

SUPPLEMENT 8 - Strategic Bond Opportunities Fund
DATED 9th March, 2021
to the Prospectus issued for E.I. Sturdza Funds plc

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Strategic Bond Opportunities Fund (the “Fund”), a sub fund of E.I. Sturdza Funds plc (the “Company”), an open-ended umbrella investment company with segregated liability between funds authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland (the “Central Bank”) on 26th September, 2008 as a UCITS pursuant to the UCITS Regulations. As at the date of this Supplement the Company has seven other funds:

- the Strategic China Panda Fund,
- the Nippon Growth (UCITS) Fund,
- the Strategic Europe Quality Fund,
- the Strategic Global Quality Fund,
- the Strategic European Silver Stars Fund,
- the Strategic Japan Opportunities Fund and
- the Sturdza Family Fund

Details regarding each fund are set out in Supplements 1-8 of the Prospectus.

This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 26th November 2020 (the “Prospectus”).

The Fund may invest substantially in money market instruments. An investment in the Fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by any government, government agencies or instrumentalities or any bank guarantee fund. Shares of the Fund are not deposits or obligations of, or guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank and the amount invested in Shares may fluctuate up and/or down. Investors should read and consider the section entitled “Risk Factors” before investing in the Fund.

The Fund may, at any one time, be significantly invested in financial derivative instruments.

UK taxpayers should read the section of the United Kingdom Country Supplement entitled “United Kingdom Taxation.”

Profile of a Typical Investor: Investment in the Fund is suitable only for those persons and institutions for whom such investment does not represent a complete investment programme, who understand the degree of risk involved (as detailed under the section headed “Risk Factors” in the Prospectus and Supplement), can tolerate a medium level of volatility and believe that the investment is suitable based upon their investment objectives and financial needs. An investment in the Fund should be viewed as medium to long term.

1. Interpretation

The expressions below shall have the following meanings:

“Business Day”	means any day except Saturday or Sunday or any day which is a public holiday in Ireland or such other day or days as may be determined by the Directors and notified in advance to Shareholders.
“Dealing Day”	means each Business Day following the Valuation Point.
“Dealing Deadline”	means 5.00p.m. Irish time on the Business Day preceding the relevant Valuation Point or such other time as the Directors may determine and notify to Shareholders in advance provided always that the Dealing Deadline is no later than 4:50p.m. (Irish time) on the Business Day of the Valuation Point.
“Initial Price”	means USD / CHF / EUR / GBP 1,000 per currency equivalent Share.
“Investment Adviser”	means Banque Eric Sturdza S.A.
“Investment Advisory Agreement”	means the Investment Advisory Agreement made between the Company, the Investment Manager and the Investment Adviser dated 8th April, 2009 and amended and restated dated 30 th December 2013, as amended or supplemented from time to time.
“Valuation Point”	means 5.00p.m. (Irish Time) on each Business Day.
“Valuation Day”	means each Business Day.

All other defined terms used in this Supplement shall have the same meaning as in the Prospectus.

