option carry out any authentication procedures that it considers appropriate to verify, confirm or clarify shareholder payment instructions relating to dividend payments. This aims to mitigate the risk of error and fraud for the Company, its agents or Shareholders. Where it has not been possible to complete any authentication procedures to its satisfaction, the ACD may, at its discretion, delay the processing of payment instructions until authentication procedures have been satisfied, to a date later than the envisaged dividend payment date.

If the ACD is not satisfied with any verification or confirmation, it may decline to execute the relevant dividend payment until satisfaction is obtained. Neither the ACD nor the Company shall be held responsible to the Shareholder or anyone if it delays execution or declines to execute dividend payments in these circumstances.

For accumulation Shares, income will become part of the capital property of the Company and will be reflected in the price of each such accumulation Share as at the end of the relevant accounting period.

If a distribution made in relation to any income Shares remains unclaimed for a period of six years after it has become due, it will be forfeited and will revert to the Company.

The amount available for distribution in any accounting period is calculated by taking the aggregate of the income received or receivable for the account of the Company in respect of that period, and deducting the charges and expenses paid or payable out of

income in respect of that accounting period. The ACD then makes such other adjustments as it considers appropriate (and after consulting the Company's Auditors as appropriate) in relation to taxation, income equalisation, income unlikely to be received within 12 months following the relevant income allocation date, income which should not be accounted for on an accrual basis because of lack of information as to how it accrues, transfers between the income and capital account and other matters.

#### 12.4. Annual Reports

Annual reports of the Company will be published within four months of each annual accounting period and half yearly reports will be published within two months of each interim accounting period. The report and accounts will be available upon request free of charge.

## 12.5. **Documents of the Company**

The following documents may be inspected free of charge during normal business hours on any Business Day at the offices of the ACD at Orton, Moray, IV32 7QE.

- 12.5.1. the Prospectus;
- 12.5.2. the most recent annual and half yearly reports of the Company;
- 12.5.3. the Instrument of Incorporation (and any amending documents); and
- 12.5.4. the material contracts referred to below.

Shareholders may obtain copies of the above documents from the ACD. The ACD may make a charge at its discretion for copies of documents (apart from the most recent versions of the Instrument of Incorporation, Prospectus and annual and half yearly reports of the Company which are available free of charge to anyone who requests).

#### 12.6. Material Contracts

The following contracts, not being contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, have been entered into by the Company and are, or may be, material:

- 12.6.1. the ACD Agreement between the Company, and the ACD;
- 12.6.2. the Investment Advisory Agreement between the Company, the ACD and the Investment Adviser; and
- 12.6.3. the Depositary Agreement between the Company, the Depositary and the ACD.

Details of the above contracts are given under section 6 "Management and Administration".

## 12.7. Provision of Investment Advice

All information concerning the Company and about investing in Shares of the Company is available from the ACD at Orton, Moray, IV32 7QE. Neither the ACD nor any of its officers, representatives or advisers shall be regarded as giving investment advice and persons requiring such advice should consult a professional financial adviser. All applications for Shares are made solely on the basis of the current prospectus of the Company, and investors should ensure that they have the most up to date version.

## 12.8. Telephone Recordings

Please note that the ACD may record telephone calls for training and monitoring purposes and to confirm investors' instructions.

## 12.9. Complaints

Complaints may be brought in writing to Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited, Orton, Moray, IV32 7QE or by telephone to 01343 880 344.

In the event that an unsatisfactory response is provided, you can refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service at:

Financial Ombudsman Service Exchange Tower London E14 9SR

Please note that a copy of the ACD's guide to making a complaint is available upon request.

## 12.10. Risk Management

The ACD will provide upon the request of a Shareholder further information relating to:

- 12.10.1. the quantitative limits applying in the risk management of the Company;
- 12.10.2. the methods used in relation to 12.10.1; and
- 12.10.3. any recent development of the risk and yields of the main categories of investment.

## 12.11. Indemnity

The Instrument of Incorporation contains provisions indemnifying the Directors, other officers and the Company's Auditors or the Depositary against liability in certain circumstances otherwise than in respect of their negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust, and indemnifying the Depositary against liability in certain circumstances otherwise than in respect of its failure to exercise due care and

diligence in the discharge of its functions in respect of the Company.

# 12.12. Strategy for the Exercise of Voting Rights

The ACD has a strategy for determining when and how voting rights attached to ownership of the Scheme Property are to be exercised for the benefit of the Company. A summary of this strategy is available from the ACD on request or on the ACD's website at www.valu-trac.com. Voting records and further details of the actions taken on the basis of this strategy in relation to the Company are available free of charge from the ACD on request.

