

# **ODDO BHF US MID CAP**

**French Common Fund (FCP).  
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### GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

#### LEGAL STRUCTURE

**Name** ODDO BHF US MID CAP, hereinafter the “Fund”.

**Legal form and Member State in which the Fund was established** French Common Fund (FCP).

**Inception date and intended lifetime** This Fund was approved by the **AMF** on 10 September 2002. It was created on 11 October 2002 for a period of 99 years.

#### Fund overview:

Unit classes	ISIN code	Appropriation of distributable income	Base currency	Initial value	Minimum initial investment	Minimum subsequent investment	Target investors
CR-EUR	FR0000988669	Accumulation	Euro	EUR 100	1 thousandth of a unit	1 thousandth of a unit	All subscribers, and particularly natural persons.
CR-USD	FR0010680538	Accumulation	Dollar	USD 100	1 thousandth of a unit	1 thousandth of a unit	All subscribers, and particularly natural persons.
GC-EUR	FR0011606326	Accumulation	Euro	EUR 100	1 thousandth of a unit	1 thousandth of a unit	GC-EUR units are reserved for (i) insurance companies approved by ODDO BHF Asset Management SAS, to represent unit-linked products subscribed as part of “advisory management” contracts in their range and for (ii) ODDO BHF SCA clients also having signed an advisory agreement with an ODDO BHF SCA financial investment advisory partner.
CI-EUR [H]**	FR0013245784	Accumulation	Euro	EUR 1,000*	1 thousandth of a unit	1 thousandth of a unit	Units only accessible to eligible counterparties and professional investors per se according to Directive 2014/65/EU (or “MiFID II”).
CN-EUR	FR0013279981	Accumulation	Euro	EUR 100	1 thousandth of a unit	1 thousandth of a unit	CN units are available solely at the discretion of the Management Company and will not pay any distribution fees or rebates. Units reserved for (1) investors subscribing via an intermediary providing the service of investment advice on an independent basis pursuant to the MiFID II Directive, (ii) investors subscribing via a financial intermediary on the basis of a fee agreement concluded between the investor and the intermediary and mentioning that the intermediary is exclusively paid by the investor, (iii) companies providing the service of portfolio management pursuant to the MiFID II Directive, (iv) UCIs managed by

							ODDO BHF Group entities, and (v) ODDO BHF SCA when providing the service of investment advice on the basis of a written fee agreement concluded with its client.
CN-USD	FR0013301660	Accumulation	Dollar	USD 100	1 thousandth of a unit	1 thousandth of a unit	CN units are available solely at the discretion of the Management Company and will not pay any distribution fees or rebates. Units reserved for (1) investors subscribing via an intermediary providing the service of investment advice on an independent basis pursuant to the MiFID II Directive, (ii) investors subscribing via a financial intermediary on the basis of a fee agreement concluded between the investor and the intermediary and mentioning that the intermediary is exclusively paid by the investor, (iii) companies providing the service of portfolio management pursuant to the MiFID II Directive, (iv) UCIs managed by ODDO BHF Group entities, and (v) ODDO BHF SCA when providing the service of investment advice on the basis of a written fee agreement concluded with its client.
CN-CHF [H]**	FR0013514221	Accumulation	Swiss franc	CHF 10 0	1 thousandth of a unit	1 thousandth of a unit	CN-CHF [H] units are available solely at the discretion of the Management Company and will not pay any distribution fees or rebates. Units reserved for (i) investors subscribing via an intermediary providing the service of investment advice on an independent basis pursuant to MiFID II, (ii) investors subscribing via a financial intermediary on the basis of a fee agreement concluded between the investor and the intermediary and mentioning that the intermediary is exclusively paid by the investor, (iii) companies providing the service of portfolio management pursuant to MiFID II, (iv) UCIs managed by ODDO BHF Group entities, (v) ODDO BHF SCA when providing the service of investment advice on the basis of a written fee agreement concluded with its client, and (vi) insurance companies approved by ODDO BHF Asset Management SAS.

\* With the exception of the Management Company, companies in the Management Company's group and UCIs and mandates managed by the Management Company, from which no minimum subscription is required.

\*\* CI-USD [H] units are hedged against the USD/EUR currency risk associated with investments in USD in order to limit differences in performance relative to dollar-denominated units, though residual currency risk of maximum 3% remains.

\*\* CN-CHF [H] units are hedged against the USD/CHF currency risk associated with investments in USD in order to limit differences in performance relative to dollar-denominated units, though residual currency risk of maximum 3% remains.

#### INFORMATION FOR UNITHOLDERS:

Address at which the latest annual and semi-annual reports are available:

The latest annual and semi-annual reports shall be sent to unitholders within eight business days upon written request to:

**Company**  
**Address**  
**Email**

**ODDO BHF ASSET MANAGEMENT SAS**  
12, Bd de la Madeleine – 75009 Paris  
[information\\_oam@oddo-bhf.com](mailto:information_oam@oddo-bhf.com)

These documents are also available:

**On the website:** <http://am.oddo-bhf.com>  
**By contacting** Customer Services  
**By telephoning** 01 44 51 80 28

Any further information required can be obtained from the Customer Services Department, Tel.: 01 44 51 80 28.

**Directory:**

**Management Company** ODDO BHF Asset Management SAS,  
*Société par actions simplifiée* (simplified joint stock company)  
(hereinafter the “**Management Company**”)  
12, Bd de la Madeleine - 75009 Paris  
Portfolio management company approved by the AMF (number GP 99011).

**Investment management delegated to:** WELLINGTON Management Company, LLP  
75, State Street,  
BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS - United States

**Custodian, Depository, Establishment in charge of liabilities management delegated by the Management Company** ODDO BHF SCA,  
*A société en commandite par actions* (general partnership limited by shares)  
(hereinafter the “**Custodian**”)  
12, Bd de la Madeleine - 75009 Paris  
Bank approved by the French Prudential Control and Resolution Authority

ODDO BHF SCA acts as custodian for the Fund.

The Custodian carries out the following duties, as defined in the applicable regulations: holding the portfolio assets in safekeeping, overseeing the Management Company’s decisions and monitoring the Fund’s cash flow.

By virtue of delegation by the Management Company, the Custodian is also responsible for the management of Fund liabilities, which includes centralising subscription and redemption orders for Fund units, as well as keeping an account of Fund units issued.

In certain countries, the Custodian delegates its safekeeping activities. A description of the safekeeping activities delegated, the list of delegates and sub-delegates of the Custodian and information on the conflicts of interest liable to result from such delegation are available on the Management Company’s website: <http://am.oddo-bhf.com>. Investors may also request up-to-date information on this from the Management Company.

As an entity, the Custodian is independent of the Management Company.