2. Classes of Shares

Subfund Name	Strategic Bond Opportunities Fund														
Share Class Type	A					B						SI			
Share Class	AD USD	AD EUR	A USD	A EUR	A CHF	BD USD	BD EUR	B USD	B EUR	B CHF	B GBP	SI USD	SI EUR	SI CHF	SI GBP
ISIN	IE00BF55G396	IE00BF55G404	IE00BF55G511	IE00BF55G735	IE00BF55G628	IE00BF55G842	IE00BF55G958	IE00BF55FY35	IE00BF55G065	IE00BF55FZ42		IE00BF55G172	IE00BHJW7156	IE00BF55G289	
Fund Launch Date	14 th December, 2018														
Class Launch Date	not launched	14/12/2018	14/12/2018	14/12/2018	14/12/2018	not launched	not launched	14/12/2018	14/12/2018	not launched	not launched	not launched	not launched	not launched	not launched
Base Currency	USD														
Share Class Currency	USD	EUR	USD	EUR	CHF	USD	EUR	USD	EUR	CHF	GBP	USD	EUR	CHF	GBP
Hedged Class	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Distributing or Accumulating	Distributing		Accumulating			Distributing		Accumulating							
Benchmark Index	SOFR = Secured Overnight Financing Rate (USD) LUGCTRUU = Bloomberg-Barclays US Aggregate Government/Credit Total Return Value unhedged USD														
Benchmark code (Bloomberg Ticker)	50% SOFR + 50% LUGCTRUU														
NAV Frequency (Valuation Point)	Daily														
Trading Notice (T)	1 business day														
Cut-off subscriptions/redemptions	T 17:00 Irish time														
Contract note release	T+2														
Subscription settlement	2 days following the Dealing Day														
Redemption settlement	2 days following the Dealing Day														
Investment Management fee	0.80%					0.40%					0.30%				
Performance fee	N/A					N/A					N/A				
Research fee	N/A					N/A					N/A				
Placement/Front end load fees	0.00%														

Redemption Fee	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
ADL	N/A														
ADL computation	N/A														
Minimum Subscription and Minimum Holding	No minimum					1,000,000					10,000,000				
Initial Offer Period	from 9:00 a.m. (Irish time) on 27 th November, 2020 to 5:00 p.m. on 27 th May, 2021	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	from 9:00 a.m. (Irish time) on 27 th November, 2020 to 5:00 p.m. on 27 th May, 2021	from 9:00 a.m. (Irish time) on 27 th November, 2020 to 5:00 p.m. on 27 th May, 2021	Closed	Closed	Closed	from 9:00 a.m. (Irish time) on 27 th November, 2020 to 5:00 p.m. on 27 th May, 2021	from 9:00 a.m. (Irish time) on 27 th November, 2020 to 5:00 p.m. on 27 th May, 2021	from 9:00 a.m. (Irish time) on 27 th November, 2020 to 5:00 p.m. on 27 th May, 2021	from 9:00 a.m. (Irish time) on 27 th November, 2020 to 5:00 p.m. on 27 th May, 2021	from 9:00 a.m. (Irish time) on 27 th November, 2020 to 5:00 p.m. on 27 th May, 2021
Initial Offer Price	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

The A and C Share Classes of the Fund are available for Retail and Professional Investors; however are also open to Institutional Investors.

The B and SI Share Classes are deemed to be “clean” Classes (i.e. non rebate paying) and are intended for Institutional Investors.

The B & SI Classes are also made available to nominee / global custodians representing underlying Institutional Investors that satisfy the minimum investment criteria across multiple accounts, firms providing non-independent advisory services, those entities that are prohibited from investing in classes which pay rebates or performance fee or providers of independent advisory services or discretionary investment management or other distributors who:

- I. provide investment services and activities as defined by the MiFID II Directive; and

- II. have separate fee arrangements with their clients in relation to those services and activities provided; and
- III. do not receive any other fee, rebate or payment other than from their client in relation to those services and activities.

Retail and Professional Investors are not prohibited from investing in the B and SI Classes of the Fund provided they satisfy the minimum investment criteria as defined above.

3. Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve a total return through a combination of capital growth and income by investing in a globally diversified portfolio of fixed income securities.

4. Investment Policy

In pursuit of its investment objective the Fund will invest predominantly in fixed income securities, including but not limited to investment grade corporate bonds, predominantly denominated in the Base Currency and that may be issued with either fixed or floating rate coupons with defined parameters (credit risk rating, sector and country), government, supranational, sovereign, corporate hybrid bonds (a “hybrid” security is a security that has features of two different financial instruments—a hybrid bond is essentially a mixture of debt and equity), subordinated bank debt and subordinated debt securities ranking below other securities with regard to claims on assets or earnings in the event a company falls into liquidation or bankruptcy, and debt securities predominantly denominated in the Base Currency that may be convertible into shares of companies. The securities in which the Fund will invest will be listed or traded on a Recognised Exchange.

