BPER International SICAV

Société d'investissement à Capital Variable Registered office: 33A, avenue J.F. Kennedy - L-1855 Luxembourg R.C.S. Luxembourg, B 61.517

(the « Company »)

Notice to shareholders of BPER International SICAV

The shareholders of **BPER International SICAV** are invited to the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company that will take place at the Premises of the Notary H. Hellinckx, residing in Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, on 17 June 2022 at 02:00 p.m. (Luxembourg time) without holding a physical meeting with the following agenda ("Extraordinary General Meeting"):

AGENDA

- 1. Decision to amend the articles of incorporation of the Company without amending the corporate purpose of the Company (a substantial draft of which being attached hereto)
- 2. Miscellaneous

The draft revised articles of incorporation of the Company are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company.

At the Extraordinary General Meeting resolutions must be passed with a minimum quorum of fifty percent (50%) of the issued capital by a majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast at the meeting. If the quorum is not reached during the Extraordinary General Meeting, a second extraordinary general meeting will be convened with the same agenda at the same place. At such further meeting, there will be no quorum required and resolutions on the agenda will be adopted at a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast at such meeting.

Each share is entitled to one vote.

The majority at the Extraordinary General Meeting shall be determined according to the shares issued and outstanding at midnight (Luxembourg time) five days prior to the Extraordinary General Meeting (referred to as "Record Date"). At the Extraordinary General Meeting, each share entitles to one vote. The rights of the shareholders to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting and to exercise the voting right attached to their shares are determined in accordance with the shares held at the Record Date.

Given the exceptional circumstances due to the COVID-19, please note that the Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held without a physical meeting in accordance with the provisions of the amended law of 23 September 2020.

Shareholders may vote exclusively by proxy form.

Shareholders entitled and wishing to vote at the Extraordinary General Meeting, are kindly requested to execute the enclosed proxy form and to return it, dated and signed by mail and/or e-mail at the latest four days prior to the Extraordinary General Meeting (i.e. 13 June 2022) to the attention of the Support Services Agent: UBS Europe SE, Luxembourg Branch, 33A, avenue J.F. Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg (e-mail: sh-ubsl-as-domiciliation@ubs.com).

The proxy form will only be valid if it includes the shareholder's and his/her/its legal representative's first name, surname and number of shares held at the Record Date and official address and signature as well as voting instructions and is received in due time. Incomplete or erroneous proxy forms or proxy forms, which do not comply with the formalities described therein, will not be taken into account.

Upon receipt of the proxy, the shares will be blocked until the day after the Extraordinary General Meeting. Without specific instruction in writing to the company secretary (see above for contact details), any valid proxy which was returned for attendance at the Extraordinary General Meeting will remain valid in case of another shareholders' meeting of the Company with the same agenda ("referred to as "Adjourned General Meeting") if the conditions for its validity are still met at the record date of the Adjourned General Meeting (i.e. five days prior to the Adjourned General Meeting). Similar blocking procedures as for the Extraordinary General Meeting would be followed for the Adjourned General Meeting.

The Board of Directors

Appendix 1 - Articles of incorporation as amended

A.- Name, Registered office, Term and Object of the company.

- **Art. 1. Form, Name.** There exists among the subscribers and all those who become owners of shares hereafter issued, a public limited liability company ("société anonyme") qualifying as an investment company with variable share capital ("société d'investissement à capital variable" or "SICAV") bearing the name "**BPER International SICAV**" (the "Company").
- **Art. 2. Registered office.** The Company's registered office is located in Luxembourg-City, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

The Company may establish branches, subsidiaries or other offices either in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg or in foreign countries, except the United States of America, its territories or possessions, by resolution of the Company's board of directors (the "Board of Directors").

The Board of Directors may transfer the registered office of the Company within the same municipality, or to any other municipality in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and amend the Company's articles of incorporation (the "Articles of Incorporation") to reflect such change of registered office.

If the Board of Directors determines that extraordinary political, economical, social or military events and developments have occurred or are imminent that would interfere with the ordinary course of business of the Company at its registered office, or with the ease of communication between such office and persons abroad, the registered office may be temporarily transferred abroad until the complete cessation of these extraordinary circumstances; such temporary and provisional measures shall have no effect on the nationality of the Company which, notwithstanding the temporary and provisional transfer of its registered office, will remain a Luxembourg corporation.

Art. 3. Term. The Company has been established for an unlimited period of time.

By resolution of the shareholders made in the legally prescribed form in accordance with Article 31 of these Articles of Incorporation, the Company may be liquidated at any time.

Art. 4. Corporate object. The exclusive purpose of the Company is to invest the assets available to it in transferable securities and other assets permitted by law, in accordance with the principle of risk diversification and with the objective to provide the shareholders with the income from and the results of the management of its assets.

The Company may take any measures or carry out any transactions that it considers appropriate to achieve and promote this purpose and will do this in the broadest possible sense in accordance with Part I of the law dated 17 December 2010 on undertakings for collective investment, as amended from time to time (the "2010 Law").

B-. Share capital, Shares, Net asset value

Art. 5. Share capital. The capital of the Company shall be represented by fully paid up shares of no par value and shall at any time be equal to the total net assets of the Company pursuant to Article 10 of these Articles of Incorporation.

The Board of Directors shall, at any time, establish one or several pool of assets, each constituting a compartment (a "sub-fund") within the meaning of article 181 of the 2010 Law.

The Board of Directors shall attribute specific investment objectives and policies and a specific denomination to each sub-fund.

The Company shall be considered as a single legal entity. However, the right of shareholders and creditors relating to a particular sub-fund or raised by the incorporation, the operation or the liquidation of a sub-fund are limited to the assets of such sub-fund. The assets of a sub-fund will be answerable exclusively for the rights of the shareholders relating to this sub-fund and for those of the creditors whose claim arose in relation to the incorporation, the operation or the liquidation of this sub-fund. As far as the relation between shareholders is concerned, each sub-fund will be deemed to be a separate entity.

The Board of Directors may issue share classes with specific characteristics within a sub-fund, for example with (i) a specific distribution policy, such as distributing or accumulating shares, or (ii) a specific commission structure in relation to issue and redemption, or (iii) a specific commission structure in relation to investment or advisory fees, or (iv) with various currencies of account, or (v) other specific characteristics as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

The minimum share capital of the Company must reach EUR 1,250,000. (one million two hundred and fifty thousand Euros) within a period of six months following its approval by the Luxembourg supervisory authority, and thereafter may not be less than this amount.

Each share class may be sub-divided into one or several category(ies) as more fully described in the Company's sales documents.

In order to determine the share capital of the Company, the net assets allocated to each subfund will, in case they are not denominated in the accounting currency, be converted into such currency, and the share capital shall be the total of the net assets of all classes of all sub-funds.

The share capital of the Company may be increased or decreased as a result of the issue by the Company of new fully paid-in shares or the repurchase by the Company of existing shares from its shareholders.

The Board of Directors may permit internal pooling and/or joint management of assets from particular sub-funds in the interests of efficiency. In this case, assets from different sub-funds will be managed together. The assets under joint management are referred to as a "pool". Pools are used exclusively for internal management purposes, are not separate units and cannot be accessed directly by shareholders.

Pooling

The Company may invest and manage all or part of the portfolio assets held by two or more subfunds (for this purpose called "participating sub-funds") in the form of a pool. Such an asset pool is created by transferring to it cash and other assets (if these assets are in line with the investment policy of the pool concerned) from each of the participating sub-funds to the asset pool. The Company can then make further transfers to the individual asset pools. Equally, assets can also be transferred back to a participating sub-fund up to the amount of the participation of the subfund concerned.

The participation of a participating sub-fund in an asset pool is evaluated by reference to notional units of the same value in the relevant asset pool. When an asset pool is created, the Board of Directors shall specify the initial value of the notional units (in a currency that the Board of Directors considers appropriate) and allot to each participating sub-fund notional units having an aggregate value equal to the amount of the cash (or other assets) it has contributed. Thereafter, the value of the notional units will then be determined by dividing the net assets of the asset pool by the number of existing notional units.

If additional cash or assets are contributed to or withdrawn from an asset pool, the notional units assigned to the participating sub-fund concerned will increase or diminish, as the case may be, by a number, which is determined by dividing the amount of cash or the value of assets contributed or withdrawn by the current value of the participating sub-fund's participation in the asset pool. If cash is contributed to the asset pool, for calculation purposes it is reduced by an amount that the Board of Directors considers appropriate in order to take account of any tax expenses as well as the closing charges and acquisition costs relating to the investment of the cash concerned. If cash

is withdrawn, a corresponding deduction may be made in order to take account of any costs related to the disposal of securities or other assets of the asset pool.

Dividends, interests and other income-like distributions, which are obtained from the assets of an asset pool, are allocated to the asset pool concerned and thus lead to an increase in the respective net assets. If the Company is liquidated, the assets of an asset pool are allocated to the participating sub-funds in proportion to their respective share in the asset pool.