**Administration and Accounting delegated to** BNP PARIBAS FUND SERVICES  
5, avenue Kléber,  
75116 Paris

The role of BNP PARIBAS FUND SERVICES is to calculate the net asset value of the Fund and provide other services listed in the agreement. Any conflicts of interest arising as a result of this delegation will be handled in accordance with the policy for managing conflicts of interest, available on the Management Company’s website: <http://am.oddo-bhf.com>

**Depository services delegated to:** BNP PARIBAS SECURITIES SERVICES  
3, rue d’Antin - 75002 Paris

**Statutory auditor** Deloitte et Associés  
6 place de la Pyramide - 92908 Paris-La Défense Cedex  
Represented by Mr Jean-Marc Lecat

**Promoter** ODDO BHF Asset Management SAS  
12, Bd de la Madeleine 75009 Paris  
Portfolio management company approved by the AMF (number GP 99011).

The list of promoters is not exhaustive mainly due to the fact that the Fund is listed on

Euroclear. Thus, some promoters may not be mandated by or known to the Management Company.

<b>Assignees</b>	None
<b>Advisers</b>	None
<b>Agent for receiving subscription and redemption orders as delegated by the Management Company</b>	ODDO BHF SCA, <i>A société en commandite par actions</i> (general partnership limited by shares) Bank approved by the French Prudential Control and Resolution Authority 12, Bd de la Madeleine – 75009 Paris

## OPERATING AND MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

### I. GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNITS:

<b>Rights attached to the units</b>	<p>The rights of the Fund's co-owners are represented by units, with each unit corresponding to the same fraction of the Fund's assets. Each unitholder has a co-ownership right in the assets of the Fund proportional to the number of units they hold.</p> <p>The distributable income consists of:</p> <p>1° The net income for the financial year plus retained earnings, plus or minus the balance of the income equalisation accounts for the last financial year.</p> <p>2° The realised capital gains, net of fees, minus realised capital losses, net of fees, recorded during the financial year, plus net capital gains of the same kind recorded during previous financial years and that have not been subject to distribution or accumulation, plus or minus the balance of the capital gains equalisation accounts.</p> <p>The categories of income referenced in points 1° and 2° respectively may be distributed, in full or in part, independently of each other.</p>
<b>Inclusion in a register</b>	The Management Company delegates the management of liabilities to the Custodian.
<b>Voting rights</b>	<p>No voting rights are attributed to the ownership of units. Decisions concerning the Fund are taken by the Management Company. The voting rights attached to the securities held by the Fund are exercised by the Management Company, which has the sole power to take decisions, pursuant to regulations in force. The Management Company's voting policy may be consulted at its registered office or online at <a href="http://am.oddo-bhf.com">http://am.oddo-bhf.com</a> in accordance with article 314-100 of the AMF General Regulation. Unitholders can obtain a report of the Management Company's voting activities from the Management Company.</p>
<b>Form of units</b>	<p>Listed on Euroclear France</p> <p>Units are issued in bearer form. They cannot be issued in or converted into registered form.</p>
<b>Fractions of units</b>	Subscriptions and redemptions in thousandths of units only (subscriptions and redemptions cannot be made in monetary amounts)
<b>Financial year-end</b>	Last stock market trading day in December.
<b>Tax regime</b>	<p>The Fund may be used for life insurance policies.</p> <p>As of 1 July 2014, the Fund shall be governed by the provisions of appendix II, point II. B. of the Agreement (IGA) signed on 14 November 2013 between the government of the French Republic and the government of the United States of America so as to improve compliance with tax obligations at an international level and implement the act governing compliance with these obligations for foreign accounts (FATCA).</p> <p>This prospectus does not purport to set out the tax implications for investors of subscribing, redeeming, holding or selling the Fund's units. These implications will vary, depending on the laws and practices that apply in the country of residence, domicile or incorporation of the unitholders and on their personal situations.</p> <p>Abroad, in the countries where the Fund invests, capital gains on the sale of securities and income from foreign sources received by the Fund may be subject to tax, generally in the form</p>

of withholding tax. The amount of withholding tax due may be reduced or waived when the governments in question have signed tax treaties.

Depending on your tax status, your country of residence or the jurisdiction from which you invest in the Fund, any capital gains and income resulting from the holding of units of the Fund may be subject to taxation. We advise you to consult a tax advisor in relation to the potential consequences of purchasing, holding, selling or redeeming units of the Fund according to the laws of your country of tax residence, ordinary residence or domicile.

Neither the Management Company nor the promoters shall accept any responsibility whatsoever for any tax consequences that may arise for investors following a decision to purchase, hold, sell or redeem units of the Fund.

Unit redemption followed by subscription

As the Fund is made up of several unit classes, a conversion from one class of units by means of a redemption followed by a subscription of another class of units constitutes, for tax purposes, a sale in return for payment of a consideration likely to generate a taxable gain.

## II. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS:

<b>ISIN code</b>	CR-EUR units: FR0000988669 CR-USD units: FR0010680538 GC-EUR units: FR0011606326 CI-EUR [H] units: FR0013245784 CN-EUR units: FR0013279981 CN-USD units: FR0013301660 CN-CHF [H] units: FR0013514221
<b>Classification</b>	“International equities” fund.  The Fund's overall equity exposure shall permanently be greater than 70% to shares of companies headquartered in North America (the US and Canada).
<b>Benchmark index</b>	The S&P MID CAP 400® index provides investors with a benchmark for mid-cap companies. The index covers more than 7% of the US equity market and tries to give an accurate picture of the situation for mid cap companies, constantly reflecting risks and returns in a broad mid cap universe.  The benchmark index is available on the Standard & Poor's website at: <a href="http://us.spindices.com/indices/equity/sp-400">http://us.spindices.com/indices/equity/sp-400</a> . The performance of the index takes into account the dividends paid in respect of the shares comprising the index.  Investors are advised that the benchmark index does not constitute a limitation on the Fund's investment universe. It allows the investor to assess the Fund's risk profile. The Fund's performance and composition may differ substantially from those of its benchmark index.
<b>Investment objective</b>	The investment objective is to outperform the benchmark index, the S&P MID CAP 400 (converted into euro), over the recommended investment period of five years or more.
<b>Investment strategy</b>	The Fund is managed on a discretionary basis applying the investment process drawn up by the company to which financial management was delegated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The process relies on an active management strategy based on stock-picking. The Fund manager invests mainly in undervalued mid-cap companies with solid track records and strong medium-term growth potential.</li><li>- Preference shall be given to mid-cap companies (capitalisations of between USD 2 billion and USD 10 billion).</li><li>- The investment universe mainly consists of North American equity markets (United States and Canada), but also includes the equity markets of non-OECD countries (emerging markets) to a lesser degree.</li><li>- The investment process comprises four stages:  First stage: the manager filters the universe based on economic and financial performance indicators. The manager favours companies in a position to generate, over the course of a cycle, a greater Return on Capital Employed than the industry average and a positive free cash flow.  Second stage: fundamental analysis, company visits. The fundamental analysis of stocks aims to verify that the fundamental elements underlying the financial profitability of a company will be preserved and even improved or regained in years to come. Company visits: the manager will endeavour to validate the suitability and coherence of the company strategy, any foreseeable changes in the company's industry and the stock's sensitivity to the macroeconomic environment or any other theme that may affect the company's fundamentals.  Portfolio managers will notably consider ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) criteria, if relevant to the company analyzed. An internal scoring system for securities held within the portfolio based on proprietary analyses will be used, where relevant. Moreover, the dedicated ESG Research team will constantly try to identify the potential material ESG risk and opportunities, and will review them with the portfolio managers. They will also lead the discussions on ESG issues with company management.</li></ul>

Third stage: Valuation. Companies are valued using two methods: peers (PER, returns, EV/sales, EV/EBIT, etc.) and discounted available cashflows (DCF) based on two scenarios: one optimistic, the other pessimistic. These valuations determine the buy and sell thresholds.