The Fund is actively managed, with reference to a composite Index (the “Index”), as further detailed below, comprising of the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (USD) and Bloomberg-Barclays US Aggregate Government/Credit Total Return Value unhedged USD for performance monitoring. The Investment Adviser is not subject to constraints in terms of deviation from the benchmark composition and may use its discretion to invest in securities/sectors which are not included in the Index. The degree of freedom from the Index may potentially be significant. The Fund will invest in bonds across all sectors, with either fixed or floating coupon rates, as well as a minimum rating equivalent of either Standard & Poor’s BB credit rating or an equivalent minimum of Moody’s Ba2 credit rating. Of these investments, the Fund will invest up to 40% of its total net assets in bonds in Emerging markets bonds as represented in the JP Morgan EMBI Global Index. The Fund will not invest more than 30% of its Net Asset Value in bonds, which have a Standard & Poor’s credit rating of BB or BB+ or an equivalent Moody’s credit rating of Ba2 or Ba1. The Fund will not invest in bonds which have a Standard & Poor’s credit rating below BB or an equivalent Moody’s credit rating below Ba2. However, the Fund may invest 10% of its Net Asset Value in unrated bonds excluding convertibles. The Fund will not invest more than 20% of its total net assets in debt securities convertible into equity securities or with other embedded financial derivative instruments. In addition, the Fund may invest up to 30% of its total net assets in subordinated corporate debt, including corporate hybrid and Tier 2 bonds (i.e. subordinated bonds with fixed maturity and coupons subordinated to senior debt). When investing in bank and insurance debt capital structures, the Fund is not permitted to invest in debt junior to Tier 2 in terms of seniority ranking thus excluding investments in deeply subordinated bank debt and insurance debt (i.e. subordinated bonds with no fixed maturity or with optional or non-cumulative coupon payments, including hybrid AT1 (‘Additional Tier 1’) and contingent convertible bonds (i.e. CoCo bonds) and insurance RT1 (Restrictive Tier 1) that could be written down (partially or completely) to absorb losses following a trigger event or that can be converted into common or preferred shares). The Fund may at any one time be significantly invested in financial derivative instruments.

It is the intention that the Fund be fully invested, however, the Investment Adviser retains the flexibility to retain up to a maximum of 20% of its total net assets in cash or in money market instruments to include but not limited to short term government bonds issued by governments or other debt securities issued by government, supranational or sovereign issuers in circumstances where the Investment Adviser considers it to be in the best interest of the Fund to do so. The Fund may invest in bond securities in a currency other than the Base Currency up to 20% of its Net Asset Value. The exposure to bonds held by the Fund in a currency other than the Base Currency of the Fund may be hedged using currency forwards if the Investment Adviser thinks it is

the best interest of the Fund to do so based on the Investment Advisor's forecasts on the evolution of currencies and the global level of risk taken by the portfolio.

The exposure through investments in corporate debt in each sector will not exceed 35% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund except government bonds and government guaranteed bonds (agencies). The Fund does not have any specific industry or sector focus and may invest in industries/sectors to include but not limited to transportation, chemicals, banks, oil and gas, auto manufacturers, sovereign, electric, mining and telecommunications. The issue size (i.e. the initial amount issued and the amount outstanding) of each bond must be a minimum of USD 400 million. In the event the liquidity size of an issue falls below USD400 million the Investment Adviser will consider whether it is in the best interests of the Fund to retain or sell the holding.

The Fund's portfolio will be based on a combination of top-down macroeconomic assessment, bottom-up credit analysis (bond picking), sector analysis and country analysis.

It is the intention of the Investment Adviser to actively manage the Fund through investment in primary and secondary market trading issues to create a balanced portfolio of strong conviction liquid issues.