Joint management

In order to reduce operating, administrative and management costs and at the same time to permit broader diversification of investments, the Board of Directors may decide to manage part or all of the assets of one or more sub-funds in combination with assets that belong to other sub-funds or to other undertakings for collective investment. In the following paragraphs, the term "jointly managed entities" refers globally to the Company and each of its sub-funds and all entities with or between which a joint management agreement would exist; the term "jointly managed assets" refers to the entire assets of these jointly managed entities which are managed according to the same aforementioned agreement.

As part of the joint management agreement, the relevant Company's portfolio manager(s) will, on a consolidated basis for the relevant jointly managed entities, be entitled to make decisions on investments and sales of assets which have an influence on the composition of the Company's and its sub-funds' portfolio. Each jointly managed entity holds a portion in the jointly managed assets corresponding to the proportion of its net assets to the total value of the jointly managed assets. This proportionate holding (for this purpose called the "participation arrangement") applies to each and all investment categories which are held or acquired in the context of joint management. Decisions regarding investments and/or sales of investments have no effect on this participation arrangement: further investments will be allotted to the jointly managed entities in the same proportions and, in the event of a sale of assets, these will be subtracted proportionately from the jointly managed assets held by the individual jointly managed entities.

In the case of new subscriptions in one of the jointly managed entities, the subscription proceeds are to be allocated to the jointly managed entities in accordance with the changed participation arrangement resulting from the increase in net assets of the jointly managed entity having benefited from the subscriptions. The level of the investments will be modified by the transfer of assets from one jointly managed entity to the other, and thus adapted to suit the changed participation arrangement. Similarly, in the case of redemptions for one of the jointly managed entities, the necessary liquid funds shall be taken from the liquid funds of the jointly managed entities in accordance with the changed participation arrangement resulting from the reduction in net assets of the jointly managed entity which has been the subject of the redemptions, and in this case the particular level of all investments will be adjusted to suit the changed participation arrangement.

Shareholders should be aware that the joint management agreement may result in the composition of the assets of a particular sub-fund being affected by events which concern other jointly managed entities, e.g. subscriptions and redemptions, unless the members of the Board of Directors or one of the duly appointed agents of the Company resort to special measures. If all other aspects remain unchanged, subscriptions received by an entity under joint management with the sub-fund will therefore result in an increase in the cash reserve of this sub-fund. Conversely, redemptions of an entity under joint management with the sub-fund will result in a reduction of the cash reserve of this sub-fund. However, subscriptions and redemptions can be executed on the special account that is opened for each jointly managed entity outside the joint management agreement and through which subscriptions and redemptions must pass. Because of the possibility of posting extensive subscriptions and redemptions to these special accounts, and the possibility that the Board of Directors or one of the duly appointed agents of the Company may decide at any time to terminate the participation of the sub-fund in the joint management agreement, the sub-fund concerned may avoid having to rearrange its portfolio if this could adversely affect the interests of the Company, its sub-funds and its shareholders.

If a change in the portfolio composition of the Company or one or several of its relevant subfunds as a result of redemptions or payments of fees and expenses referring to another jointly managed entity (i.e. which cannot be counted as belonging to the Company or the sub-fund concerned) might result in a violation of the investment restrictions applying to the Company or the particular sub-fund, the relevant assets will be excluded from the joint management agreement before implementing the change so that they are not affected by the resulting adjustments.

Jointly managed assets of a particular sub-fund will only be managed in common with assets intended to be invested according to the same investment objectives that apply to the jointly managed assets in order to ensure that investment decisions are compatible in all respects with the investment policy of the particular sub-fund. Jointly managed assets may only be managed in common with assets for which the same portfolio manager is authorised to make decisions in investments and the sale of investments, and for which the depositary bank also acts as a depositary so as to ensure that the depositary bank is capable of performing its functions and responsibilities in accordance with the 2010 Law and statutory requirements in all respects for the Company and its sub-funds. The depositary bank must always keep the assets of the Company separate from those of the other jointly managed entities; this allows it to determine the assets of the Company and of each individual sub-fund accurately at any time. Since the investment policy of the jointly managed entities does not have to correspond exactly with that of a sub-fund, it is possible that their joint investment policy may be more restrictive than that of that sub-fund.

The Board of Directors may decide to terminate the joint management agreement at any time without giving prior notice.

Shareholders may enquire at any time at the Company's registered office as to the percentage of jointly managed assets and entities with which there is a joint management agreement at the time of their enquiry.

The composition and percentages of jointly managed assets must be stated in the annual reports.

Joint management agreements with non-Luxembourg entities are permissible if (i) the agreement in which the non-Luxembourg entity is involved is governed by Luxembourg law and Luxembourg jurisdiction or (ii) each jointly managed entity is equipped with such rights that no creditor and no insolvency or bankruptcy administrator of the non-Luxembourg entity has access to the assets or is authorised to freeze them.

Art. 6. Shares. The Board of Directors shall determine and specify in the Company's sales documents whether the Company shall issue shares in bearer and/or in registered form and in which denominations any bearer shares in a sub-fund and/or share class are to be issued. The Board of Directors shall determine that share certificates if any shall be issued for fully paid-in bearer shares only.

The Board of Directors may at its discretion decide to issue, in addition to Shares in registered form, Shares in dematerialized form or global share certificates taking the form of global bearer certificates deposited with a securities settlement system ("Global Shares Certificates"). In particular, under the conditions provided for in the Luxembourg law of 6 April 2013 relating to dematerialized securities, the Board of Directors may at its discretion decide to issue Shares in dematerialized form. Dematerialized Shares are generally Shares exclusively issued by book entry in an issue account (compte d'émission, the "Issue Account") held by a central account holder (the "Central Account Holder") designated by the Company and disclosed in the sales documents of the Company.

If the Board of Directors decides to issue bearer shares, these will in principle be documented by global certificates. It is not intended to issue additional bearer share certificates, except if extraordinary circumstances occur.

If bearer share certificates are issued, they must be signed by two members of the Board of Directors.

By resolution of the Board of Directors either or both of these signatures may be in facsimile. However, one of such signatures may be made by a person duly authorised thereto by the Board of Directors, in which case it shall be manual.

Any registered shares issued by the Company must be registered in the share register kept by the Company or one or more persons designated thereto by the Company. This share register will contain the name of each holder of registered shares, his or her residence or another address indicated to the Company, the number of shares held by that person as well as the sub-fund and, the case being, the share class of the relevant shares and the amount paid up on each share. Each transfer or any other form of legal assignment of a registered share must be registered in the share register.

A register of bearer shares will be kept by a depositary appointed by the Board of Directors for such purposes, who will provide shareholders upon the request with the information registered in said register in relation to their own shareholding only.

Entry in the share register provides evidence of ownership of registered shares. The Company may issue written confirmation of the shares held.

Ownership of shares issues in dematerialized form or taking the form of a global share certificate shall be evidenced in accordance with applicable law and the provisions set out in the Prospectus, as applicable.

The transfer of registered shares is effected by the handover of documents providing sufficient evidence of the transfer to the Company or through a declaration of transfer which is entered in the share register and signed and dated by the transferor and the transferee or by persons authorised to do so.

Any transfer of bearer shares shall become effective towards the Company and third parties through the record of the transfer in the register of bearer shares.

If a share is registered in the name of several persons, the first shareholder entered in the register is deemed to be empowered to act on behalf of all the other co-owners and shall be the only person entitled to receive notices on the part of the Company.

With bearer shares, the Company is entitled to consider the bearer, and with registered shares, the person in whose name the shares are registered, as rightful owner of the shares. In connection with any measures affecting these shares, the Company will only be liable to the aforementioned persons and under no circumstances to any third parties. It has the power to view all rights, interests or claims of persons, other than those persons in whose name the shares are registered, as null and void in respect of these shares; this does not, however, exclude the right of a third party to demand the proper entry of a registered share or a change to such entry.

If a shareholder does not provide the Company with his/her address, this will be noted in the share register and the registered office of the Company, or another address entered in the share register by the Company, will be deemed to be the address of that shareholder until such time as he/she provides the Company with another address. Shareholders may arrange to have the address registered in the Company's share register changed at any time. This takes place by means of written notification to the Company at its registered office or to an address determined by the Company from time to time.

If shareholders in the Company provide sufficient evidence that their share certificates (if any have been issued) have been misplaced, stolen or destroyed, they will receive upon demand and under observance of the conditions laid down by the Company, which may require some form of security, a duplicate of their certificate(s). If prescribed or permitted by the applicable laws and as determined by the Company in observance of such laws, these conditions may include insurance taken out with an insurance company. Upon issue of new share certificates, which must bear a note indicating that they are duplicates, the original certificate(s), which the new one(s) replace(s), cease to be valid.

Upon instructions from the Company, damaged share certificates may be exchanged for new share certificates. The damaged share certificates must be handed over to the Company and immediately cancelled.

At the Company's discretion, it may charge shareholders with the costs of the duplicate or of the new share certificate and with those costs incurred by the Company upon the issue and registration of these certificates or the destruction of the old certificates.