#### 12.13. Best Execution

The ACD's order execution policy sets out the factors which the ACD expects the Investment Managers to consider when effecting transactions and placing orders in relation to the Company. This policy has been developed in accordance with the ACD's obligations under the Regulations to obtain the best possible result for the Company.

Details of the order execution policy are available on the ACD's website at www.valu-trac.com.

#### 12.14. Information available to Shareholders

The following information will be made available to Shareholders as part of the Company's periodic reporting and, as a minimum, in the annual report:

- (a) the percentage of the Company's assets which will be subject to special arrangements arising from their illiquid nature, including an overview of any special arrangements in place, the valuation methodology applied to assets which are subject to such arrangements and how management and performance fees will apply to these assets;
- (b) the current risk profile of the Company, and information on the risk management systems used by the ACD to manage those risks;
- (c) the total amount of leverage employed by the Company calculated in accordance with the gross and commitment methods; and
- (d) any material changes to the information above.

It is intended that Shareholders will be notified promptly of any material changes to the liquidity management systems and procedures such as the suspension of redemptions, the deferral of redemptions or similar special liquidity arrangements. It is intended that any changes to the maximum level of leverage which the Company may employ will be provided to Shareholders without undue delay.

#### 12.15. Changes to the Company

Where any changes are proposed to be made to the Company the ACD will assess,

with input from the Depositary, whether the change is fundamental, significant or notifiable in accordance with COLL 4.3. Changes to the Company's investment objective and investment policy will usually be significant or fundamental, unless those changes are only for clarification purposes and do not result in any change in how the Company is managed. Certain changes to the Company may require approval by the FCA in advance.

If the change is regarded as fundamental, Shareholder approval will be required. If a change requires Shareholder approval, this will mean that Shareholders will need to approve the change at a meeting. The procedure for Shareholder meetings is described above at Section 9.

If the change is regarded as significant, not less than 60 days' prior written notice will be given to Shareholders. If the change is regarded as notifiable, Shareholders will receive suitable pre or post event notice of the change.

## 12.16. Professional liability risks

The ACD covers potential professional liability risks arising from its activities as the Company's AIFM through additional own funds.

#### 12.17. Fair treatment of investors

Procedures, arrangements and policies have been put in place by the ACD, with appropriate oversight and input from the Depositary, to ensure compliance with the principles of fair treatment of investors. The principles of treating investors fairly include, but are not limited to:

- (a) acting in the best interest of the Company and of the investors;
- executing the investment decisions taken for the account of the Company in accordance with the objectives, the investment policy and the risk profile of the Company;
- ensuring that the interests of any group of investors are not placed above the interests of any other group of investors;
- (d) ensuring that fair, correct and transparent pricing models and valuation systems are used for the Company managed:
- (e) preventing undue costs being charged to the company and investors;
- (f) taking all reasonable steps to avoid conflicts of interests and, when they cannot be avoided, identifying, managing, monitoring and, where applicable, disclosing those conflicts of interest to prevent them from adversely affecting the interests of investors; and
- (g) recognising and dealing with complaints fairly.

From time to time the ACD may afford preferential terms of investment to certain groups of investors. In assessing whether such terms are afforded to an investor, the ACD will ensure that any such concession is not inconsistent with its obligation to act in the overall best interests of the relevant Company and its investors.

In particular, the ACD will typically exercise its discretion to waive the initial charge or investment minima for investment in a Class for investors that are investing sufficiently large amounts, either initially or are anticipated to do so over time, such as platform service providers, institutional investors including fund of fund investors and fund-link investors. The ACD may also have agreements in place with such groups of investors which result in them paying a reduced annual management charge.

## 12.18. Shareholders' rights

Shareholders are entitled to participate in the Company on the basis set out in this prospectus (as amended from time to time). Sections 12.9 ("Complaints"), 9 ("Shareholder Meetings and Voting Rights"), 12.4 ("Annual Reports") and 12.5 ("Documents of the Company") of this prospectus set out important rights about Shareholders' participation in the Company.

Shareholders may have no direct rights against the service providers to the Company.

The ACD must ensure that this Prospectus does not contain any untrue or misleading statement or omit any matter required to be disclosed in the Prospectus by the FUND Sourcebook or the COLL Sourcebook. To the extent that a Shareholder incurs loss as a consequence of an untrue or misleading statement or omission, the ACD may be liable to compensate that Shareholder subject to the ACD having failed to exercise reasonable care to determine that the statement was true and not misleading or that the omission was appropriate, in accordance with the FCA Handbook.

Shareholders have statutory and other legal rights which include the right to complain and may include the right to cancel an order or seek compensation.