The Fund may invest in exchange traded and OTC derivatives to include futures (futures in Eurex German debt i.e. Schatz, Bobl and Bund) as well as CBoT US Treasury Futures (i.e. 2y note, 5y note and 10y note), options and interest rate swaps as detailed in the Prospectus under the section headed "Efficient Portfolio Management" and "Financial Derivative Instruments" for investment purposes, efficient portfolio management purposes, to indirectly gain exposure to underlying fixed income securities where the Investment Adviser feels it is more efficient to do so, or hedging purposes, such as the management of liquidity, the duration of the portfolio and yield curve positioning, in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. In addition the Fund may invest in credit default swaps to hedge or reduce credit or default risk of a credit bond market. The Fund may be leveraged through the use of financial derivative instruments. The leveraged exposure of the Fund through the use of derivatives will not exceed 100% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund.

It is expected that the use of financial derivative instruments for efficient portfolio management purposes, hedging purposes and to indirectly gain exposure to underlying fixed income securities where the Investment Adviser feels it is more efficient to do so, will actively reduce the risk profile of the Fund. However, the possible effect of the use of financial derivative instruments on the Fund's risk profile could be to increase volatility when taking additional market or securities exposure, although the intention is that volatility should not be markedly different from the Fund directly holding the underlying investments. The attention of investors is drawn to the risks described under the headings "Derivatives and Techniques and Instruments Risk" in the Risk Factors section of the Prospectus.

The Fund may invest in UCITS ETFs/UCITS eligible ETFs for the purpose of gaining indirect exposure to the fixed income securities comprised in the indices tracked by the ETFs in which the Fund may invest. It is intended that the ETFs in which the Fund may invest will be listed on a Recognised Exchange, and will be denominated in the Base Currency, or have exposure to a geographically (i.e. global) diverse portfolio of fixed income securities or fixed income securities denominated in the Base Currency. No more than 10% of the Fund's total net assets may be invested in aggregate in shares of ETFs.

This Fund has been classified as promoting environmental or social characteristics under Article 8 of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 ('SFDR'). The Fund's approach pursuant to Article 8 SFDR can be found in Annex 1 of this Supplement.

Benchmark:

The following benchmark is utilised as a performance target for the Fund over the long term. The benchmark is a composite benchmark made up of two indices being a total return index calculated from the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR)¹ weighted at 50% and the Bloomberg-Barclays US Aggregate Government/Credit Total Return Value Unhedged USD (LUGCTRUU)² also weighted at 50%.

The composite benchmark as selected is appropriate for the Fund because its medium term duration, combination of short term investments and medium to long term investments, a mix of governments, corporates and financials (excluding other sub-asset classes such as municipal bonds or securitization such as ABS or MBS) are in line with the investment universe of the Fund.

5. Risk Management Process

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

6. Offer

Details of the Share Classes on offer, together with details of the initial offer period (“Initial Offer Period”) and initial price (“Initial Price”) are set out above in Section “2. Classes of Shares”.

The Initial Offer Period may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any such shortening or extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis.

After closing the Initial Offer Period each class of Shares in the Fund are issued at the Net Asset Value per relevant Share Class as the relevant Valuation Point.

7. Minimum Subscription and Minimum Holding

Details of the Minimum Subscription and Minimum Holding for each Class are set out above in Section “2. Classes of Shares”.

A Shareholder may make subsequent subscriptions, conversions and redemptions in all Share Classes, a minimum transaction size will not be applied.

¹ The Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) represents the cost of borrowing cash overnight using Treasuries as collateral.

² The Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Government/Credit Total Return Value Unhedged USD Index represents investment grade, USD-denominated, fixed rate Treasuries, government related and corporate securities.

The Directors reserve the right to waive or reduce the Minimum Subscription and Minimum Holding for a Class at their discretion.