The Company may decide to issue fractional shares up to three decimals. Fractions of shares do not give holders any voting rights but entitle them to participate in the income of the relevant sub-fund or the relevant share class on a pro rata basis.

Holders of dematerialized shares or shares taking the form of a global certificate must provide the Company with information for identification purposes of the holders of such shares in accordance with applicable laws. If on a specific request of the Company, the holder of dematerialized shares or shares taking the form of a global share certificate does not furnish the requested information or furnishes incomplete or erroneous information within a time period provided for by law or determinewd by the Board of Directors in its discretion, the Board of Directors may decide to suspend voting rights attached to all or parts of the dematerialized shares or shares taking the form of a global share certificate held by the relevant person until satisfactory information is received.

Non-voting shares may also be issued up to 100% of the shares of any sub-fund of the Company in accordance with the Law of the 1915 Law. The issue of non-voting shares is subject to either the right to a dividend in the event of a distribution of profit, the right to reimbursement of the contribution made or the right to distribution of the liquidation proceeds as more described in the Prospectus.

Art. 7. Issue of shares. The Board of Directors is fully entitled at any time to issue new fully paid shares with no par value in any sub-fund and/or share class without, however, granting existing shareholders preferential rights in respect of the subscription of the new shares.

The issue of new shares takes place on each of the valuation dates determined by the Board of Directors in accordance with Article 10 of these Articles of Incorporation and the terms and conditions contained in the sales document.

The issue price for a share is the net asset value, or in case of newly launched sub-funds and/or classes the initial subscription price, as determined by the Board of Directors, per share calculated for each sub-fund and/or each relevant share class pursuant to Article 10 of these Articles of Incorporation plus any costs and commissions laid down by the Board of Directors for the sub-fund and share class concerned. The issue price is payable within the period laid down by the Board of Directors, and no later than eight days after the valuation date concerned unless shorter deadlines are specified in the Company's sales documents relating to the respective sub-fund and/or share class.

The Board of Directors may accept full or partial subscriptions in kind at its own discretion. In this case, the capital subscribed in kind must be harmonised with the investment policy and restrictions of the particular sub-fund and/or share class. Moreover, the value of any assets contributed in kind will be subject to a report of an auditor (réviseur d'entreprises agréé). Any associated costs will be payable by the investor.

The Board of Directors may limit the frequency of share issues for each sub-fund and each share class; in particular the Board of Directors may resolve that shares are only to be issued within a particular time.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to wholly or partially reject any subscription application or to suspend the issue of shares in one or more or all of the sub-funds and share classes at any time and without prior notification. The depositary bank will immediately reimburse payments made in such cases for subscription applications that have not been executed.

Furthermore, the Board of Directors may impose conditions on the issue of shares in any subfund and/or share class (including without limitation the execution of such subscription documents and the provision of such information as the Board of Directors may determine to be appropriate) and may fix a minimum subscription amount and minimum amount of any additional investments, as well as a minimum holding amount which any shareholder is required to comply. Any conditions to which the issue of shares may be submitted will be detailed in the Company's sales documents.

If determination of the net asset value of a sub-fund and/or share class is suspended pursuant to Article 11 of these Articles of Incorporation, no shares in the affected sub-fund or share class will be issued for the duration of the suspension.

For the purpose of issuing new shares, the Board of Directors may assign to any member of the Board of Directors or to appointed officers of the Company or any other authorised person the task of accepting the subscription, receiving the payment and delivering the shares.

Art. 8. Redemption and Conversion of shares. Any shareholder in the Company may request the Company to redeem all or part of his/her shares under the terms and procedures set forth by the Board of Directors in the sales documents and within the limits provided by any applicable law and these Articles of Incorporation.

In such cases, the Company will redeem the shares while observing the restrictions laid down by law and subject to the suspension of such redemptions by the Company stipulated in Article 11 of these Articles of Incorporation. The shares redeemed by the Company will be cancelled.

Shareholders receive a redemption price calculated on the basis of the relevant net asset value of the relevant sub-fund and/or share class of a sub-fund in line with statutory regulations and the terms of these Articles of Incorporation and in accordance with the terms and conditions laid down by the Board of Directors in the sales documents.

A redemption application must be made irrevocably and in writing and addressed to the registered office of the Company in Luxembourg or at offices of a person (or institution) appointed by the Company. With shares for which certificates have been issued, the share certificates must be submitted in good order with the redemption application, attaching any renewal certificates and any coupons not yet due (for bearer shares only).

A commission in favour of the Company or the Company's distributor may be deducted from the net asset value, together with a further amount to make up for the estimated costs and expenses that the Company could incur in realising the assets in the body of assets affected, in order to finance the redemption request, at a rate provided for in the sales documents.

The redemption price must be paid in the currency in which the shares in the relevant sub-fund and/or share class are denominated or in another currency that may be determined by the Board of Directors, within a time to be determined by the Board of Directors of not more than eight days after the later of either (i) the relevant valuation date or (ii) after the day when the share certificates have been received by the Company, irrespective of the terms and conditions of Article 11 of these Articles of Incorporation.

With the approval of the affected shareholders, the Board of Directors (while observing the principle of equal treatment of all shareholders) may at its own discretion execute redemption requests wholly or partly in kind by allocating to such shareholder assets from the sub-fund portfolio equivalent in value to the net asset value of the redeemed shares, as described more fully in the sales documents. Moreover, these assets are audited by the Company's auditor. Any associated costs will be payable by the investor.

If on any valuation day, redemption requests pursuant to this Article exceed a certain level as determined by the Board of Directors in relation to the net asset value of any sub-fund, the Board of Directors may decide to defer such request. On the next dealing day, these redemption requests will be met in priority to later requests.

If as a result of any request for redemption, the aggregate net asset value of the shares held by a shareholder in any share class of any sub-fund would fall below such value as determined by the Board of Directors and described in the sales documents, the Company may decide that this request shall be treated as a request for redemption for the full balance of such shareholder's holding of shares in such share class of the applicable sub-fund.

The Board of Directors may decide from time to time that shareholders are entitled to request the conversion of whole or part of their shares into shares of another share class of the same subfund or of another sub-fund of the Company. In such cases, the Company will convert the shares subject to the suspension of such conversions by the Company stipulated in Article 11 of these Articles of Incorporation and the Board of Directors will (i) set restrictions, terms and conditions as to the right for and frequency of conversions and (ii) subject them to the payment of such charges and commissions as it shall determine.

If on any valuation day, conversion requests pursuant to this Article exceed a certain level as determined by the Board of Directors in relation to the net asset value of any sub-fund, the Board of Directors may decide to defer such request. On the next dealing day, these conversion requests will be met in priority to later requests.

The Board of Directors may, in its entire discretion, decide that if as a result of any request for conversion, the number or the aggregate net asset value of the shares held by any shareholder in any sub-fund and/or share class would fall below such number or such value as determined by the Board of Directors, the Company may decide to treat this request as a request for conversion for the full balance of such shareholder's holding of shares in such share class and/or sub-fund.

The price for the conversion of shares shall be computed by reference to the respective net asset value of the two share classes concerned, calculated on the same valuation date or any other day

as determined by the Board of Directors in accordance with Article 10 of these Articles of Incorporation and the rules laid down in the sales documents. Conversion fees, if any, may be imposed upon the shareholder(s) requesting the conversion of his shares at a rate provided for in the sales documents. A conversion application must be made irrevocably and in writing and addressed to the registered office of the Company in Luxembourg or at offices of a person (or institution) appointed by the Company. With shares for which certificates have been issued, the share certificates must be submitted in good order with the conversion application, attaching any renewal certificates and any coupons not yet due (for bearer shares only).

The shares which have been converted shall be cancelled.