Shareholders who are concerned about their rights in respect of the Company should seek legal advice.

# 12.19. Governing law and jurisdiction

The ACD treats a Shareholder's participation in the Company as governed by the law of England and Wales. The Courts of England and Wales will have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any disputes or claims which may arise out of, or in connection with, a Shareholder's participation in the Company.

#### APPENDIX I

#### **COMPANY DETAILS**

#### VT DOMINIUM HOLDINGS ICVC

Type of Scheme: NURS scheme

**PRN**: 778841

Investment
Objective &
Policy:

The investment objective of VT Dominium Holdings ICVC is to preserve and grow the purchasing power of shareholders capital (i.e. for the returns of the Company to increase in excess of CPI) over the long term.

The Company will aim to meet its objective primarily by investing in equities of a limited number of carefully selected enterprises listed worldwide. The Company may also invest in other transferable securities, money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash.

The Company will not invest in derivatives, immovables or other collective investment schemes. It will not sell "short "securities and will not borrow to invest. Only in exceptional circumstances, the Company may borrow to meet cashflow and liquidity constraints.

The Company will not have any particular industry or economic sector focus and will not be constructed with reference to any index. As a result of its policy of only selecting to become owners in a limited number of enterprises, the Company's portfolio will be a concentrated one.

**Benchmark** 

The Fund does not have a specific benchmark. However, the performance of the Fund can be assessed by considering whether the objective is achieved (i.e. whether the returns iof the company increase in excess of CPI over the long term)

**Derivatives:** The Company will not use derivatives.

Accounting date: 31 May (final)

30 November (interim)

Distribution

31 July

dates:

Shares Classes: Class A (£) (Net Accumulation)

## Class A (£) (Net Income)

Initial charge:\* Nil

Redemption

3% (if redeemed within 3 years of purchase)

Charge:\*

Switching Charge: Nil

**Annual** 

Management

Charge: Class A 1.0% (per annum)

the above percentage being a percentage of the Net Asset Value of the

Company attributable to the relevant Class (plus VAT if applicable).

Note: See section 'Ongoing Charges' below for details regarding a

commitment of the Investment Adviser in respect of fees.

**Depositary Fee:** See section 7.3 of the Prospectus

Charges taken Income

from:

Investment

minima: \*

Lump sum £250,000

subscription

Top-up £20,000

Holding £250,000

Redemption N/A (provided minimum holding is maintained)

Switching N/A (provided minimum holding is maintained)

Initial price of £1

**Shares:** 

Past As the Company launched in July 2017, no historical performance data is

**Performance:** available prior to this date.

Performance Fee: No.

\*The ACD may waive the minimum levels (and initial or redemption charge) at its discretion.

The maximum level of leverage for the Company expressed as a ratio of the Company's total exposure to its Net Asset Value:

(a) under the gross method is 1:1; and

(b) under the commitment method is 1:1.

#### **ONGOING CHARGES**

The intention is to ensure that ongoing charges are maintained at a low level relative to the industry average.

Ongoing charges are those expenses of a type which are likely to recur in the foreseeable future, whether charged to capital or revenue, and which relate to the operation of the investment company as a collective fund, excluding the costs of acquisition/disposal of investments, financing charges and gains/losses arising on investments. Ongoing charges are based on costs incurred in the year as being the best estimate of future costs

In order to achieve such objective, the Investment Adviser has, with the agreement of the ACD, undertaken that if the total OCF of the Company (as calculated at the end of the relevant accounting period) exceeds 1% the Investment Adviser shall reimburse the Company for an amount which, when deducted from the operating costs incurred by the Company during the relevant accounting period, would result in the Company having a total OCF equal to 1% in the relevant accounting period. The 1% per annum cap will be reduced to 0.75% per annum in respect of incremental funds over £50 million.

Any amount to be reimbursed as stated above may be reimbursed by the Investment Adviser in any one, or a combination of any or all, of the following methods as the Investment Adviser may elect in its absolute discretion:

 by repaying to the ACD or the Company any fees, charges or other remuneration that the Investment Adviser has received in respect of the relevant accounting period or previous accounting periods in consideration for its services;

(b) by making a cash payment to the ACD or the Company as a reimbursement for operating costs incurred by the Company during the relevant accounting period;

- (c) by waiving any fees, charges or other remuneration that the Investment Adviser has accrued in respect of the relevant accounting period or previous accounting periods in consideration for its services as Investment Adviser to the ACD but in respect of which payment has not been received;
- (d) by waiving any fees, charges or other remuneration that the Investment Adviser reasonably expects to accrue in respect of future periods in consideration for its services as the Investment Adviser of the Company.