8. Application, Redemption and Conversion via an Electronic Dealing Provider

Where an electronic dealing provider is used by an investor to invest in the Shares of any Class, or such investor holds interests in Shares of any Class through accounts with an electronic dealing provider, such investor will only receive payments in respect of redemption and / or any dividends attributable to the Shares on the basis of the arrangements entered into by the investor with the electronic dealing provider. Furthermore, any such investor will not appear on the register of Shareholders, will have no direct right of recourse against the Fund and must look exclusively to the electronic dealing provider for all payments attributable to the relevant Shares. The Company will recognise as Shareholders only those persons who are at any time shown on the register of Shareholders for the purposes of: (i) the payment of dividends and other payments due to be made to Shareholders (as applicable); (ii) the circulation of documents to Shareholders; (iii) the attendance and voting by Shareholders at any meetings of Shareholders; and (iv) all other rights of Shareholders attributable to the Shares. None of the Company, the Investment Manager, the Investment Adviser, the Administrator, the Depositary or any other person will be responsible for the acts or omissions of the electronic dealing provider, nor make any representation or warranty, express or implied, as to the services provided by the electronic dealing provider.

9. Application for Shares

Applications for Shares may be made through the Administrator (whose details are set out in the Application Form). Applications accepted and received by the Administrator prior to the Dealing Deadline for any Dealing Day will be processed on that Dealing Day. Any applications received after the Dealing Deadline for a particular Dealing Day will be processed on the following Dealing Day unless the Directors in their absolute discretion otherwise determine to accept one or more applications received after the Dealing Deadline for processing on that Dealing Day provided that such application(s) have been received prior to the Valuation Point for the particular Dealing Day. Applications received after the Dealing Deadline but prior to the Valuation Point will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances, as determined and agreed by the Directors, and having regard to the equitable treatment of Shareholders.

Initial applications should be made using an Application Form obtained from the Administrator or the Distributor and may, if the Company so determines, be made by telefax or email subject to prompt transmission to the Administrator of the original signed application form and such other papers (to include documentation relating to money laundering prevention checks and the identification of applicable taxation status) as may be required by the Administrator. Anti-money laundering documentation is required to be received prior to an application for Shares being processed. The Directors reserve the right to refuse applications to transact in Shares if required anti money laundering documentation is not received. Details of the AML documentation required will be detailed in the Application Form. No redemptions will be paid until the original Application Form and such other papers as may be required by the Administrator have been received and all anti-money laundering procedures have been completed. Investors are required to obtain a copy of the Key Investor Information Document for the Fund and its Share Classes prior to subscribing to the Fund. Investors will be required to represent (which representation will form part of the Application Form) that they have received a copy of the relevant Key Investor Information Document in paper or electronic form. The Key Investor Information Document(s) will be available from the Distributor and from the following website www.ericsturdza.com. Subsequent applications to purchase Shares following the initial subscription may be made to the Administrator (subject to an Investor having received a copy of the relevant Key Investor Information Document in paper or

electronic form) by telefax, email or electronically (in such format or method as shall be agreed in writing in advance with the Administrator and subject to and in accordance with the requirements of the Administrator and the Central Bank) or such other means as may be permitted by the Directors and agreed with the Administrator in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, without a requirement to submit original documentation and such applications should contain such information as may be specified from time to time by the Administrator. Amendments to a Shareholder's registration details and payment instructions will only be made following receipt of original written instructions from the relevant Shareholder.

Fractions

Subscription monies representing less than the subscription price for a Share will not be returned to the investor. Fractions of Shares will be issued where any part of the subscription monies for Shares represents less than the subscription price for one Share, provided however, that fractions shall not be less than 0.001 of a Share.

Subscription monies, representing less than 0.001 of a Share will not be returned to the investor but will be retained by the Company in order to defray administration costs.

Method of Payment

Subscription payments net of all bank charges should be paid by CHAPS, SWIFT or telegraphic or electronic transfer to the bank account specified in the Application Form. No interest will be paid in respect of payments received in circumstances where the application is held over until a subsequent Dealing Day.