- **Art. 9. Restrictions on the ownership of shares.** The Company may restrict or prevent the ownership of shares in the Company by any person, firm or corporate body, namely any person in breach of any law or requirement of any country or governmental authority or of the provisions of the Company's sales documents and any person which is not qualified to hold such shares by virtue of such law, requirement or provision or if in the opinion of the Company such holding may be detrimental to the Company, if it may result in a breach of any law or regulation, whether Luxembourg or foreign, or if as a result thereof the Company may become subject to laws (including without limitation tax laws) other than those of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (each an "unauthorised person"). To this end the Company may:
- a) decline to issue any shares and decline to register any transfer of a share, where it appears to it that such registry or transfer would or might result in legal or beneficial ownership of such shares by an unauthorised person or a person holding more than a certain percentage of capital determined by the Board of Directors:
- b) demand at any time from persons whose names have been entered in the share register, or who apply for entry of a transfer of shares in the share register, to furnish information supported by a declaration under oath of a nature that it considers necessary in order to decide whether the shares of the person concerned are in the beneficial ownership of an unauthorised person or whether the entry would lead to the beneficial ownership of these shares by an unauthorised person;
- c) refuse to recognise the votes of an unauthorised person at a general meeting of shareholders of the Company; and
- d) where it appears to the Company that any unauthorised person either alone or in conjunction with any other person is a beneficial owner of shares, direct such shareholder to sell his shares and to provide to the Company evidence of the sale within thirty (30) days of the notice. If such shareholder fails to comply with the direction, the Company may compulsorily redeem or cause to be redeemed from any such shareholder all shares held in the following manner:
- (1) The Company serves a notice (hereinafter referred to as "Notice of Purchase") to the shareholder owning the shares, or the person who is registered in the share register as the owner of the shares to be bought. In the said Notice of Purchase the shares to be bought are listed together with the method of calculating the purchase price and the name of the buyer.
- (2) Such notice will be sent to the shareholder by registered letter at his last known address or to the address listed in the books of the Company. The shareholder is then obliged to release to the Company the shares certificate(s) (if issued) listed in the Notice of Purchase. At close of business on the day fixed in the Notice of Purchase, the shareholder ceases to be owner of the shares listed in the Notice of Purchase. With registered shares, his name will be struck from the share register and with regard to bearer shares, the issued share certificate(s) will be cancelled.
- (3) The price at which each such share is to be purchased (the "Purchase Price") shall be an amount based on the net asset value per share as at the valuation day specified by the Board of Directors for the redemption of shares in the Company next preceding the date of the Notice of Purchase or next succeeding the surrender of the share certificate or certificates representing the shares specified (if issued) in such notice, whichever is lower, all as determined in accordance with Article 10 hereof, less any service charge provided therein.
- (4) The payment of the Purchase Price to the former owner of the shares will normally be made in the currency laid down by the Board of Directors for the payment of the redemption price for the shares. After it has been finally determined, this price will be deposited by the Company at a bank

(mentioned in the Notice of Purchase) in Luxembourg or abroad with a view to paying it out to this owner mentioned in the Notice of Purchase against, the case being, handover of the bearer share certificate mentioned in the Notice of Purchase together with any coupons not yet due.

After the Notice of Purchase has been sent as described above, the former owner no longer has any right to these shares nor any claim against the Company or its assets in this connection, except for the claim for receipt of the Purchase Price (without interest) from the bank mentioned against, the case being, actual handover of the bearer share certificate(s) as described above. Amounts owed to a shareholder pursuant to this paragraph that are not claimed within a five-year period commencing on the date fixed in the Notice of Purchase may no longer be claimed thereafter and return to the Company. The Board of Directors has the powers to undertake all necessary measures to effect the reversion.

(5) The exercise of the powers granted in this Article by the Company may not under any circumstances be questioned or declared ineffective by giving the excuse that ownership of the shares by a person has not been sufficiently proved or that ownership relationships were other than they appeared to be on the date of the Notice of Purchase. This, however, requires that the Company exercises its powers in good faith.

Art. 10. Determination of the net asset value. In order to determine the issue and redemption price, the net asset value of each share class in each sub-fund will be periodically calculated by the Company under the terms and conditions as laid down in the Company's sales documents, and not less than twice every month. Every such day for the determination of the net asset value is referred to in these Articles of Incorporation as a "Valuation Date".

The net asset value of each sub-fund will be calculated in the reference currency of the sub-fund concerned and will be determined in accordance with the following principles:

The net asset value per share will be determined as of any Valuation Date (as determined in the sales documents) by the assets relating to the particular sub-fund minus the liabilities allocated to that sub-fund divided, by the number of shares in circulation in the sub-fund in question on any Valuation Date in accordance with the valuation rules set forth below. The net asset value per share may be rounded up or down to the nearest unit of the relevant reference currency as the Board of Directors shall determine.

For sub-funds for which various share classes have been issued the net asset value will be determined for each separate share class. In such cases, the net asset value of a sub-fund that is allocable to a particular share class will be divided by the number of shares in circulation in that share class. The Board of Directors may resolve to round the net asset value up or down to the next amount in the currency concerned.

The net asset value of the Company is calculated by adding up the total net assets of all the subfunds.

Valuation of each sub-fund and of each of the different share classes follows the criteria below:

- 1. The assets of the Company shall include:
- a) all cash and cash equivalents including accrued interest;
- b) all outstanding receivables, including interest receivables on accounts and custody accounts, and income from securities that have been sold but not yet delivered;
- c) all securities, money-market instruments, fund units, debt instruments, subscription rights, warrants, options and other financial instruments and other assets held by the Company or acquired for its account;
- d) all dividends and dividend claims, provided that it is possible to obtain sufficiently well established information on them and that the Company may make value adjustments in respect of price fluctuations arising from ex-dividend trading or similar practices;
- e) all accrued interest on interest-bearing assets held by the Company unless these form part of the face value of the asset concerned;
 - f) costs of establishing the Company that have not been written off;
 - g) any other assets including prepaid expenses.

These assets are valued in accordance with the following rules:

- a) The value of any cash in hand or on deposit, bills and demand notes and accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, cash dividends and interest declared or accrued as aforesaid and not yet received is deemed to be the full amount thereof, unless in any case the same is unlikely to be paid or received in full, in which case the value thereof is arrived at after making such discount as may be considered appropriate in such case to reflect the true value thereof.
- b) Securities, derivatives and other investments listed on an official stock exchange are valued at the last known market prices. If the same security, derivative or other investment is quoted on several stock exchanges, the last available quotation on the stock exchange that represents the major market for this investment will apply.

In the case of securities, derivatives and other investments where trading of these assets on the stock exchange is thin but which are traded between securities dealers on a secondary market using standard market price formation methods, the Company can use the prices on this secondary market as the basis for their valuation of these securities, derivatives and other investments. Securities, derivatives and other investments that are not listed on a stock exchange, but that are traded on another regulated market which is recognised, open to the public and operates regularly, in a due and orderly fashion, are valued at the last available price on this market.

- c) Securities and other investments that are not listed on a stock exchange or traded on any other regulated market, and for which no reliable and appropriate price can be obtained, will be valued by the Company according to other principles chosen by it in good faith on the basis of the likely sales prices.
- d) The valuation of derivatives that are not listed on a stock exchange (OTC derivatives) is made by reference to independent pricing sources. In case only one independent pricing source of a derivative is available, the plausibility of the valuation price obtained will be verified by employing methods of calculation recognised by the Company and the auditors, based on the market value of the underlying instrument from which the derivative has been derived.
- e) Units or shares of other undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities ("UCITS") and/or undertakings for collective investment ("UCI") will be valued at their last net asset value. Certain units or shares of other UCITS and/or UCI may be valued based on an estimate of the value provided by a reliable price provider independent from the target fund's investment manager or investment adviser (Estimated Pricing).
- f) The value of money market instruments which are not listed on a stock exchange or traded on another regulated market open to the public is based on the appropriate curves. The valuation based on the curves refers to the interest rate and credit spread components. The following principles are applied in this process: for each money market instrument, the interest rates nearest the residual maturity are interpolated. The interest rate calculated in this way is converted into a market price by adding a credit spread that reflects the underlying borrower. This credit spread is adjusted if there is a significant change in the credit rating of the borrower.

For sub-funds that predominantly invest in money market instruments,

- securities with a residual maturity of less than 12 months are valued in accordance with the ESMA guidelines for money market instruments;
- interest income earned by sub-funds up to and including the second valuation date following the Valuation Date concerned is included in the valuation of the assets of the sub-funds concerned. The asset value per share on a given valuation date therefore includes projected interest earnings as at two Valuation Dates hence.
- g) Securities, money market instruments, derivatives and other investments that are denominated in a currency other than the currency of account of the relevant sub-fund and which are not hedged by means of currency transactions are valued at the middle currency rate (midway between the bid and offer rate) obtained from external price providers.
- h) Time deposits and fiduciary investments are valued at their nominal value plus accumulated interest.
- i) The value of swap transactions is calculated by an external service provider and a second independent valuation is made available by another external service provider. The calculation is based on the net present value of all cash flows, both inflows and outflows. In some specific cases, internal calculations based on models and market data available from Bloomberg and/or broker

statement valuations may be used. The valuation methods depend on the respective security and are determined pursuant to the management company's valuation policy, as may be amended from time to time. This valuation method is recognised by the Company and is audited by the Company's auditor.

The Company is entitled to apply other appropriate valuation principles which have been determined by it in good faith and are generally accepted and verifiable by auditors to the Company's assets as a whole or of an individual sub-fund if the above criteria are deemed impossible or inappropriate for accurately determining the value of the sub-funds concerned due to extraordinary circumstances or events.

In the event of extraordinary circumstances or events, additional valuations, which will affect the prices of the shares to be subsequently issued or redeemed, may be carried out within one day.