The ACD has undertaken to procure that the Company receives promptly the full benefit of any such reimbursement, payment or waiver.

Any performance fee, dealing costs, stamp duty, interest expenses, extraordinary cost, one-time expense, nonrecurring charge or any other cost, expense, charge or liability suffered or incurred by the Company in respect of a reasonably unpredictable event or which is unlikely to occur again will not be included in total operating costs for the purpose of calculating the operating expenses of the Company for the purposes of the above provisions.

#### APPENDIX II

## **ELIGIBLE SECURITIES MARKETS AND ELIGIBLE DERIVATIVES MARKETS**

The Company may deal through securities and derivatives markets which are regulated markets (as defined in the glossary to the FCA Handbook) or markets established in an EEA State which are regulated, operate regularly and are open to the public (excluding Cyprus and Slovenia).

The Company may also deal through the securities markets indicated below:

## **Eligible Securities Markets:**

United States of America NYSE Euronext New York

The NASDAQ Stock Market (NASDAQ)

**NYSE Amex Equities** 

The market in transferable securities issued by or on behalf of the United States of America conducted through those persons for the time being recognised and supervised by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and known as primary

dealers

Australia Australian Securities Exchange (ASX)

Canada Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX)

TSX Venture Exchange

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

India National Stock Exchange of India (NSE)

Indonesian Stock Exchange

Japan Tokyo Stock Exchange

Nagoya Stock Exchange

Korea Exchange (KRX)

Malaysia Bursa Malaysia Securities Bhd

Mexico Bolsa Mexicana de Valores (BMV)

New Zealand Stock Exchange (NZX)

Philippines Philippine Stock Exchange

Singapore Exchange (SGX)

South Africa JSE Limited

Switzerland SIX Swiss Exchange (SWX)

Taiwan Stock Exchange

Thailand The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)

#### APPENDIX III

#### INVESTMENT AND BORROWING POWERS OF THE COMPANY

#### 1. General rules of investment

The Scheme Property of the Company will be invested with the aim of achieving the investment objectives of the Company but subject to the limits set out in Chapter 5 of COLL ("COLL 5") which apply to non-UCITS retail schemes and this Prospectus. These limits apply to the Company as summarised below. In the event of any conflict arising between the rules set out in COLL 5 and this Appendix B of the Prospectus, the rules set out in COLL 5 shall prevail and this Appendix B shall be construed and shall take effect accordingly.

## 2. Prudent spread of risk

The ACD must ensure that, taking account of the investment objectives and policy of the Company, the Scheme Property of the Company aims to provide a prudent spread of risk.

## 3. Non-UCITS retail schemes - permitted types of Scheme Property

The Scheme Property of the Company must, except where otherwise provided in COLL, only consist of any or all of:

- (a) transferable securities permitted under COLL 5.2.7 R and COLL 5.2.7A R;
- (b) Approved Money Market Instruments permitted under COLL 5.2.7F R to COLL 5.2.7I R;
- (c) deposits permitted under COLL 5.2.26 R;

Warrants will be generally considered to be transferable securities and shares in exchange traded funds will be generally considered to be units in collective investment schemes for the purposes of COLL.

It is intended that the Company may have an interest in moveable property for the direct pursuit of their business. It is not proposed that the Company invest in immovable property.

# 4. Eligibility of transferable securities and money market instruments for investment by a non-UCITS retail scheme

- 4.1. Transferable securities and money market instruments held within the Company must:
  - 4.1.1. be admitted to or dealt in on an eligible market within COLL 5.2.10 R; or
  - 4.1.2. be recently issued transferable securities which satisfy the requirements for investment by a UCITS scheme set out in COLL 5.2.8 R(3) (e); or

- 4.1.3. be Approved Money Market Instruments not admitted to or dealt in on an eligible market which satisfy the requirements for investment by a UCITS scheme set out in COLL 5.2.10A R to COLL 5.2.10C R; or
- 4.2. subject to a limit of 20% in value of the Scheme Property of the Company be:
  - 4.2.1. transferable securities which are not within (1) above; or
  - 4.2.2. money market instruments which are liquid and have a value which can be determined accurately at any time.

Transferable securities held within the Company must also satisfy the criteria in COLL 5.2.7A R, COLL 5.2.7C R and COLL 5.2.7E R for the purposes of investment by a UCITS scheme.