Fourth stage: Portfolio development. Weightings are defined as absolutes rather than with direct reference to a benchmark index.

At the end of this strictly bottom-up process, the managers compare the portfolio's sector allocation to that of the benchmark index. The managers ensure that the portfolio's thematic and sector diversification is sufficient to avoid too great a tracking error versus the benchmark index.

The Fund's maximum exposure to all instruments (equity, debt securities, investment funds and derivatives) may not exceed 105% of the Fund's net assets, given that the maximum exposure is the sum of the net exposures to each market (equity, rates, monetary) to which the Fund is exposed (sum of the buying positions and the hedging positions).

## Composition of assets

### 1 - Assets (excluding embedded derivatives)

- **Equities:**

The Fund's overall equity exposure shall permanently be greater than 70% to shares of companies headquartered in North America (the US and Canada). The manager has the option of selecting securities from the investment universe other than those making up the benchmark index. The fund manager will invest mainly in mid caps.

The Fund may invest up to 5% of its assets in the equities of companies headquartered in non-OECD member countries (emerging markets);

Overall exposure to equity markets may not exceed 105% of assets. However, the Fund intends to limit this to 100%, using the 105% threshold only temporarily and briefly.

- **Debt securities and money market instruments:**

The Fund may invest up to 30% of assets in fixed, variable or revisable rate securities (linked to bond market or money market rates) in order to optimise cash management. These transferable debt securities shall be denominated in euro and issued by governments and public corporations or credit institutions in the Euro Zone rated higher than AA (S&P or equivalent, or using the Management Company's internal rating).

The Management Company does not use the ratings issued by ratings agencies automatically or in isolation, as it also applies its own internal analysis.

In the event of a downgrade, the Management Company will take the interests of unitholders, market conditions and its own analysis of these fixed income products into account when respecting rating limits.

- **UCI shares or units:**

Up to 10% of the Fund may be invested in units or shares:

- of French or foreign UCITS that may not invest more than 10% of their assets in units or shares of other UCITS, AIFs or investment funds;
- of French AIFs or AIFs from other EU Member States;
- of investment funds established under foreign law.

The units or shares of these AIFs and investment funds must meet the four criteria under article R214-13 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, namely: (i) that they are subject to regulations equivalent to those applicable to UCITS and that there is cooperation between the AMF and the regulatory body of the AIF; (ii) that the level of protection granted to unitholders is equivalent to that of UCITS; (iii) that they issue semi-annual and annual reports explaining their activities; and (iv) that they must not themselves invest over 10% of their assets in units or shares of other UCITS, AIFs or foreign investment funds.

These UCIs may be managed by ODDO BHF Asset Management SAS and/or ODDO BHF Asset Management GmbH and will be compatible with the Fund's investment strategy.

### 2 - Financial futures and options

The Fund may invest in all financial futures or options traded on regulated or organised markets or over-the-counter in France and other countries. The Fund may make investments in order either to hedge "equity" and "currency" risk or to increase the portfolio's exposure to equities, sectors or indices, without seeking



overexposure (although total equity market exposure may temporarily and briefly reach 105% of the Fund's net assets), in order to achieve the investment objective defined.

The instruments used shall be futures, currency swaps and forward exchange contracts.

The Fund will not use Total Return Swaps.

### **3 - Securities with embedded derivatives**

The Fund may also, on an ancillary basis, hold convertible bonds and subscription certificates to provide exposure to equity risk. These instruments shall be held without seeking overexposure (overall exposure to equity markets may, however, temporarily and briefly reach 105% of the Fund's net assets).

### **4 - Deposits:**

The Fund may use deposits to generate a return on cash holdings, up to the limit of 10% of its net assets.

Used as part of day-to-day management of the Fund's cash assets, these will contribute to achieving the investment objective based on their level of return.

### **5 - Cash borrowing:**

The Fund may borrow the equivalent of up to 10% of its net assets in cash in order to cover a temporary delay between incoming and outgoing funds relating to purchases and sales of securities issued on the market, or to cover large redemptions;

### **6 – Temporary purchases and sales of securities**

To manage cash and maximise income, the Fund may carry out reverse repurchase agreements.

Any temporary sales or purchases of securities shall all be conducted under market conditions and up to a maximum of 100% of the Fund's net assets.

The expected proportion of AUM to be used for such operations will be 80%.

These operations shall be performed on the equities, UCI shares or units, debt securities and money market instruments referred to in the "Assets (excluding embedded derivatives)" section.

Within the scope of these transactions, the Fund may receive or issue financial guarantees (collateral). Their operation and characteristics are presented under "Collateral management".

Temporary purchases and sales of securities may be carried out with ODDO BHF SCA or with EU or United Kingdom banks that have a minimum credit rating of A-.

Additional information can be found under the heading "Fees and expenses".

For further information, please refer to the Fund's annual report

### **7. Collateral management**

Within the scope of OTC financial derivatives transactions and temporary purchases and sales of securities, the Fund may receive or issue financial assets as guarantees.

The purpose of receiving financial guarantees is to reduce the Fund's exposure to counterparty default risk. They will consist solely of cash.

As an exception to the above, and only in the case of reverse repurchase operations, the Fund will receive traditional fixed income securities rated at least A- and/or securities issued by governments with a rating of at least AA- as collateral. In any case, the issue of the security received as collateral must be larger than EUR 100 million and the Fund's participation will be limited to 10%.

Transactions potentially requiring the use of financial guarantees shall be carried out with a European Union or United Kingdom credit institution that may belong to the ODDO BHF group.

Any financial guarantees (collateral) received shall also, in accordance with regulations, comply with the following:

- criteria for liquidity, valuation (at least daily, and assets that are not highly volatile, except for obtaining adequate discounts), issuer creditworthiness, correlation (independence vis-à-vis the counterparty) and

diversification with maximum exposure to a given issuer of 20% of the net assets;

- it shall be held by the Custodian of the Fund or any third party, in a segregated account, subject to prudential supervision and which has no connection with the provider of the financial guarantees;
- financial guarantees received must be available for full execution by the Fund at any time without consulting the counterparty or the counterparty's consent;

Financial guarantees received as cash shall only be placed as deposits with eligible institutions or invested in top-tier government bonds or used in reverse repurchase transactions (provided that such transactions are concluded with credit institutions subject to prudential supervision and on the condition that the Fund is in a position to recall the total cash amount at any time, accounting for accrued interest) or invested in short-term money market UCIs.