If on any trading day the total number of subscription and redemption applications for all share classes in a sub-fund leads to a net cash in-or outflow, the net asset value of the share classes may be adjusted for that trading day. The maximum adjustment may extend up to 2% of the net asset value (prior to the adjustment). Both the estimated transaction costs and taxes incurred by the sub-fund may be taken into account and the estimated bid/offer spread for the assets in which the sub-fund invests may be considered. The adjustment will result in an increase in the net asset value in the event of a net cash inflow into the sub-fund concerned. It will result in a reduction in the net asset value in the event of a net cash outflow from the sub-fund concerned. The Board of Directors may lay down a threshold figure for each sub-fund in the Company's sales documents. This may consist in the net movement on a trading day in relation to net company assets or to an absolute amount in the currency of the sub-fund concerned. The net asset value would be adjusted only if this threshold were to be exceeded on a given trading day.

The Company is entitled to take the measures described in greater detail in the sales documents in order to ensure that subscriptions or redemptions of shares in the Company do not involve any of the business practices known as market timing or late trading in respect of investments in the Company.

- 2. The liabilities of the Company shall include:
- a) all borrowings and amounts due;
- b) all known existing and future liabilities, including liabilities to pay in money or in kind arising from contractual liabilities due and dividends that have been approved but not yet paid out by the Company;
- c) reasonable provisions for future tax payments and other provisions approved and made by the Board of Directors, as well as reserves set up as provision against miscellaneous liabilities of the Company;
- d) any other liabilities of the Company. In determining the amount of such liabilities, the Company will consider any expenses to be paid comprising the costs of establishing the Company, investment advisers, portfolio managers, the Depositary bank, the domicile and administration agent, the registrar and transfer agent, any paying agent, other distributors and permanent agents in countries where the shares are sold, and any other intermediaries of the Company. Other items to be considered include the remuneration and expenses of members of the Board of Directors, insurance premiums, fees and costs in connection with the registration of the Company at authorities and stock exchanges in Luxembourg and at authorities and stock exchanges in any other country, fees for legal advice and for auditing, advertising costs, printing costs, reporting and publication costs including the costs of publishing announcements and prices, the costs of preparing and carrying out the printing and distribution of the sales documents, information material, regular reports, the cost for preparing and reclaiming withholding tax, taxes, duties and similar charges, any other expenses related to the day-to-day running of the business including the costs of buying and selling assets, interest, bank and brokers' charges, and physical and electronical mailing and telephone costs. The Company may set administrative and other costs of a regular, reoccurring nature in advance on the basis of estimated figures for annual or other periods and may add these together in equal instalments over such periods.
- 3. The Company will undertake the allocation of assets and liabilities to the sub-funds, and the share classes, as follows:

- a) If several share classes have been issued for a sub-fund, all of the assets relating to each share class will be invested in accordance with the investment policy of that sub-fund.
- b) The value of shares issued in each share class will be allocated in the books of the Company to the sub-fund of this share class; the portion of the share class to be issued in the net assets of the relevant sub-fund will rise by this amount; receivables, liabilities, income and expenses allocable to this share class will be allocated in accordance with the provisions of this Article to this sub-fund.
- c) Derivative assets will be allocated in the books of the Company to the same sub-fund as the assets from which the related derivative assets have been derived and, with each revaluation of an asset, the increase or reduction in value will be allocated to the relevant sub-fund.
- d) Liabilities in connection with an asset belonging to a particular sub-fund resulting from action in connection with this sub-fund will be allocated to this sub-fund.
- e) If one of the Company's assets or liabilities cannot be allocated to a particular sub-fund, such receivables or liabilities will be allocated to all of the sub-funds pro rata to the respective net asset value of the sub-funds, or on the basis of the net asset value of all share classes in the sub-fund, in accordance with the determination made in good faith by the Board of Directors. The assets of a sub-fund can only be used to offset the liabilities which the sub-fund concerned has assumed.
- f) Distributions to the shareholders in a sub-fund or a share class reduce the net asset value of this sub-fund or of this share class by the amount of the distribution.
 - 4. For the purposes of this Article, the following terms and conditions apply:
- a) Shares of the Company to be redeemed under Articles 8 and 9 of these Articles of Incorporation shall be treated as existing shares in circulation and taken into account until immediately after the time on the Valuation Date on which such valuation is made, as determined by the Board of Directors. From such time and until paid by the Company, the redemption price shall be deemed to be a liability of the Company;
- b) Shares count as issued from the time of their valuation on the relevant Valuation Date on which such valuation is made, as determined by the Board of Directors. From such time and until payment received by the Company, the issue price shall be deemed to be a debt due to the Company:
- c) Investment assets, cash and any other assets handled in a currency other than that in which the net asset value is denominated will be valued on the basis of the market and foreign exchange rates prevailing at the time of valuation.
 - d) If on any Valuation Date the Company has contracted to:
- purchase any asset, the value of the consideration to be paid for such asset shall be shown as a liability of the Company and the value of the asset to be acquired shall be shown as an asset of the Company;
- sell any asset, the value of the consideration to be received for such asset shall be shown as an asset of the Company and the asset to be delivered shall not be included in the assets of the Company:
- provided however, that if the exact value or nature of such consideration or such asset is not known on such Valuation Date, then its value shall be estimated by the Company.

The net assets of the Company are at any time equal to the total of the net assets of the various sub-funds.

The value of all assets and liabilities not expressed in the reference currency of a sub-fund will be converted into the reference currency of such sub-fund at the rate of exchange determined on the relevant Valuation Date in good faith by or under procedures established by the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors may apply other valuation principles or alternative methods of valuation that it considers appropriate in order to determine the probable realisation value of any asset if applying the above rules appears inappropriate or impracticable. The Board of Directors may adjust the value of any asset if the Board of Directors determines that such adjustment is required to reflect the fair value thereof. The net asset value may also be adjusted to reflect certain dealing charges if need be as more fully described in the Prospectus.

Adequate provisions shall be made for unpaid administrative and other expenses of a regular or recurring nature based on an estimated amount accrued for the applicable period. Any off-balance sheet liabilities shall duly be taken into account in accordance with fair and prudent criteria.

In the absence of fraud, bad faith, gross negligence or manifest error, any decision to determine the net asset value taken by the Board of Directors or by any agent appointed by the Board of Directors for such purpose, shall be final and binding on the Company and all shareholders.

- Art. 11. Temporary suspension of the calculation of net asset value and of the issue, Redemption and Conversion of shares. The Company is authorised to temporarily suspend the calculation of the net asset value and the issue, redemption and conversion of the shares of any sub-fund in the following circumstances:
- a) during any period when any of the stock exchanges or other markets on which the valuation of a significant and substantial part of any of the investments of the Company attributable to such sub-fund from time to time is based, or any of the foreign-exchange markets in whose currency the net asset value any of the investments of the Company attributable to such sub-fund from time to time or a significant portion of them is denominated, are closed except on customary bank holidays or during which trading and dealing on any such market is suspended or restricted or if such markets are temporarily exposed to severe fluctuations, provided that such restriction or suspension affects the valuation of the investments of the Company attributable to such sub-fund quoted thereon;
- b) during the existence of any state of affairs which constitutes an emergency in the opinion of the Board of Directors as a result of which disposal or valuation of assets owned by the Company attributable to such sub-fund would be impracticable;
- c) during any breakdown in the means of communication or computation normally employed in determining the price or value of any of the investments of such sub-fund or the current price or value on any stock exchange or other market in respect of the assets attributable to such sub-fund;
- d) during any period when the Company is unable to repatriate funds for the purpose of making payments on the redemption of shares of such sub-fund, or during which any transfer of funds involved in the realisation or acquisition of investments or payments due on redemption of shares cannot, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, be effected at normal rates of exchange;
- e) if political, economic, military or other circumstances beyond the control or influence of the Company make it impossible to access the Company's assets under normal conditions without seriously harming the interests of the shareholders;
- f) when for any other reason, the prices of any investments owned by the Company attributable to such sub-fund, cannot promptly or accurately be ascertained;
- g) upon the publication of a notice convening a general meeting of shareholders for the purpose of the liquidation of the Company;
- h) to the extent that such suspension is justified by the necessity to protect the shareholders, upon publication of a notice convening a general meeting of shareholders for the purpose of the merger of the Company or one or more of its sub-funds, or upon publication of a notice informing the shareholders of the decision of the Board of Directors to merge one or more sub-fund(s);
- i) when restrictions on foreign exchange transactions or other transfers of assets render the execution of the Company's transactions impossible; or
- k) in case of a feeder sub-fund, when the master UCITS temporarily suspends, on its own initiative or at the request of its competent authorities, the redemption, the reimbursement or the subscription of its units; in such a case the suspension of the calculation of the net asset value at the level of the feeder sub-fund will be for a duration identical to the duration of the suspension of the calculation of the net asset value at the level of the master UCITS.

The suspension of the calculation of the net asset value of any particular sub-fund shall have no effect on the determination of the net asset value per share or on the issue, redemption and conversion of shares of any sub-fund that is not suspended.

Any such suspension of the net asset value will be notified to investors having made an application for subscription, redemption or conversion of shares in the sub-fund(s) concerned and

will be published if required by law or decided by the Board of Directors or its agent(s) at the appropriate time.