## 5. Approved Money-Market Instruments

- 5.1. An approved money-market instrument is a money-market instrument which is normally dealt in on the money-market, is liquid and has a value which can be accurately determined at any time.
- 5.2. A money-market instrument shall be regarded as normally dealt in on the moneymarket if it:
  - 5.2.1. has a maturity at issuance of up to and including 397 days;
  - 5.2.2. has a residual maturity of up to and including 397 days;
  - 5.2.3. undergoes regular yield adjustments in line with money-market conditions at least every 397 days; or
  - 5.2.4. has a risk profile, including credit and interest rate risks, corresponding to that of an instrument which has a maturity as set out in 5.2.1 or 5.2.2 or is subject to yield adjustments as set out in 5.2.3.
- 5.3. A money-market instrument shall be regarded as liquid if it can be sold at limited cost in an adequately short time frame, taking into account the obligation of the ACD to redeem Shares at the request of any qualifying Shareholder.
- 5.4. A money-market instrument shall be regarded as having a value which can be accurately determined at any time if accurate and reliable valuations systems, which fulfil the following criteria, are available:
  - 5.4.1. enabling the ACD to calculate a net asset value in accordance with the value at which the instrument held in the Scheme Property of the Company could be exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction; and
  - 5.4.2. based either on market data or on valuation models including systems based

#### on amortised costs.

5.5. A money-market instrument that is normally dealt in on the money-market and is admitted to or dealt in on an eligible market shall be presumed to be liquid and have a value which can be accurately determined at any time unless there is information available to the ACD that would lead to a different determination.

# 6. Eligible markets regime: purpose and requirements

- 6.1. To protect investors, the markets on which investments of a scheme are dealt in or traded on should be of an adequate quality ("eligible") at the time of acquisition of the investment and until it is sold.
- 6.2. Where a market ceases to be eligible, investments on that market cease to be approved securities. The 20% restriction on investing in non approved securities applies.
- 6.3. A market is eligible for the purposes of the rules if it is:
  - 6.3.1. a regulated market as defined in the FCA Handbook; or
  - 6.3.2. a market in an EEA State which is regulated, operates regularly and is open to the public.
  - 6.3.3. any market which satisfies the criteria below:
    - the ACD, after consultation and notification with the Depositary, decides that market is appropriate for investment of, or dealing in, the Scheme Property;
    - (b) the market is included in a list in the Prospectus; and
    - (c) the Depositary has taken reasonable care to determine that:
      - (i) adequate custody arrangements can be provided for the investment dealt in on that market; and
      - (ii) all reasonable steps have been taken by the ACD in deciding whether that market is eligible.

In paragraph (c) (i) above, a market must not be considered appropriate unless it:

- (i) is regulated;
- (ii) operates regularly;
- (iii) is recognised as a market or exchange or as a selfregulating organisation by an overseas regulator;

- (d) is open to the public;
- (e) is adequately liquid; and
- (f) has adequate arrangements for unimpeded transmission of income and capital to or for the order of investors.

## 7. Spread: general

This section on spread does not apply to government and public securities.

7.1. Not more than 20% in value of the Scheme Property of the Company is to consist of deposits with a single body.

The Company may invest in deposits only with an Approved Bank and which are repayable on demand or have the right to be withdrawn, and mature in no more than 12 months.

- 7.2. Not more than 10% in value of the Scheme Property of the Company is to consist of transferable securities or money market instruments issued by any single body, subject to COLL 5.6.23 R(schemes replicating an index).
- 7.3. The limit of 10% in 2) above is raised to 25% in value of the Scheme Property of the Company in respect of Covered Bonds.
- 7.4. In applying the above paragraph 2), Certificates Representing Certain Securities are treated as equivalent to the underlying security.
- 7.5. Not more than 35% in value of the Scheme Property is to consist of the units of any one collective investment scheme. Where the second scheme is an umbrella, this provision applies to each fund as if it were a separate scheme.
- 7.6. For the purposes of this section, a single body is:
  - 7.6.1. in relation to transferable securities and money market instruments, the person by whom they are issued; and
  - 7.6.2. in relation to deposits, the person with whom they are placed.

## 8. Spread: Government and public securities

- 8.1. The following section applies in respect of a transferable security or an approved money-market instrument ("such securities") that is issued by:
  - 8.1.1 an EEA state;
  - 8.1.2 a local authority of an EEA state;
  - 8.1.3 a non-EEA state; or

- 8.1.4 a public international body to which one or more EEA states belong.
- 8.2. Where no more than 35% in value of the Scheme Property of the Company is invested in such securities issued by any one body, there is no limit on the amount which may be invested in such securities or in such securities issued by any one body or of any one issue.
- 8.3. The Company may invest more than 35% of its value in such securities issued by any one body provided that:
  - 8.3.1. the ACD has before any such investment is made consulted with the Depositary and as a result considers that the issuer of such securities is one which is appropriate in accordance with the investment objectives of the Company;
  - 8.3.2. no more than 30% in value of the Scheme Property consists of such securities of any one issue;
  - 8.3.3. the Scheme Property includes such securities issued by that or another issuer, of at least six different issues; and
  - 8.3.4. the disclosures required by COLL 5.2.12 (4) have been made in the Instrument of Incorporation and the most recently published prospectus of the Company.