- the financial guarantees shall not be reused.

## **Risk profile**

Your money will be invested in financial instruments selected by the Management Company. These instruments are subject to the market's movements and fluctuations.

The risks identified by the Management Company and presented below are not exhaustive. Investors are responsible for forming their own opinion independently from that of the Management Company, assessing the risk of any investments they make, with the assistance of a financial investment adviser where applicable, and for ensuring that the investment envisaged is suited to their financial situation and ability to assume financial risks.

The Management Team currently does not consider sustainability risks or adverse effects of investment decisions on sustainability factors in the investment decision making process, as they are not part of the strategy for the Fund. However, the Management Company considers minimum sustainability safeguards across its funds through its own coal exclusion policy and through the exclusion of companies that do not respect the Principles of the United Nations Global Compact.

The Management Company has signed the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) and also the CDP (previously named *Carbon Disclosure Project*). Finally, the Management Company exercises the voting rights when equities are held by the Fund. Information relating to the Management Company's policies can be found at "am.oddo-bhf.com".

Please refer to the Key Investor Information Document for information on the risk category to which this Fund belongs.

In particular, the Fund will be exposed to the following risks:

### **Risk of capital loss:**

The Fund is not guaranteed or protected; investors may not get back their initial investment in full.

### **Equity risk:**

The Fund is invested directly or indirectly in one or more equity markets that may experience significant fluctuations. The Fund's net asset value could fall during periods in which the equity market is falling. Maximum exposure to equity markets is 105% of assets.

### **Risk associated with geographic concentration in the portfolio:**

This risk is linked to investments being concentrated in financial instruments which are sensitive to sectors of the North American equity markets. Performance may therefore vary significantly in comparison with that of the benchmark index.

### **Risk associated with holding medium capitalisations:**

The Fund may be exposed to medium capitalisations. Price fluctuations, both upward and downward, are more acute and more abrupt than for large capitalisations, and may therefore result in sharp variations in the net asset value. Furthermore, the low volumes traded on these markets may result in liquidity risk. This type of investment may affect the Fund's valuation and the prices at which the Fund may be obliged to liquidate its positions, particularly in the case of large redemptions, and may even make it impossible for the Fund to sell its holdings, as a result of which the Fund's net asset value may fall.

### **Interest rate risk:**

This corresponds to the risk linked to a rise in bond market interest rates, which causes bond prices and therefore the net asset value of the Fund to fall. The Fund may hold up to 30% of its assets in cash generating a return via bonds or debt securities.

**Currency risk:**

This risk is linked to portfolios invested fully or partially in securities denominated in currencies other than the Fund's reference currency and corresponds to the variation in the exchange rate between these currencies and the Fund's reference currency. As such, the value of a security may be affected by a change in the value of its reference currency against the euro, even though its value in its base currency may not change, thereby causing the net asset value of the Fund to fall, with at least 70% of the Fund being invested in North American equities.

**Credit risk:**

This is the risk of a potential downgrading of an issuer's credit rating, or in an extreme case its default, which would have a negative impact on the price of the debt securities issued and therefore on the net asset value of the Fund. This could result in a capital loss. Credit risk varies according to expectations, bond maturities and the level of confidence in each issuer. This may restrict the liquidity of the securities of a particular issuer and have a negative impact on the net asset value of the Fund, especially if the Fund liquidates its positions in a market where transaction volumes are low.

**Risk associated with commitments on forward financial instruments**

Without seeking overexposure, the Fund may invest up to 100% of net assets in forward financial instruments, which may present a downside risk to the net asset value that is greater than that of the benchmark.

**Risk associated with discretionary management:**

This risk is linked to the investment style, which is based on expectations regarding the performance of the various markets. There is a risk that the Fund may not be invested in the best-performing markets or securities at all times. The Fund's performance therefore depends on the manager's ability to anticipate movements in the markets or in individual securities. This risk may result in a fall in the net asset value and/or a capital loss for the investor.

**Counterparty risk:**

This is the risk of a counterparty's collapse, causing it to default on payment. The Fund may be exposed to the counterparty risk caused by the use of forward financial instruments contracted over-the-counter with credit institutions. The Fund is therefore exposed to the risk that one of these credit institutions may not be able to honour its commitments in connection with such instruments. Certain contracts exposing the Fund to counterparty risk may be concluded with a company belonging to the ODDO BHF group.

**Risks associated with securities financing transactions and collateral management**

Investors may be exposed to legal risk (arising from the legal documentation, the application of agreements and the limits imposed by them) and to the risk associated with the reuse of securities received as collateral, given that the net asset value of the Fund may vary depending on fluctuations in the value of the securities acquired through investment in cash received as collateral.

**Sustainability risk** : refers to an environmental, social or governance event or condition that, if it occurs, could cause an actual or a potential material negative impact on the value of the investments made by this Fund.

The Fund will be exposed, to a limited extent, to the following risk:

**Emerging markets risk**

This risk is linked to the operating and monitoring conditions on emerging markets to which the Fund is exposed, which may deviate from the standards that exist on the large international markets and may be affected by various disruptions (such as changes in taxation or political stability, or a temporary lack of liquidity on these securities). These disruptions may trigger settlement/delivery problems likely to have an impact on the prices at which the Fund may be obliged to liquidate its positions, which may then result in a sharp fall in the Fund's net asset value.

**Guarantee or protection**

None (neither the capital nor the performance are guaranteed).

## INVESTORS AND UNITS

**Target investors**

The units have not been and will not be registered under the 1933 US Securities Act (hereinafter "**the Act of 1933**"), or under any law applicable in a US State, and the units may

not be directly or indirectly assigned, offered or sold in the United States of America (including its territories and possessions) for the benefit of any US persons (hereinafter “US Persons”), as defined by US “Regulation S” under the Act of 1933 adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission or SEC, except if (i) the units are registered or (ii) an exemption is applicable (with the prior consent of the Fund Management Company’s CEO). The Fund is not, and shall not, be registered under the US Investment Company Act of 1940. Any resale or assigning of units in the United States of America or to a “US Person” may constitute a violation of US law and require the prior written consent of the Management Company’s CEO. Persons wishing to purchase or subscribe units shall be required to certify in writing that they are not “US Persons”.

All unitholders must immediately inform the Fund if they become a “US Person”. Any unitholder that becomes a US Person shall no longer be authorised to purchase new units and may be requested to dispose of their units at any time for the benefit of persons who do not have “US Person” status.