C.- Administration and Supervision

Art. 12. The Board of Directors. The Company is managed by a Board of Directors composed of at least three members (each a "Director"). The members of the Board of Directors do not have to be shareholders in the Company. They are appointed by the general meeting for a maximum term of office of six years renewable for an unlimited number of times. The general meeting will also determine the number of members of the Board of Directors, their remuneration and their term of office. Members of the Board of Directors will be elected by a simple majority of the shares present or represented at the general meeting.

Any Director may be removed with or without cause or be replaced at any time by resolution adopted by the general meeting.

If a position in the Board of Directors becomes vacant before the mandate has expired, the remaining members of the Board of Directors may temporarily co-opt a new member. The shareholders will make a final decision on this at the general meeting immediately following the appointment.

Art. 13. Meetings of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may elect a chairman and may elect one or more vice-chairmen from amongst its members. It may appoint a secretary, who does not have to be a member of the Board of Directors, and who will record and keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and the general meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors will be convened by the chairman or by two of its members; it meets at the location given in the notice of the meeting.

The chairman will chair the meetings of the Board of Directors and the general meetings. In his absence, the shareholders or the members of the Board of Directors may appoint by simple majority another member of the Board of Directors or, for general meetings, any other person as chairman pro temporae.

Except in emergencies, which must be substantiated, invitations to meetings of the Board of Directors shall be sent in writing at least twenty-four hours in advance prior to the date set for such meeting. This notice may be waived by consent in writing, by telefax, email or any other similar means of communication, of each Director. Separate notice shall not be required for meetings held at times and places fixed in a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors.

Members of the Board of Directors may give each other power-of-attorney to represent them at meetings of the Board of Directors in writing, by email, telefax or similar means of communication. A Director may represent more than one member of the Board of Directors.

Any Director may participate in a meeting of the Board of Directors by conference call, video conference or similar means of communications allowing the identification of each participating Director. These means must comply with technical features which guarantee an effective participation to the meeting allowing all persons taking part in the meeting to hear one another on a continuous basis and allowing an effective participation of such persons in the meeting. The participation in a meeting by these means is equivalent to a participation in person at such meeting. A meeting held through such means of communication is deemed to be held at the registered office of the Company. Each participating Director shall be authorised to vote by video or by telephone or similar means of communications.

The Directors may not bind the Company by their individual signatures, except if specifically authorized thereto by resolution of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors can deliberate or act validly only if at least a half of its members is present or represented unless these Articles of Incorporation provide otherwise and without prejudice to specific legal provisions.

Resolutions by the Board of Directors must be recorded in minutes and the minutes must be signed by the chairman of the Board of Directors, or, in his absence, by the chairman pro tempore who presided at such meeting or by any two Directors. Copies of extracts of such minutes to be

produced in judicial proceedings or elsewhere will be validly signed by the chairman of the meeting or any two Directors.

Resolutions by the Board of Directors are made by simple majority of the members present or represented. In the event that at any meeting the number of votes for or against a resolution is equal, the chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

Written resolutions approved and signed by all members of the Board of Directors shall have the same effect as resolutions taken at meetings of the Board of Directors. Such resolutions may be approved by each member of the Board of Directors in writing, by telefax, email or similar means of communication. Such approvals may be given in a single or in several separate documents and must in any event be confirmed in writing and the confirmation attached to the written resolutions.

Shareholder holding together at least 10% of the share capital or the voting rights may submit questions in writing to the Board of Directors relating to transactions in connection with the management of the Company.

In the absence of a response within one month, the relevant shareholders may request the president of the chamber of the district court of Luxembourg dealing with commercial matters and sitting as in summary proceedings to appoint one or several experts in charge of drawing up a report on such related transactions.

Art. 14. The powers of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is vested with the broadest powers to perform all acts of disposition, management and administration within the Company's purpose, in compliance with the investment policy and investment restrictions as determined in Article 17 of these Articles of Incorporation for and on behalf of the Company.

All powers not expressly reserved by law or by these Articles of Incorporation to the general meeting of shareholders, are in the competence of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors may suspend the voting rights of any shareholder in breach of his obligations as described by these Articles of Incorporation or any relevant contractual arrangement entered into by such shareholder. A shareholder may individually decide not to exercise, temporarily or permanently, all or part of his voting rights. The waiving shareholder is bound by such waiver and the waiver is mandatory for the Company upon notification of the latter.

The Board of Directors may also create one or several committees. The composition and the powers of such committee(s), the terms of the appointment, removal, remuneration and duration of the mandate of its/their members, as well as its/their rules of procedure are determined by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be in charge of the supervision of the activities of the committee(s).

- **Art. 15. Signatory powers.** Vis-à-vis third parties, the Company shall be legally bound by the joint signature of any two members of the Board of Directors or the joint or sole signature(s) of persons who have been granted such signatory power by the Board of Directors or by any two Directors, but only within the limits of such power.
- **Art. 16. Delegation of powers of representation.** The Board of Directors may delegate its powers to conduct the daily management and affairs of the Company (including the right to act as authorized signatory for the Company) and the representation of the Company for such daily management and affairs to any member of the Board of Directors, officers or other agents, legal or physical person, who may but are not required to be shareholders of the Company, under such terms and with such powers as the Board of Directors shall determine and who may, if the Board of Directors so authorizes, sub-delegate their powers.

The Board of Directors may also confer all powers and special mandates to any person and may, in particular appoint any officers, including managers, managing directors, or any other officers that the Company deems necessary for the operation and management of the Company. Such appointments may be revoked at any time by the Board of Directors. These officers need not be Directors or shareholders of the Company. Unless otherwise stipulated by these Articles of Incorporation, the officers shall have the rights and duties conferred upon them by the Board of Directors.

Furthermore, the Board of Directors may create from time to time one or several committees composed of Directors and/or external persons and to which it may delegate powers as appropriate.

The Board of Directors may also confer special powers of attorney by notarial or private proxy.

Art. 17. Investment policy and restrictions. The Board of Directors, based upon the principle of risk spreading, has the power to determine the investment policies and strategies to be applied in respect of each Sub-Fund and the course of conduct of the management and business affairs of the Company.

In compliance with the requirements set forth by the 2010 Law and detailed in the Prospectus, each Sub-Fund may invest in:

- (a) transferable securities or money market instruments;
- (b) shares or units of other UCITS and UCIs within the limits set forth in the Prospectus, including, where it is intended that a Sub-Fund acts as a feeder fund, shares or units of a master fund qualified as a UCITS;
- (c) shares of other sub-funds to the extent permitted and under the conditions stipulated by the 2010 Law:
- (d) deposits with credit institutions, which are repayable on demand or have the right to be withdrawn and which are maturing in no more than 12 months;
 - (e) financial derivative instruments;
 - (f) other assets to the extent permitted by the 2010 Law.

The Company may in particular purchase the above mentioned assets on any regulated market in Europe, America, Africa, Asia and Oceania.

The Company may also invest in recently issued transferable securities and money market instruments provided that the terms of issue include an undertaking that application will be made for admission to official listing on a regulated market as referred to in the above paragraph and that such admission be secured within one year of issue.

In accordance with the principle of risk-spreading the Company is authorised to invest up to 100% of the assets attributable to each sub-fund in different transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State of the EU, by one or more of its local authorities, by a member state of the OECD or the Group of twenty (G20), by the Republic of Singapore, by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China or by a public international body of which one or more Member States of the EU are members provided that if the Company uses the possibility described above, it shall hold on behalf of each relevant sub-fund securities from at least six different issues. The securities from any single issue shall not account for more than 30% of the total assets attributable to that sub-fund.

The Board of Directors, acting in the best interests of the Company, may decide, in the manner described in the Prospectus, that (i) all or part of the assets of the Company or of any sub-fund be co-managed on a segregated basis with other assets held by other investors, including other undertakings for collective investment and/or their sub-funds; or that (ii) all or part of the assets of two or more sub-funds of the Company be co-managed amongst themselves on a segregated or on a pooled basis.

Investments of each sub-fund of the Company may be made either directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries, as the Board of Directors may from time to time decide and as described in the Prospectus.

The Company is authorised to employ techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities and money market instruments.

The Board of Directors may impose more stringent investment restrictions, as disclosed in the Prospectus.

Art. 18. Conflicts of interest. No contract or other transaction which the Company and any other company or firm might enter into shall be affected or invalidated by the fact that any one or

more of the Directors or officers of the Company is interested in such other company or firm by a close relation, or is a director, officer or employee of such other company or legal entity, provided that the Company obliges itself to never knowingly sell or lend assets of the Company to any of its Directors or officers or any company or firm controlled by them.

In the event that any Director of the Company may have any interest in any contract or transaction submitted for approval to the Board of Directors conflicting with that of the Company, such Director shall make known to the Board of Directors such opposite interest and shall cause a record of this statement to be included in the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors. The relevant Director shall not consider, deliberate or vote upon any such contract or transaction. Such contract or transaction, and such Director's or officer's opposite interest therein, shall be reported to the next succeeding general meeting of shareholder(s) before any other resolution is put to vote.