#### 8.4. In relation to such securities:

- 8.4.1. issue, issued and issuer include guarantee, guaranteed and guarantor; and
- 8.4.2. an issue differs from another if there is a difference as to repayment date, rate of interest, guarantor or other material terms of the issue.

## 9. Investment in nil and partly paid securities

A transferable security or an approved money-market instrument on which any sum is unpaid falls within a power of investment only if it is reasonably foreseeable that the amount of any existing and potential call for any sum unpaid could be paid by the Company, at the time when the payment is required, without contravening the rules in COLL 5.

#### 10. Investment in collective investment schemes

10.1. The Company's investment policy does not currently permit investment in units or shares of collective investment schemes.

## 11. Derivatives – general

The Company does not invest in derivatives.

### 12. Investment in immovable property

The Company shall not invest in immovable property

## 13. Stocklending

The Company does not enter into stock lending arrangements or repo contracts.

#### 14. Cash and near cash

- 14.1. Cash and near cash must not be retained in the Scheme Property except to the extent that this may reasonably be regarded as necessary in order to enable:
  - 14.1.1. the pursuit of the Company's investment objectives; or
  - 14.1.2. redemption of units; or
  - 14.1.3. efficient management of the Company in accordance with its investment objectives; or
  - 14.1.4. other purposes which may reasonably be regarded as ancillary to the investment objectives of the Company.
- 14.2. During the period of the initial offer, the Scheme Property of the Company may consist of cash and near cash without limitation.

## 15. Borrowing powers

15.1. The Company may, on the instructions of the ACD and subject to COLL 5.5.5 R (Borrowing limits), borrow money from an Eligible Institution or an Approved Bank for the use of the Company on terms that the borrowing is to be repayable out of the Scheme Property.

The Company only intends to borrow in exceptional circumstances to manage short term liquidity.

- 15.2. The ACD must ensure that borrowing does not, on any business day, exceed 10% of the value of the Company.
- 15.3. These borrowing restrictions do not apply to "back to back" borrowing for currency hedging purposes (i.e. borrowing permitted in order to reduce or eliminate risk arising by reason of fluctuations in exchange rates).
- 15.4. Borrowing includes, as well as borrowing in a conventional manner, any other arrangement (including a combination of derivatives) designed to achieve a temporary injection of money into the Company in the expectation that the sum will be repaid.
- 15.5. The Company must not issue any debenture unless it acknowledges or creates a borrowing that complies with this section.

## 16. Restrictions on lending of money

- 16.1. None of the money in the property of the Company may be lent and, for the purposes of this prohibition, money is lent by the Company if it is paid to a person ("the payee") on the basis that it should be repaid, whether or not by the payee.
- 16.2. Acquiring a debenture is not lending for the purposes of this section; nor is the placing of money on deposit or in a current account.
- 16.3. The above does not prevent the Company from providing an officer with funds to meet expenditure to be incurred by him for the purposes of the Company (or for the purposes of enabling him properly to perform his duties as an officer of the Company) or from doing anything to enable an officer to avoid incurring such expenditure.

# 17. Restrictions on lending of property other than money

- 17.1. The Scheme Property of the Company other than money must not be lent by way of deposit or otherwise.
- 17.2. The Scheme Property of the Company must not be mortgaged.

## 18. General power to accept or underwrite placings

Underwriting and sub underwriting contracts and placings may also, subject to certain conditions set out in COLL 5.5.8 R, be entered into for the account of the Company.

## 19. Guarantees and indemnities

- 19.1. The Company or the Depositary on behalf of the Company must not provide any guarantee or indemnity in respect of the obligation of any person.
- 19.2. None of the property of the Company may be used to discharge any obligation arising under a guarantee or indemnity with respect to the obligation of any person.
  - Sections 29.1 and 29.2 above do not apply in the circumstances in COLL 5.5.9 R (3).