The term “US Person” has the same meaning in the Prospectus as the definition given in SEC Regulation S (Part 230 - 17 CFR 230.903). This definition of a “US Person” is available at <http://www.sec.gov/about/laws/secrulesregs.htm>

In accordance with the provisions of the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (“FATCA”), applicable as of 1 July 2014, if the Fund directly or indirectly invests in US assets, the income from these investments may be subject to 30% withholding tax. To avoid the payment of this 30% withholding tax, France and the United States have concluded an intergovernmental agreement whereby non-US financial institutions (“foreign financial institutions”) undertake to set up a procedure to identify direct or indirect investors with US taxpayer status and transmit certain information about these investors to the French tax authorities, which will communicate it to the US tax authorities (“Internal Revenue Service”).

In its capacity as a foreign financial institution, the Fund undertakes to comply with FATCA and to take any measures required by the aforementioned intergovernmental agreement.

Except for these restrictions, the Fund is open to all investors, while bearing the following in mind.

CR-EUR and CR-USD units are primarily aimed at retail investors.

CI-EUR (H) units are only accessible to eligible counterparties and professional investors per se according to the MiFID II Directive. CI-EUR [H] units are hedged against the USD/EUR currency risk associated with investments in USD in order to limit differences in performance relative to dollar-denominated units, though residual currency risk of maximum 3% remains.

GC-EUR units are reserved for (i) insurance companies approved by ODDO BHF Asset Management SAS, to represent unit-linked products subscribed as part of “advisory management” contracts in their range and for (ii) ODDO BHF SCA clients also having signed an advisory agreement with an ODDO BHF SCA financial investment advisory partner.

CN-EUR et CN-USD units are available solely at the discretion of the Management Company and will not pay any distribution fees or rebates. Units reserved for (1) investors subscribing via an intermediary providing the service of investment advice on an independent basis pursuant to the MiFID II Directive, (ii) investors subscribing via a financial intermediary on the basis of a fee agreement concluded between the investor and the intermediary and mentioning that the intermediary is exclusively paid by the investor, (iii) companies providing the service of portfolio management pursuant to the MiFID II Directive, (iv) UCIs managed by ODDO BHF Group entities, and (v) ODDO BHF SCA when providing the service of investment advice on the basis of a written fee agreement concluded with its client.

CN-CHF [H] units are available solely at the discretion of the Management Company and will not pay any distribution fees or rebates. Units reserved for (i) investors subscribing via an intermediary providing the service of investment advice on an independent basis pursuant to MiFID II, (ii) investors subscribing via a financial intermediary on the basis of a fee agreement concluded between the investor and the intermediary and mentioning that the intermediary is exclusively paid by the investor, (iii) companies providing the service of portfolio management pursuant to MiFID II, (iv) UCIs managed by ODDO BHF Group entities, (v) ODDO BHF SCA when providing the service of investment advice on the basis of a written fee agreement concluded with its client, and (vi) insurance companies approved by ODDO BHF Asset Management SAS.

#### Typical investor profile

This Fund is intended for investors seeking to increase the value of their capital through a

vehicle investing in North American equities, aiming to outperform the benchmark index over a period greater than five years, and who are able to bear the risks associated with this exposure. The amount that is appropriate to invest in this Fund depends on your personal situation. To determine this amount, investors should consider their personal wealth/assets, their current financial needs and those in more than five years as well as their willingness to accept risks or their preference for a more prudent investment. It is also highly recommended that investors sufficiently diversify their investments so as not to be exposed solely to the risks of this Fund.

**Recommended investment horizon**

More than 5 years.

**Allocation of distributable income (income and capital gains)**

CR-EUR, CR-USD, GC-EUR, CI-EUR [H], CN-EUR, CN-USD and CN-CHF [H] units: accumulation.

Distributable income	CR-EUR, CR-USD, GC-EUR, CI-EUR [H], CN-EUR, CN-USD and CN-CHF [H] units Accumulation units
Net income allocation	Accumulation
Allocation of net realised capital gains or losses	Accumulation

**Base currency**

CR-EUR units: Euro (€)  
 CR-USD units: Dollar (\$)  
 GC-EUR units: Euro (€)  
 CI-EUR [H] units: Euro (€)  
 CI-USD [H] units are hedged against the USD/EUR currency risk associated with investments in USD in order to limit differences in performance relative to dollar-denominated units, though residual currency risk of maximum 3% remains.  
 CN-EUR units: Euro (€)  
 CN-USD units: Dollar (\$)  
 CN-CHF [H] units: Swiss franc  
 CN-CHF [H] units are hedged against the USD/CHF currency risk associated with investments in USD in order to limit differences in performance relative to dollar-denominated units, though residual currency risk of maximum 3% remains.

**Form of units**

CR-EUR, CR-USD, GC-EUR, CI-EUR [H], CN-EUR, CN-USD and CN-CHF [H] units: Bearer

**Fractions of units**

Subscriptions and redemptions in thousandths of units only

**SUBSCRIPTION AND REDEMPTION PROCEDURES**

**Terms and conditions of subscriptions and redemptions**

Subscription and redemption requests are centralised by the Custodian every business day until 11:15 (Paris time) and executed on the basis of the net asset value of the same day. The resulting settlements shall be carried out on the second trading day following the NAV date. Any order received by the Custodian after this time will be executed at the following net asset value.

**Initial value of the unit**

CR-EUR units: EUR 100  
 CR-USD units: USD 100  
 GC-EUR units: EUR 100  
 CI-EUR [H] units: EUR 1,000  
 CN-EUR units: EUR 100  
 CN-USD units: USD 100  
 CN-CHF [H] units: CHF 100

**Minimum initial and subsequent investment**

CR-EUR, CR-USD, GC-EUR, CI-EUR [H], CN-EUR, CN-USD and CN-CHF [H] units: 1 thousandth of a unit

**Centralisation agent for**

ODDO BHF SCA

<b>subscription and redemption requests delegated by the Management Company</b>	<p>12, Bd de la Madeleine – 75009 Paris</p> <p>The Fund's promoters must send subscription and/or redemption orders to the Centralising Agent no later than the centralisation cut-off time. Any order received by the Centralising Agent after this time will be executed at the following net asset value.</p> <p>Promoters may apply their own cut-off time, which may be earlier than the cut-off time mentioned above, in order to take into account the time required to transmit orders to the centralising agent. It is the investor's responsibility to obtain information on the time at which his order has been received by the promoter for processing.</p>
<b>Date and frequency of calculation of net asset value</b>	The net asset value is calculated daily, according to the Euronext Paris calendar, with the exception of public holidays on the stock exchanges in France and the United States.
<b>Place and methods of publication or communication of net asset value</b>	This information can be obtained from the Management Company (ODDO BHF Asset Management SAS) and the Custodian (ODDO BHF SCA) at 12, Bd de la Madeleine, 75009 Paris, and from the website <a href="http://am.oddo-bhf.com">http://am.oddo-bhf.com</a> .
<b>Notification of portfolio structure</b>	The Management Company may, upon request, notify professional investors subject to the obligations resulting from Directive 2009/138/EC (the Solvency II Directive) of the structure of the Fund's portfolio at the earliest 48 hours from the last publication of the net asset value. The information provided shall be treated with the utmost confidentiality and shall only be used for the calculation of prudential requirements. This information cannot, under any circumstances, be used for illegal activities such as market timing or late trading by unitholders in possession of such information.