The provisions of the preceding paragraph are not applicable when the decisions of the Board of Directors concern day-to-day operations engaged at arm's length.

Where, by reason of a conflicting interest, the number of directors required in order to validly deliberate is not met, the Board of Directors may decide to submit the decision on this specific item to the general meeting of shareholders.

Where one or several members of the Board of Directors (but not all of them) have an interest conflicting with that to the Company, such Director(s) is/are not taken into account for the determination of the conditions of presence and majority to be complied with at the meeting of the Board of Directors in accordance with Article 13 of these Articles of Incorporation

Interests for the purposes of this Article do not include interests affecting the legal or commercial relationships with the investment adviser, portfolio manager, the depositary bank, the central administration or other parties determined by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Art. 19. Remuneration of the Board of Directors. The remuneration of the members of the Board of Directors is determined by the general meeting. It also includes expenses and other costs incurred by members of the Board of Directors in the exercise of their duties, including any costs for measures related to legal proceedings against them unless these were the result of wilful misconduct or gross negligence on the part of the member of the Board of Directors concerned.

Art. 20. Indemnification

- 20.1 Each Director, officer and employee of the Company (the "Indemnified Persons") shall be indemnified to the fullest extent permitted by law against any liability, and against all expenses reasonably incurred or paid by him in connection with any claim, action, suit or proceeding in which he becomes involved as a party or otherwise by virtue of his being or having been such a Director, officer or employee of the Company. The words "claim", "action", "suit" or "proceeding" shall apply to all claims, actions, suits or proceedings (civil, criminal or otherwise including appeals) actual or threatened and the words "liability" and "expenses" shall include without limitation attorneys' fees, costs, judgments, amounts paid in settlement and other liabilities.
- 20.2 No indemnification shall be provided to any Director or officer (i) against any liability to the Company or its shareholders by reason of wilful misconduct, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of his office (ii) with respect to any matter as to which he shall have been finally adjudicated to have acted in bad faith and not in the interests of the Company or (iii) in the event of a settlement, unless the settlement has been approved by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 20.3 The right of indemnification herein provided shall be severable, shall not affect any other rights to which any Director or officer may now or hereafter be entitled, shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be such Director or officer.
- 20.4 Expenses in connection with the preparation and representation of a defence of any claim, action, suit or proceeding of the character described in this Article shall be advanced by the Company prior to final disposition thereof upon receipt of any undertaking by or on behalf of the officer or Director, to repay such amount if it is ultimately determined that he is not entitled to indemnification under this Article.

- 20.5 The Company shall not indemnify the Indemnified Persons in the event of claim resulting from legal proceedings among the Indemnified Persons.
- **Art. 21. Auditor.** The annual financial statements of the Company and of the sub-funds will be audited by an auditor ("réviseur d'entreprises agréé") who will be appointed by the general meeting and whose fee will be charged to the Company's assets.

The auditor will perform all of the duties prescribed in the 2010 Law.

D.- General meetings - Accounting year - Distributions

Art. 22. Rights of the general meeting. The general meeting of shareholders of the Company represents all of the shareholders of the Company as a whole, irrespective of the sub-fund and/or share class in which they are shareholders. Resolutions by the general meeting in matters of the Company as a whole are binding on all shareholders regardless of the sub-fund and/or share class held by them. The general meeting has all the powers required to order, execute or ratify any actions or legal transactions by the Company.

Art. 23. Procedures for the general meeting. General meetings are convened by the Board of Directors.

They must be convened upon demand by shareholders holding at least ten per cent (10%) of the capital of the Company. Such general meeting has to take place within a period of one month.

The annual general meeting shall be held within six (6) months of the end of each financial year in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg at the registered office of the Company or at such other place in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg as may be specified in the convening notice of such meeting

Other meetings of shareholders may be held at such place and time as may be specified in the respective convening notices.

Additional, extraordinary general meetings may be held at locations and at times set out in the notices of meeting.

Convening notices to general meetings shall be made in the form prescribed by law. The convening notices to general meetings may provide that the quorum and the majority requirements at the general meeting shall be determined according to the shares issued and outstanding at midnight (Luxembourg time) on the fifth day prior to the general meeting (referred to as "Record Date"). The rights of a shareholder to attend a general meeting and to exercise the voting rights attaching to his/her shares are determined in accordance with the shares held by this shareholder at the Record Date. The convening notices will be announced to shareholders in accordance with legal requirements and, if appropriate, in additional newspapers to be laid down by the Board of Directors.

If all shareholders are present or represented and declare themselves as being duly convened and informed of the agenda, the general meeting may take place without convening notice of meeting in accordance with the foregoing conditions.

Subject to the provisions of the 1915 Law, the Board of Directors may, during the course of any general meeting, adjourn such general meeting for four weeks. The Board of Directors shall do so at the request of shareholders representing at least 10% of the share capital of the Company. In the event of an adjournment, any resolution already adopted by the general meeting of shareholders shall be cancelled.

The Board of Directors may determine all other conditions to be fulfilled by shareholders in order to attend any meeting of shareholders.

The business transacted at any meeting of the shareholders shall be limited to the matters contained in the agenda (which shall include all matters required by law) and business incidental to such matters except if all the shareholders agree to another agenda.

Each full share of whatever sub-fund and/or whatever share class of a sub-fund is entitled to one vote, in compliance with Luxembourg law and these Articles of Incorporation. A shareholder may

act at any meeting of shareholders by appointing another person ("representative") by his power-of-attorney ("proxy") in writing or by facsimile, mail or any other similar means of communication. Such person does not need to be a shareholder and may be a Director or appointed officer of the Company.

Each shareholder may vote through voting forms sent by post, facsimile, mail or any other similar means of communication to the Company's registered office or to the address specified in the convening notice to the meeting.

The shareholders may only use voting forms provided by the Company and which contain at least the place, date and time of the meeting, the agenda of the meeting, the proposal submitted to the decision of the meeting, as well as for each proposal three boxes allowing the shareholder to vote in favour, against, or abstain from voting on each proposed resolution by ticking the appropriate box. Voting forms which show neither a vote in favour, nor against the resolution, nor an abstention, shall be void. The Company will only take into account voting forms received five (5) days prior to the general meeting of shareholders they relate to.

Decisions affecting the interests of all shareholders in the Company will be made at the general meeting while decisions affecting only the shareholders in a particular sub-fund and/or a particular share class of a sub-fund will be made at the general meeting of that sub-fund and/or share class.

Unless otherwise provided by law or in these Articles of Incorporation, resolutions of the general meeting are passed by a simple majority vote of the shares present or represented.

In case the voting rights of one or several shareholders are suspended in accordance with Article 6 or the exercise of the voting rights has been waived by one or several shareholders, such shareholders may attend any general meeting of the Company but the shares they hold will not be taken into account for the determination of the conditions of quorum and majority to be complied with at the general meetings of the Company

Art. 24. General meeting of a sub-fund or share class of sub-funds. The shareholders in a sub-fund or share class of a sub-fund may hold general meetings at any time to decide matters relating exclusively to that sub-fund or share class.

The provisions in Article 23 shall apply accordingly to such general meetings.

Each full share of whatever sub-fund or share class of a sub-fund is entitled to one vote pursuant to the provisions of Luxembourg law and these Articles of Incorporation. A shareholder may act at any meeting of shareholder by appointing another person ("representative") by his power-of-attorney ("proxy") in writing or by facsimile, mail, electronic mail or any other similar means of communication. Such person does not need to be a shareholder and may be a Director or appointed officer of the Company.

Unless otherwise provided for by law or in the current Articles of Incorporation, resolutions of the general meeting are passed by simple majority of the shares present or represented at the meeting.

All resolutions of the general meetings of the Company that change the rights of the shareholders in a particular sub-fund and/or share class of a sub-fund in relation to the rights of shareholders in another sub-fund and/or another share class will be submitted to the shareholders in this other sub-fund and/or share class pursuant to article 450-4 of the law dated 10 August 1915 on commercial companies as amended from time to time (the "1915 Law").

Art. 25. Liquidation and Merger of sub-funds and/or Share classes; Merger of the Company; Conversions of existing sub-funds in feeder sub-funds and Changes of master sub-funds.

25.1 Liquidation of sub-funds and share classes

Upon liquidation announcement to the shareholders of a particular sub-fund and/or share class of a sub-fund, the Board of Directors may arrange for the liquidation of one or more sub-funds and/or share classes of sub-fund(s) if the value of the net assets of the respective sub-fund and/or share class remains at or falls to a level that no longer allows it to be managed in an economically reasonable way as well as in the course of a rationalisation. The same also applies in cases where changes to the political or economic conditions justify such liquidation.

Up to the date upon which the decision takes effect, shareholders retain the right, free of charge, subject to the liquidation costs to be taken into account and subject to the guaranteed equal treatment of shareholders, to request the redemption of their shares. The Board of Directors may however determine a different procedure, in the interest of the shareholders of the sub-fund(s) and/or of the share classes of sub-fund(s).