Currency of Payment

Subscription monies are payable in the currency of denomination of the relevant Class. The Company will not accept applications for Shares in currencies other than the currency of denomination of the relevant Class in which the applicant has elected to apply for Shares.

Timing of Payment

Payment in respect of subscriptions must be received in cleared funds by the Administrator no later than two Business Days following the relevant Dealing Day (or such later day or time as the Directors may determine). If payment in cleared funds in respect of a subscription has not been received by the relevant time, the Company or its delegate may charge the relevant investor for any costs incurred due to late settlement (i.e. interest charges and administration costs) and/or cancel the allotment and the cost of cancellation (i.e. any loss, cost, expense or fee suffered by the Company as a result of the non-receipt of monies) may be charged to the relevant investor.

Confirmation of Ownership

Confirmation of each purchase of Shares will normally be made available to Shareholders within 2 Business Days of the relevant Dealing Day.

Title to Shares will be evidenced by written confirmation of the entering of the investor's name on the Company's register of Shareholders and no certificates will be issued.

10. Redemption of Shares

Requests for the redemption of Shares should be made to the Administrator whose details are set out in the Application Form by facsimile, written communication, email, electronically (in such format or method as shall be agreed in writing in advance with the Administrator and subject to and in accordance with the requirements of the Administrator and the Central Bank), or such other means as may be permitted by the Directors, and agreed with the Administrator in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, and should include such information as may be specified from time to time by the Directors or their delegate. Requests for redemption received prior to the Dealing Deadline for any Dealing Day will be processed on that Dealing Day. Any requests for redemption received after the Dealing Deadline for a Dealing Day will be processed on the next Dealing Day unless the Directors in their absolute discretion determine otherwise, ^{provided} that such request has been received prior to the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day. Redemption requests received after the Dealing Deadline but prior to the Valuation Point will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances, as determined and agreed by the Directors, and having regard to the equitable treatment of Shareholders.

No redemption payment will be made from an investor holding until the original Application Form for the initial subscription and all documentation required by or on behalf of the Administrator (including any documents in connection with anti-money laundering procedures and the identification of applicable taxation status) has been received from the investor and the anti-money laundering procedures have been completed. Subject to satisfaction of all of the requirements of the Administrator (including but not limited to receipt of the original Application Form and all documentation required by the Administrator for anti-money laundering purposes and the identification of applicable taxation status) the original redemption request will not be required prior to payment of redemption proceeds.

In the event of a Shareholder requesting a redemption which would, if carried out, leave the Shareholder holding Shares having a Net Asset Value less than the Minimum Holding, the Company may, if it thinks fit, redeem the whole of the Shareholder's holding.

The redemption price per Share shall be the Net Asset Value per Share.

Method of Payment

Redemption payments will be made to the bank account detailed on the Application Form or as subsequently notified to the Administrator in writing. Redemption payments following processing of instructions received by telefax will only be made to the account of record of a Shareholder.

Currency of Payment

Shareholders will be repaid in the currency of denomination of the relevant Class from which the Shareholder has redeemed Shares.

Timing of Payment

Redemption proceeds in respect of Shares will normally be paid within two Business Days of the relevant Dealing Day (and in any event should not exceed 10 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Deadline) provided that all the required documentation has been furnished to and received by the Administrator.

Withdrawal of Redemption Requests

Requests for redemption may not be withdrawn save with the written consent of the Company or its authorised agent or in the event of suspension of calculation of the Net Asset Value of the Fund.

Compulsory/Total Redemption

Shares of the Fund may be compulsorily redeemed and all the Shares may be redeemed in the circumstances described in the Prospectus under the sub-headings “Compulsory Redemption of Shares” and “Total Redemption of Shares”.