## INFORMATION ON FEES, EXPENSES AND TAXATION

<b>Fees and expenses</b>	<p><b>Subscription and redemption fees:</b></p> <p>Subscription fees increase the subscription price paid by the investor, while redemption fees decrease the redemption price. The fees charged by the Fund serve to offset the costs incurred by the Fund to invest and disinvest investors' monies. Fees not paid to the Fund are paid to the Management Company, the promoter, etc.</p>
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Fees payable by the investor on subscriptions and redemptions	Basis	Rate CR-EUR, CR-USD, GC-EUR, CI-EUR [H], CN-EUR, CN-USD and CN-CHF [H] units
Subscription fee not payable to the Fund	NAV per unit x number of units	4% maximum
Subscription fee payable to the Fund	NAV per unit x number of units	None
Redemption fee not payable to the Fund	NAV per unit x number of units	None
Redemption fee payable to the Fund	NAV per unit x number of units	None

### Management and administration fees

Fees charged to the Fund	Basis	Rate
Financial management fees and administrative fees not payable to the Management Company (statutory auditor, custodian, distributors, lawyers, etc.)	Net assets, excluding UCIs	CR-EUR and CR-USD units: maximum 1.80% inclusive of tax
		GC-EUR and CI-EUR [H] units: maximum 0.90% inclusive of tax
		CN-EUR, CN-USD and CN-CHF [H] units: Maximum 1.20% inclusive of tax
Performance fee	Net assets	None
Transaction fees charged by stakeholders:  - Management Company: 100%	Payable on each transaction	Equities: depending on the markets, with a maximum of 0.50% inclusive of tax Bonds: 0.03% inclusive of tax Money market instruments and derivatives: None

### Methods of calculating and sharing the return on temporary purchases and sales of securities

In the event of temporary purchases of securities (reverse repurchase agreements), the Fund shall select counterparties according to the best selection and best execution policies as defined by the Management Company and receives the entire payment resulting from these operations. No other direct fee shall be charged to the Fund. The Management Company shall not receive any payment resulting from these operations.

For the purpose of these operations, the service provider of the Fund is a credit institution whose registered office is located in a member state of the European Union or in the United Kingdom. The service provider will act independently of the Fund and serve systematically as counterparty to market transactions. The service provider may be part of the ODDO BHF Group.

For further information, please refer to the Fund's annual report.

**Procedure for the selection of intermediaries:** Intermediaries and counterparties are selected by management staff using a competitive tendering procedure from a predefined list. This list is drawn up using precise selection criteria laid down in the market intermediary selection policy which may be consulted on the Management Company's website.

#### **Investment research funding :**

The Fund shall bear the fees related to investment research in equities through a commission allocated to market intermediaries conducting the aforementioned research.

The Management Company decided to bear the fees related to investment research in debt securities. For this purpose, the Management Company exclusively resorts to its own funds.

## COMMERCIAL INFORMATION

**Subscription and redemption of units** Subscription and redemption procedures are presented in the section "Subscription and redemption procedures".

#### **Information relating to the Fund is provided by:**

**Company** ODDO BHF Asset Management SAS  
**Address** 12, Bd de la Madeleine 75009 Paris.  
**Email** [information\\_oam@oddo-bhf.com](mailto:information_oam@oddo-bhf.com)

Information is also available:

**On the website** <http://am.oddo-bhf.com>  
**By contacting** Customer Services  
**By telephoning** 01 44 51 80 28

The AMF website [www.amf-france.org](http://www.amf-france.org) provides additional information on the list of regulatory documents and all provisions relating to investor protection.

## INFORMATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE (ESG) CRITERIA

Additional information on the application of ESG criteria by the Management Company shall be available in the Fund's annual report and on the Management Company's website: <http://am.oddo-bhf.com>

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## INVESTMENT RULES

**Regulatory ratios applicable to the Fund:** The legal investment rules applicable to the Fund are those that govern UCITS investing no more than 10% of their assets in other investment funds, as well as those applicable to the AMF's "International Equities"

classification.

## GLOBAL RISK

The Fund's overall risk is calculated using the commitment method.

## ASSET VALUATION AND ACCOUNTING RULES

### Asset valuation rules:

The calculation of the net asset value per unit is subject to the following valuation rules:

- financial instruments and transferable securities traded on regulated markets are valued at their market price using the following principles:
- The valuation is based on the last official market price.

The market price used depends on the market on which the instrument is listed:

European markets: Last market price on the net asset value calculation day

Asian markets: Last market price on the net asset value calculation day

North and South American markets: Last market price on the net asset value calculation day

The prices used are those obtained from financial information providers and available on the following day at 09:00 (Paris time): Fininfo or Bloomberg. In the event that no price is available for a security, the last known price is used.

Negotiable debt securities and similar securities that are not the subject of significant transactions are valued using an actuarial method, with the rate used being compounded :

- A risk-free rate obtained by linear interpolation of the OIS curve discounted on a daily basis ;
- A credit spread obtained at issue and kept constant throughout the life of the security.

However, negotiable debt securities with a residual maturity of less than or equal to three months will be valued using the straight-line method.

- Financial contracts (futures, options or swap transactions concluded on over-the-counter markets) are valued at their market value or at a value estimated according to the terms and conditions determined by the Management Company. The method for valuing off-balance sheet commitments consists in valuing futures contracts at their market price and in converting options into the equivalent value of the underlying.
- Financial guarantees: for the purposes of optimal counterparty risk management while also factoring in operational constraints, the management company applies a daily margin call system, per fund and per counterparty, with an activation threshold set at a maximum of EUR 100,000, based on an evaluation of the mark-to-market price.

Deposits are recorded based on their nominal value plus the interest calculated daily.

The prices used for the valuation of futures or options are consistent with those of the underlying securities. They may vary depending on where they are listed:

European markets: Settlement price on the NAV calculation day, if different from the last price.

Asian markets: Last market price on the NAV calculation day, if different from the last price.

North and South American markets: Last market price on the NAV calculation day, if different from the last price.

In the event that no price is available for a future or option contract, the last known price is used.

Securities subject to a temporary acquisition or sale agreement are valued in accordance with the regulations in force. Securities received under repurchase agreements are recorded on their acquisition date under the heading "Receivables on securities received under a repurchase agreement (*pension*)" at the value fixed in the contract by the counterparty of the liquidity account concerned. For as long as they are held they are recognised at that value plus the accrued interest from the securities in custody.

Securities transferred under repurchase agreements are withdrawn from their account on the date of the transaction and the corresponding receivable is booked under the heading "Securities transferred under a repurchase agreement (*pension*)"; they are valued at their market value. The debt represented by securities transferred under repurchase agreements is recorded under the heading "Payables on securities transferred under a repurchase agreement (*pension*)" by the counterparty of the liquidity account concerned. It is maintained at the value determined in the contract plus any accrued interest on the debt.