## 20. Leverage

- 20.1. This section explains in what circumstances and how the ACD may use leverage in respect of the Company where the investment policy of the Company permits its use of leverage, the different leverage calculation methods and maximum level of leverage permitted.
- 20.2. Leverage when used in this prospectus means the following sources of leverage can be used when managing the Company:
  - 20.2.1. cash borrowing, subject to the restrictions set out in paragraph 15 ("Borrowing Powers") of this Annex;

- 20.2.2. financial derivative instruments and reinvestment of cash collateral in the context of securities lending, subject in each case to paragraph 15 ("Borrowing") of this Annex.
- 20.3. The ACD is required to calculate and monitor the level of leverage of the Company, expressed as a ratio between the exposure of the Company and its Net Asset Value (Exposure/NAV), under both the gross method and the commitment method (so for the Company with no borrowing or derivative usage the leverage ratio would be 1:1).
- 20.4. Under the gross method, the exposure of the Company is calculated as follows:
  - 20.4.1. include the sum of all assets purchased, plus the absolute value of all liabilities:
  - 20.4.2. exclude cash and cash equivalents which are highly liquid investments held in the base currency of the Company, that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash, are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value and provide a return no greater than the rate of a three month high quality bond;
  - 20.4.3. derivative instruments are converted into the equivalent position in their underlying assets;
  - 20.4.4. exclude cash borrowings that remain in cash or cash equivalents and where the amounts payable are known;
  - 20.4.5. include exposures resulting from the reinvestment of cash borrowings, expressed as the higher of the market value of the investment realised or the total amount of cash borrowed; and
  - 20.4.6. include positions within repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements and securities lending or borrowing or other similar arrangements.

Under the commitment method, the exposure of the Company is calculated in the same way as under the gross method; however, where "hedging" offsets risk and "netting" eliminates risk, these values are not included.

- 20.5. The maximum level of leverage which the Company may employ, calculated in accordance with the gross and commitment methods, is stated in Appendix 1.
- 20.6. In addition, the total amount of leverage employed by the Company will be disclosed in the Company's annual report.

# **APPENDIX IV**

# LIST OF OTHER INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND OTHER AUTHORISED COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES OPERATED BY THE ACD

Directors of the ACD and their Significant Business Activities Not Connected with the business of the Company		
R Peter W Millar	Sole proprietor of Valu-Trac Research; sole proprietor of Orton Estate and Orton Farms and Director of Spey Fishing Trust Ltd.	
Anne Laing	None	
Martin Henderson	None	
Douglas Halley	None	
Michael Barron	None	

Authorised collective investment schemes of which the ACD is the authorised corporate director			
Name	Place of registration	Registration number	Product Reference
Alligator Fund ICVC	England and Wales	IC000203	407790
Moray Place Investment Company*	Scotland	IC000934	573760
The Beagle Fund*	England and Wales	IC000789	505177
The Discovery Fund	England and Wales	IC000365	413970
The Mulben Investment Funds	England and Wales	IC000816	516628
The Prestney Fund	England and Wales	IC000175	407766
The Teal Fund	England and Wales	IC000257	227831
The VT Cindabbella Fund	England and Wales	IC001049	714901

The VT Oxeye Funds**	England and Wales	IC001063	743815
Valu-Trac Investment Funds ICVC	Scotland	IC000953	581955
Valu-Trac Proprietary Funds ICVC*	Scotland	IC000986	605631
VT AJ Bell ICVC	England and Wales	IC001082	769363
VT Cantab Funds ICVC	England and Wales	IC001114	808050
VT Cape Wrath Focus Fund*	England and Wales	IC001061	741524
VT Chelsea Managed ICVC	England and Wales	IC001085	773989
VT Clear Peak Capital ICVC	England and Wales	IC011866	841768
VT Dominium Holdings ICVC*	England and Wales	IC001093	778841
VT Esprit FS ICVC	England and Wales	IC001105	794635
VT Garraway Investment Funds ICVC	England and Wales	IC000935	573884
VT Garraway Investment Fund Series II	England and Wales	IC000025	188718
VT Garraway Investment Fund Series III	England and Wales	IC000584	472521
VT Garraway Investment Fund Series IV	England and Wales	IC000534	465988
VT Gravis Funds ICVC	England and Wales	IC001055	724240
VT Greystone ICVC	England and Wales	IC000403	434235
VT Greystone Cautious Managed ICVC*	England and Wales	IC000407	435265
VT Greystone Conservative Managed ICVC*	England and Wales	IC000533	465365
VT Grosvenor Funds ICVC	England and Wales	IC001077	762880
VT Halo Funds ICVC	England and	IC001018	629070