11. Conversion of Shares

Subject to the Minimum Subscription and Minimum Holding requirements of the relevant Fund or Classes, Shareholders may request conversion of some or all of their Shares in one Fund or Class to Shares in another Fund or Class or another Class in the same Fund in accordance with the procedures specified in the Prospectus under the heading “Conversion of Shares”. Requests for conversion of Shares should be made to the Administrator by the Dealing Deadline by facsimile, written communication or electronically (in such format or method as shall be agreed in writing in advance with the Administrator and subject to and in accordance with the requirements of the Administrator and the Central Bank) and should include such information as may be specified from time to time by the Administrator.

12. Dividend Policy

Please refer to Section “2. Classes of Shares” which details whether a Class of Shares is “Accumulating” or “Distributing”.

Distributing

The Directors may declare interim dividends and the Company may at a general meeting declare dividends in respect of these Classes but no dividend shall exceed the amount recommended by the Directors. Dividends, if declared, will normally be declared semi-annually in or around the end of April with reference to the financial period ending 31 December and around the end of August with reference to the interim financial period ending 30 June and paid by the end of May and September respectively. However, where the Directors consider that the amount of any dividend would be minimal, they may decide not to declare a dividend.

Dividends may be paid out of the net income and realised and unrealised gains net of realised and unrealised losses, i.e. any declared dividend will be decided from the increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares from operations, per the financial statements, excluding any dividends previously declared to holders of redeemable participating shares. Any income and gains not declared as dividend will be accumulated.

Shareholders may elect to re-invest dividends in additional Shares in the Fund by ticking the appropriate box on the Application Form. If no such election is made, dividends will be paid by bank transfer at the expense of Shareholders. Dividends which are not claimed or collected within six years of payment shall revert to and form part of the assets of the Fund.

Accumulating

It is not the current intention of the Directors to distribute dividends to Shareholders of these Classes. The income and gains of each of these Classes will be accumulated and reinvested on behalf of relevant Shareholders.

13. Suspension of Dealing

Shares may not be issued, redeemed or converted during any period when the calculation of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund is suspended in the manner described in the Prospectus under the heading "Suspension of Valuation of Assets". Applicants for Shares and Shareholders requesting redemption and/or conversion of Shares will be notified of such suspension and, unless withdrawn, applications for Shares will be considered and requests for redemption and/or conversion will be processed as at the next Dealing Day following the ending of such suspension.

14. Investment Adviser

The Investment Manager has elected, and the Company has consented, to the appointment of Banque Eric Sturdza S.A., part of the Eric Sturdza Private Banking Group, with registered address at 112 Rue du Rhone, C.P. 3024, 1211 Geneva 3, Switzerland, as an Investment Adviser to the Strategic Euro Bond Fund to provide investment advice and discretionary investment management services pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement.

Each of the Investment Manager and the Investment Adviser shall be entitled to terminate the Investment Advisory Agreement (a) by giving to the other not less than 3 months' notice in writing expiring at any time and (b) forthwith, by notice in writing given by either of them to the other, if the other party shall commit any breach of the provisions of this agreement and shall not have remedied such breach within 30 days after being required to do so by notice in writing given by the first party. The Investment Advisory Agreement shall be automatically terminated if (a) the Investment Manager shall resign its appointment under the Investment Management Agreement; or (b) the appointment of the Investment Manager shall otherwise be terminated in accordance with the provisions of the Investment Management Agreement.

In the absence of negligence, fraud, bad faith or wilful default on the part of the Investment Adviser, the Investment Adviser shall not be liable to the Investment Manager for any loss suffered as a result of any act or omission in the course of, or connected with, rendering services under the Investment Advisory Agreement and shall not be liable in any circumstances for indirect, special or consequential loss or damage. The Investment Adviser shall hold harmless the Investment Manager, its employees, delegates or agents from and against all actions, proceedings, claims, damages, costs, demands and expenses including without limitation, legal and professional expenses on a full indemnity basis which arise due to the negligence, fraud or wilful default on the part of Investment Adviser, its employees, delegates or agents in the performance of its obligations under the Investment Advisory Agreement.