- Other instruments: Units or shares of UCIs are valued at their last known net asset value.



- Financial instruments whose prices have not been determined on the valuation day or whose prices have been adjusted are valued under the Management Company's responsibility at their foreseeable sale prices. These valuations and their justification are communicated to the statutory auditor at the time of the audit.

#### **Accounting methods:**

##### **Income accounting:**

The interest on bonds and debt securities is calculated using the accrued interest method.

##### **Transaction cost accounting:**

Transactions are recorded excluding fees.

## **REMUNERATION**

The management body of the Management Company is responsible for drawing up, approving and monitoring the remuneration policy. It must ensure that the remuneration policy encourages employees to take risks in line with the risks taken by the funds managed by the Management Company, the investors having placed their assets in these funds and the Management Company itself. Each year, the Management Company shall identify those persons who may be qualified as risk takers in accordance with the regulations in force. The list of employees thus identified as risk takers shall then be submitted to the Remuneration Committee and passed on to the relevant management body. With regard to the variable remuneration component, the Management Company has set a significant threshold triggering payment of a deferred variable remuneration amount. In this way, an employee designated as being a risk taker and entitled to significant variable remuneration will receive a portion of this variable remuneration on a deferred basis. This deferred remuneration shall consist of 40% of the entire variable remuneration amount, from the first euro.

In order to satisfy the obligation to pay 50% of the variable remuneration in instruments form or indexation portfolio's form, the Management Company will pay 50% of the variable remuneration defined for the ending year in February of the following year, based on the statement made to employees in December. As for the remaining 50%, 10% of the variable remuneration defined will be paid in July after these assets have been invested in the indexation portfolio, for the period from beginning of January to end of June (see below), the remaining 40% of the variable remuneration remains concerned by the deferred payment for a period of 3 years as part of the indexing tool.

Provisions relating to the deferred part of variable remuneration shall be calculated using a tool created by the Management Company. This tool consists of a basket of funds that represent each of the Management Company's management strategies, and each fund is weighted in proportion to the assets under management of the Management Company within each of its strategies.

Detailed information on the remuneration policy is available on the Management Company's website (<https://am.oddo-bhf.com>).

Investors may also request a hard copy of this information from the Management Company.

## REGULATIONS

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### TITLE 1 - ASSETS AND UNITS

#### **Article 1 - Co-ownership units**

The co-owners' rights are represented by units, with each unit corresponding to the same fraction of the Fund's assets. Each unitholder has a co-ownership right in the assets of the Fund proportional to the number of units they hold.

The term of the Fund is 99 years starting from its inception date, except in the event of early dissolution or extension as set forth in the present regulations.

Unit classes:

The characteristics of the various classes of units and their eligibility requirements are described in the Fund's prospectus.

The different classes of units may:

- apply different dividend policies (distribution or accumulation);
- be denominated in different currencies;
- be charged different management fees;
- bear different subscription and redemption fees;
- have a different nominal value;
- be automatically hedged against risk, in part or in full, as defined in the prospectus. This hedge is created using financial instruments that reduce to a minimum the impact of the hedging transactions on the Fund's other unit classes;
- be reserved for one or several distribution networks.

Following the decision of the Management Company's CEO, units may be sub-divided into thousandths, referred to as fractions of units. The provisions of the regulations governing the issue and redemption of units shall apply to fractions of units, whose value shall always be proportionate to that of the units they represent. Unless otherwise provided, all other provisions of the regulations relating to units shall apply to fractions of units without any need to make a specific provision to that end. Lastly, the Management Company's CEO may decide, at its own discretion, to sub-divide the units by issuing new units, which shall be allocated to unitholders in exchange for their existing units.

#### **Article 2 - Minimum assets**

Units may not be redeemed if the Fund's assets fall below EUR 300,000; if the assets remain below this amount for a period of 30 days, the Management Company shall make the necessary provisions to liquidate the Fund in question, or to carry out one of the operations mentioned in article 411-16 of the AMF General Regulation (transfer of the UCITS).

#### **Article 3 - Issue and redemption of units**

Units are issued at any time following receipt of subscription requests from unitholders, on the basis of their net asset value plus a subscription fee, where applicable.

Units are issued in bearer form.

Subscriptions and redemptions are executed under the conditions and according to the procedures defined in the prospectus. Units of the Fund may be listed on a stock exchange in accordance with the regulations in force.

Subscriptions must be fully paid up on the day the net asset value is calculated. They may be made in cash and/or by a contribution in kind in the form of financial instruments. The Management Company is entitled to refuse any securities offered and, for that purpose, must communicate its decision within seven days of the date on which the securities were tendered. If they are accepted, the securities contributed in kind are valued according to the rules laid down in article 4 and the subscription is based on the first net asset value following acceptance of the relevant securities.

Redemptions are made exclusively in cash, except in the event of liquidation of the Fund when unitholders have agreed to be reimbursed in kind. They are settled by the registrar within a maximum of five days from the valuation day of the units.

However, if in exceptional circumstances the redemption requires the prior sale of assets held in the Fund, this deadline may be extended to a maximum of 30 days.

With the exception of a succession or an inter vivos gift, the sale or transfer of units between unitholders, or between unitholders and third parties, is treated as a redemption followed by a subscription; if this involves a third party, the sale or transfer amount must, where applicable, be supplemented by the beneficiary in order to at least reach the minimum subscription amount stipulated by the Fund's prospectus.

In application of article L.214-8-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code the redemption of units by the Fund as well as the issue of new units may be suspended on a temporary basis by the Management Company in exceptional circumstances and if this is deemed necessary to protect the interests of unitholders.

If the net assets of the Fund have fallen below the minimum threshold set by the regulations, no redemptions can be carried out.

In application of article L.214-8-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, the Fund may stop issuing units in objective situations leading to the closure of subscriptions, such as a maximum number of units or shares issued, a maximum amount of assets reached or the expiry of a fixed subscription period. These objective situations are described in the Fund's prospectus.

The Management Company may prevent:

- the holding of units by any individual or legal entity not entitled to hold Fund units under the terms of the "target investors" section (hereinafter "**Non-Eligible Persons**"), and/or
- the registering in the Fund's unitholder register or the Transfer Agent's register of any "Non-Eligible Intermediaries", in accordance with the stipulations of the Agreement (IGA) signed on 14 November 2013 between the government of the French Republic and the government of the United States of America so as to improve compliance with tax obligations on an international level and implement the act governing compliance with these obligations for foreign accounts (FATCA).