	Wales		
VT iFunds OEIC	England and Wales	IC000868	536578
VT Morningstar Informed Smartfund ICVC	England and Wales	IC001012	621247
VT Munro Smart-Beta Fund	England and Wales	IC000551	467964
VT Plain English Finance Funds ICVC	England and Wales	IC001096	782737
VT Price Value Partners Funds ICVC	England and Wales	IC001033	671132
VT Redlands Fund	England and Wales	IC001043	694999
VT Redlands NURS ICVC*	England and Wales	IC001089	776548
VT Reyker Funds ICVC	England and Wales	IC001121	812559
VT RM Funds ICVC	England and Wales	IC001108	800855
VT Rossie House Investment Management Funds ICVC*	England and Wales	IC000991	607962
VT Seneca Investment Funds	England and Wales	IC000342	407990
VT SG Defined Return Assets ICVC	England and Wales	IC001097	784172
VT Sorbus Vector Funds ICVC	England and Wales	IC001059	731963
VT Tatton Oak ICVC	England and Wales	IC000737	494501
VT Teviot Funds ICVC	England and Wales	IC001094	780433
VT Thistledown ICVC	England and Wales	IC001011	621244
VT Tyndall Funds ICVC	England and Wales	IC001050	715282
VT Ursus Arctos Funds ICVC	Scotland	IC001004	613236
VT Vanneck Equity Fund	England and Wales	IC001003	613235

VT Vanneck Funds ICVC	England and Wales	IC001112	806954
VT Woodhill Investment Funds ICVC	England and Wales	IC001009	618204

<sup>\*</sup> denotes a Non-UCITS Retail Scheme

<sup>\*\*</sup> denotes a Qualified Investor Scheme

Funds of which the ACD is investment manager	
The Newmarket Africa Master Fund Limited (a fund registered in the	OG-290374
Cayman Islands)	
The Newmarket Africa Fund Limited (a fund registered in the Cayman Islands)	OG-290372

#### **APPENDIX V**

#### PAST PERFORMANCE AND INVESTOR PROFILE

#### VT DOMINIUM HOLDINGS ICVC

This performance information is for Net Accumulation (£) Shares and is net of tax and charges (subscription and redemption fees) but does not include the effect of any preliminary charge that may be paid on the purchase of an investment. Please note that all performance information is at 31 December 2017. For more up-to-date performance information, please contact the ACD.

Shareclass	Launch to 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2018
Class A GBP Net Accumulation	3.78%

NOTE: PAST PERFORMANCE SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS A GUIDE TO THE FUTURE. THE VALUE OF INVESTMENTS AND INCOME FROM THEM CAN GO DOWN AS WELL AS UP AND INVESTORS MAY NOT GET BACK THE AMOUNT ORIGINALLY INVESTED.

## Profile of a typical investor

The Company is available to eligible investors who understand and subscribe to the investment objective and policy of the Company, and who have a long-term investment horizon. They will understand the risks involved in investing in the listed shares of global enterprises, including capital loss and price volatility, as well as the risks detailed in Section 5 of this Prospectus.

It is expected that the investor base of the Company will be made up of a small number of sophisticated investors.

The Company will only issue Class A (£) (Net Accumulation) and Class A (£) (Net Income) shares as set out in Appendix I of this Prospectus.

Investors should read the risk warnings set out in this Prospectus before investing.

## **Target Market for MiFID II:**

**Type of clients:** professional clients, eligible counterparties and sophisticated retail clients (subject to the applicable legal and regulatory requirements in the relevant jurisdiction).

**Clients' knowledge and experience:** investors with at least basic knowledge and experience of funds which are to be managed in accordance with a specific investment objective and policy.

Clients' financial situation with a focus on ability to bear losses: Investors must be prepared to accept fluctuations in the value of capital including capital loss and accept the risks of investing in equity markets, including having the ability to bear 100% capital loss.

Clients' risk tolerance and compatibility of risk/reward profile of the product with the target market: due to the volatility of markets and specific risks of investing in shares in a fund (including those set out in the risk warnings in this Prospectus), investors should have a higher

risk tolerance. They should be willing to accept price fluctuations in exchange for the opportunity of higher returns.

**Clients' objectives and needs:** investors should be seeking to invest for the long term (at least 5 years) who wish to gain access to a portfolio managed in accordance with the specific investment objective and policy of the Company.

**Clients' who should not invest:** shares in the Company is deemed incompatible for investors which:

- are looking for full capital protection or full repayment of the amount invested and clients who want a guaranteed return (whether income or capital)
- are fully risk averse/have no risk tolerance
- need a fully guaranteed income of fully predictable return profile
- do not thoroughly understand the Company's investment philosophy, perspective of risk and return expectations, and are unable to make a comprehensive assessment as to whether these are suitable for meeting their investment requirements
- have an investment time horizon shorter than at least 5 years

**Distribution channel:** This product is eligible for all distribution channels (e.g. investment advice, portfolio management, non-advised sales and pure execution services)

## **APPENDIX VI**

## **DIRECTORY**

# The Company and Head Office:

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# **Authorised Corporate Director (and Investment Manager):**

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Moray

**IV32 7QE** 

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