Any liquidation proceeds which cannot be distributed to the shareholders at the completion of the liquidation (which could last up to nine months) are immediately deposited at the "Caisse de Consignation" in Luxembourg.

The liquidation of a sub-fund shall not involve the liquidation of another sub-fund. Only the liquidation of the last remaining sub-fund of the Company involves the liquidation of the Company.

Irrespective of the Board of Directors' rights, the general meeting of shareholders in a sub-fund and/or share class of a sub-fund may reduce the Company's capital at the proposal of the Board of Directors by withdrawing shares issued by a sub-fund and refunding shareholders with the net asset value of their shares, taking into account actual realization prices of investments and realization expenses and any costs arising from the liquidation) calculated on the Valuation Date on which such decision shall take effect. The net asset value is calculated for the day on which the decision comes into force, taking into account the proceeds raised on disposing of the subfund's assets and any costs arising from this liquidation. No quorum (minimum presence of shareholders covering the capital represented) is required for a decision of this type. The decision can be made with a simple majority of the shares present or represented at the general meeting.

Shareholders in the relevant sub-fund and/or share class will be informed of the decision by the general meeting of shareholders to withdraw the shares or of the decision of the Board of Directors to liquidate the sub-fund and/or share class by means of a publication as required by law. In addition and if necessary in accordance with the statutory regulations of the countries in which shares in the Company are sold, an announcement will then be made in the official publications of each individual country concerned.

Any liquidation proceeds which cannot be distributed to the shareholders at the completion of the liquidation (which could last up to nine months) are immediately deposited at the "Caisse de Consignation" in Luxembourg. All redeemed shares shall be cancelled by the Company.

Each sub-fund of the Company being a feeder sub-fund shall be liquidated, if its master UCITS is liquidated, divided into two or more UCITS or merged with another UCITS, unless the CSSF approves:

- a) the investment of at least 85 % of the assets of the feeder sub-fund in units of another master UCITS; or
 - b) its conversion into a sub-fund which is not a feeder sub-fund.

Without prejudice to specific provisions regarding compulsory liquidation, the liquidation of a subfund of the Company being a master sub-fund shall take place no sooner than three months after the master sub-fund has informed all of its share-or unitholders and the CSSF of the binding decision to liquidate.

25.2 Mergers of the Company or of sub-funds; Division of sub-funds.

Under the same circumstances as provided in Article 25.1 of these Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Directors may decide to reorganise a sub-fund and/or share class by means of a merger with another existing sub-fund and/or share class within the Company or with another UCITS established in Luxembourg or in another Member-State or to another sub-fund and/or share class within such other UCITS (the "new fund/sub-fund") and to re-designate the shares of the relevant sub-fund or share class concerned as shares of another sub-fund and/or share class (following a split or consolidation, if necessary, and the payment of the amount corresponding to any fractional entitlement to shareholders). Such decision will be published in the same manner as described in the first paragraph of this Article (and, in addition, the publication will contain information in relation to the new fund or sub-fund). During a period of thirty days following the publication of such a decision, shareholders may request redemption or conversion of their Shares, free of charge.

Under the same circumstances as provided in Article 25.1 of these Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Directors may decide to reorganise a sub-fund and/or share class by means of a division into two or more sub-funds and/or share classes. Such decision will be published in the same manner as described in the first paragraph of this Article (and, in addition, the publication will

contain information about the two or more new sub-fund). During a period of thirty days following the publication of such a decision, shareholders may request redemption or conversion of their Shares, free of charge.

Where a sub-fund of the Company has been established as a master sub-fund, no merger or division of shall become effective, unless the master sub-fund has provided all of its shareholders and the CSSF with the information required by law, by sixty days before the proposed effective date. Unless the CSSF or the competent authorities of the home member state of the feeder-UCITS, as the case may be, have granted the feeder-UCITS approval to continue to be a feeder-UCITS of the master sub-fund resulting from the merger or division of such master sub-fund, the master sub-fund shall enable the feeder-UCITS to repurchase or redeem all shares in the master sub-fund before the merger or division becomes effective.

The shareholders of both, the merging and receiving sub-fund have the right to request, without any charge other than those retained by the sub-fund to meet disinvestment costs, the repurchase or redemption of their Shares or, where possible, to convert them into Shares of another Sub-Fund of the Fund with similar investment policy or shareholders may also convert their shares into another UCITS, in accordance with Article 73 of the 2010 Law. This right shall become effective from the moment that the shareholders of the merging and those of the receiving sub-fund have been informed of the proposed merger and shall cease to exist five working days before the date for calculating the exchange ratio. The Company may temporarily suspend the subscription, repurchase or redemption of shares, provided that any such suspension is justified for the protection of the shareholders.

If a sub-fund of the Company is the receiving sub-fund, the entry into effect of the merger shall be made public through all appropriate means by the Company and shall be notified to the CSSF and, where appropriate, to the competent authorities of the home member states of the other UCITS involved in the merger.

A merger which has taken in accordance with the provisions of the 2010 Law cannot be declared null and void.

25.3 Conversions of existing sub-funds in feeder sub-funds and changes of master sub-funds

For conversions of existing sub-funds in feeder sub-funds and changes of master sub-funds, the relevant shareholders must be provided with the information required by the 2010 Law within the periods of time prescribed by law. The shareholders are entitled to redeem their shares in the relevant sub-funds free of charge within thirty (30) days thereafter, irrespective of the costs of the redemption.

Art. 26. Financial year. Each year, the Company's financial year begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December.

Art. 27. Distributions. Distributions of dividends may be decided from time to time in accordance with applicable laws and the Prospectus.

Dividends that have been fixed are paid out in the currencies and at the place and time determined by the Board of Directors. An income equalisation amount will be calculated so that the distribution corresponds to the actual income entitlement.

The Board of Directors is authorised to suspend the payment of distributions. At the proposal of the Board of Directors, the general meeting of shareholders may decide to issue bonus shares as part of the distribution of net investment income and capital gains.

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Art. 28. Depositary bank. To the extent required by law, the Company will enter into a depositary bank agreement with a bank as defined in the law of 5 April 1993 on the financial sector, as amended.

The depositary bank will fulfil the duties and responsibilities as provided for by the 2010 Law and the agreement entered into with the Company.

Should the depositary bank wish to resign, the Board of Directors will mandate another bank within two months to take over the functions of the depositary bank. Thereupon, the members of the Board of Directors will appoint this institution as depositary bank in place of the resigning depositary bank. The members of the Board of Directors have the powers to terminate the function of the depositary bank but may not give notice to the depositary bank of such termination unless and until a new depositary bank has been appointed pursuant to this Article to take over the function in its place.

Art. 29. Dissolution of the Company. The Company may at any time be dissolved by a resolution of the general meeting of shareholders subject to the quorum and majority requirements referred to in Article 31 hereof.

Whenever the share capital falls below two-thirds of the minimum capital indicated in Article 5 hereof, the question of the dissolution of the Company shall be referred to the general meeting by the Board of Directors. The general meeting, for which no quorum shall be required, shall decide by simple majority of the votes of the shares represented at the meeting.

The question of the dissolution of the Company shall further be referred to the general meeting whenever the share capital falls below one-fourth of the minimum capital set by Article 5 hereof, in such an event, the general meeting shall be held without any quorum requirements and the dissolution may be decided by shareholders holding one-fourth of the votes of the shares represented at the meeting.

The meeting must be convened so that it is held within a period of forty days from ascertainment that the net assets of the Company have fallen below two thirds or one-fourth of the legal minimum, as the case may be.

Art. 30. Liquidation of the Company. Liquidation shall be carried out by one or several liquidators, who may be physical persons or legal entities, appointed by the general meeting of shareholders which shall determine their powers and the compensation. The liquidator(s) must be approved by the CSSF.

The net proceeds of the liquidation of each sub-fund shall be distributed by the liquidators to the shareholder(s) of the relevant sub-fund in proportion to the number of shares which it/they hold in that sub-fund. Any liquidation proceeds which cannot be distributed to the shareholders at the completion of the liquidation (which could last up to nine months) are immediately deposited at the "Caisse de Consignation" in Luxembourg. If these amounts are not claimed before the end of the period of legal limitation, the amounts shall become statute barred and cannot be claimed any more.

- **Art. 31. Changes to the Articles of Incorporation.** These Articles of Incorporation may be expanded or otherwise amended by the general meeting. Amendments are subject to the quorum and majority requirements in the provisions of the 1915 Law.
- **Art. 32. Applicable law.** All matters not governed by these Articles of Incorporation shall be determined in accordance with the 1915 Law and the 2010 Law, as such laws have been or may be amended from time to time.
- **Art. 33. Statement**. Words importing a masculine gender also include the feminine gender and words importing persons or shareholders also include corporations, partnerships associations and any other organised group of persons whether incorporated or not.