Within this context, the Management Company may:

- refuse to issue any units if it appears that such an issuance would or could result in said units being held by a "Non-Eligible Person" or registered in the Fund's unitholder register or the Transfer Agent's register;
- request that all information which it deems necessary in order to determine whether or not the beneficial owner of the units in question is a "Non-Eligible Person" be provided at any time from any intermediary whose name appears in the Registers of unitholders, accompanied by a solemn declaration;
- if it appears that the beneficial owner of the units is a "Non-Eligible Person" and is registered in the Fund's Registers of unitholders, immediately proceed with the compulsory redemption of the units held by the Non-Eligible Person. The compulsory redemption shall be carried out using the last known net asset value, increased if applicable by the applicable charges, fees and commissions, which shall be borne by the unitholders concerned by the redemption.

#### **Article 4 - Calculation of the net asset value**

The net asset value of the units is calculated in accordance with the valuation rules specified in the Fund's prospectus.

Contributions in kind may comprise only stocks, securities, or contracts admissible as assets of UCITS; they are valued according to valuation rules governing the calculation of the net asset value.

## **TITLE 2 - OPERATION OF THE FUND**

#### **Article 5 - The Management Company**

The Fund is managed by the Management Company in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives.

The Management Company shall act in all circumstances in the exclusive interests of the unitholders and has the exclusive right to exercise the voting rights attached to the securities held in the Fund.

#### **Article 5a - Operating rules**

The instruments and deposits which are eligible to form part of the Fund's assets as well as the investment rules are described in the Fund's prospectus.

#### **Article 5b - Admission to trading on a regulated market and/or a Multilateral Trading Facility**

Units may be admitted to trading on a regulated market and/or a multilateral trading facility in accordance with the regulations in force. In the event that the Fund whose units are admitted to trading on a regulated market has an index-based investment objective, the Fund must have implemented a mechanism for ensuring that the price of its units does not significantly deviate from its net asset value.

#### **Article 6 - The Custodian**

The Custodian carries out the duties incumbent upon it under the legal and regulatory provisions in force as well as those to which it has contractually agreed with the Management Company. In particular, it must ensure that decisions taken by the Management Company are lawful. Where applicable, it must take all protective measures that it deems necessary. In the event of a dispute with the Management Company, it shall inform the *Autorité des marchés financiers*.

#### **Article 7 - The statutory auditor**

A statutory auditor is appointed by the governing body of the Management Company for a term of six financial years, subject to the approval of the *Autorité des marchés financiers*.

The statutory auditor certifies the accuracy and consistency of the financial statements.

The statutory auditor may be re-appointed.

The statutory auditor is obliged to notify the *Autorité des marchés financiers* promptly if, in the course of its duties, it becomes aware of any fact or decision concerning the undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities which is liable to:

1. Constitute a breach of the legal and regulatory provisions governing this undertaking and is likely to have significant consequences for its financial position, income or assets;
2. Impair its continued operation or the conditions thereof;
3. Lead to the expression of reservations or a refusal to certify the financial statements.

Assets will be valued and exchange ratios will be determined for the purpose of any conversion, merger or split under the statutory auditor's supervision.

The statutory auditor shall assess all contributions in kind under its responsibility.

The statutory auditor shall check the composition of the assets and other information before any publication.

The statutory auditor's fees are determined by mutual agreement between the auditor and the CEO of the Management Company on the basis of an agenda indicating all duties deemed necessary.

The statutory auditor certifies the financial statements serving as the basis for the payment of interim dividends.

The statutory auditor's fees are included in the management fees.

#### **Article 8 - The financial statements and the management report**

At the end of each financial year, the Management Company prepares the financial statements and a report on the management of the Fund during the last financial year.

The Management Company shall prepare an inventory of the assets at least twice yearly and under the supervision of the Custodian.

The Management Company shall make these documents available to unitholders within four months of the financial year-end and shall notify them of the amount of income attributable to them: these documents shall be sent by post if expressly requested by the unitholders, or made available to them by the Management Company.

### **TITLE 3 - APPROPRIATION OF DISTRIBUTABLE INCOME**

#### **Article 9 - Appropriation of distributable income**

The net income for the financial year is equal to the amount of interest, arrears, dividends, premiums and prizes, and directors' fees as well as all income generated by the securities held in the portfolio of the Fund, plus income generated by temporary cash holdings, less management fees and borrowing costs.

The distributable income consists of:

1° The net income for the financial year plus retained earnings, plus or minus the balance of the income equalisation accounts for the last financial year.

2° The realised capital gains, net of fees, minus realised capital losses, net of fees, recorded during the financial year, plus net capital gains of the same kind recorded during previous financial years and that have not been subject to distribution or accumulation, plus or minus the balance of the capital gains equalisation accounts.

The Management Company decides on the allocation of distributable income.

For each unit class, where applicable, the Fund may adopt one of the following methods:

- pure accumulation: distributable income shall be fully accumulated, with the exception of those amounts which are subject to compulsory distribution by law;

- pure distribution: income shall be partially or fully distributed, rounded off to the nearest figure; the Fund may pay interim dividends;
- for funds that wish to choose whether to accumulate and/or distribute income. The Management Company decides on the allocation of distributable income each year.

The Management Company decides on the allocation of distributable income according to the distribution of income provided for in the prospectus and may pay interim dividends where applicable.

#### **TITLE 4 – MERGER - SPLIT - DISSOLUTION - LIQUIDATION**

##### **Article 10 - Merger - Split**

The Management Company may either merge all or part of the Fund's assets with another fund under its management, or split the Fund into two or more other common funds.

Such mergers or splits may only be carried out after unitholders have been notified.

They give rise to the issue of a new certificate indicating the number of units held by each unitholder.

##### **Article 11 – Dissolution - Extension**

If the assets of the Fund remain below the amount set in article 2 above for thirty days, the Management Company shall inform the *Autorité des marchés financiers* and shall dissolve the Fund, except in the event of a merger with another fund.

The Management Company may dissolve the Fund before term. It shall inform the unitholders of its decision, after which no further subscription or redemption requests shall be accepted.

The Management Company shall also dissolve the Fund if a request is made for the redemption of all of the units, if the Custodian's appointment is terminated and no other custodian has been appointed, or upon expiry of the Fund's term, unless such term is extended.

The Management Company shall inform the *Autorité des marchés financiers* by post of the dissolution date and procedure. It shall send the statutory auditor's report to the AMF.

The Management Company may decide to extend the Fund's term, subject to the agreement of the Custodian. Its decision must be taken at least three months prior to the expiry of the Fund's term and must be communicated to the unitholders and the *Autorité des marchés financiers*.

##### **Article 12 - Liquidation**

In the event of dissolution, the Management Company or the custodian shall act as liquidator; otherwise, the liquidator shall be appointed by the court at the request of any interested party. To this end, they shall be granted the broadest powers to realise assets, pay off any creditors and allocate the available balance among the unitholders in the form of cash or securities.

The statutory auditor and the Custodian shall continue to carry out their duties until the end of the liquidation proceedings.

#### **TITLE 5 – DISPUTES**

##### **Article 13 - Competent courts - Jurisdiction**

Any disputes relating to the Fund that arise during the Fund's lifetime or during its liquidation, either among the unitholders or between the unitholders and the Management Company or the Custodian, shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the competent courts.