15. Fees and Expenses

The fees and operating expenses of the Company are set out in detail under the heading "Fees and Expenses" in the Prospectus.

Establishment Expenses

The Fund will bear the costs of its establishment, which are not expected to exceed Euro 20,000. The establishment expenses will be amortised over the first calendar year following the launch of the Fund.

Administrator's Fees

Details of the Administrator's fees are set out under the heading "Fees and Expenses" in the Prospectus.

Depositary's Fees

Details of the Depositary's fees are set out under the heading "Fees and Expenses" in the Prospectus.

Investment Manager Fees

The Company shall pay the Investment Manager out of the assets of the Fund an annual fee accrued at each Valuation Point and payable monthly in arrears. Details of the fee payable to the Investment Manager in respect of each Share Class are set out above under Section "2. Classes of Shares".

Investment Adviser Fee

All fees payable to any appointed Investment Adviser (to include reasonable out-of-pocket expenses) shall be paid by the Investment Manager out of the remuneration it receives pursuant to the terms of the Investment Management Agreement.

Distributor

It is not the current intention of the Directors to charge a placement/front end load fee. If it is at any stage in the future proposed to charge any such placement/front end load fees, reasonable notice shall be given to Shareholders. In the event of a placement/front end load fee being charged, the difference at any one time between the sale and redemption price of Shares in the Fund means that the investment should be viewed as medium to long term.

Redemption Fee

It is not the current intention of the Directors to charge a redemption fee. If it is at any stage in the future proposed to charge a redemption fee, reasonable notice shall be given to Shareholders. In the event of a redemption fee being charged, Shareholders should view their investment as medium to long-term.

Anti-Dilution Levy

It is not the current intention of the Directors to apply a general anti-dilution levy to all applications for subscription and redemption from the Fund. If it is at any stage in the future proposed to apply a general anti-dilution levy, reasonable notice shall be given to Shareholders.

16. Risk Factors

The attention of investors is drawn to the "Risk Factors" section in the Section of the Prospectus entitled "The

Company"). In addition, the following Risk Factors are specific to the Fund:

Investing in Fixed Income Securities

Investment in fixed income securities is subject to interest rate, sector, security and credit risks.

Lower-rated securities will usually offer higher yields than higher-rated securities to compensate for the reduced creditworthiness and increased risk of default that these securities carry. Lower-rated securities generally tend to reflect short-term corporate and market developments to a greater extent than higher-rated securities which respond primarily to fluctuations in the general level of interest rates. There are fewer investors in lower-rated securities and it may be harder to buy and sell such securities at an optimum time.

The volume of transactions effected in certain international bond markets may be appreciably below that of the world's largest markets, such as the United States. Accordingly, the Fund's investment in such markets may be less liquid and their prices may be more volatile than comparable investments in securities trading in markets with larger trading volumes. Moreover, the settlement periods in certain markets may be longer than in others which may affect portfolio liquidity.

Many fixed income securities especially those issued at high interest rates provide that the issuer may repay them early. Issuers often exercise this right when interest rates decline. Accordingly, holders of securities that are pre-paid may not benefit fully from the increase in value that other fixed income securities experience when rates decline. Furthermore, in such a scenario the Fund may re-invest the proceeds of the pay-off at the then current yields, which will be lower than those paid by the security that was paid off. Pre-payments may cause losses on securities purchased at a premium, and unscheduled pre-payments, which will be made at par, will cause that Fund to experience loss equal to any unamortized premium.

Emerging Markets Risk

Investments which may be made by the Fund are not limited to securities issued by issuers in any geographic region and the Fund may invest in investment grade debt securities of companies in 'emerging' or 'developing' markets. Such securities may involve a high degree of risk and may be considered speculative. Risks include (i) greater risk of expropriation (i.e. confiscation of an asset by a government), confiscatory taxation (i.e. the imposition of an excessive or unreasonable tax), nationalization, and social, political and economic stability; (ii) the small current size of the markets for securities of 'emerging' or 'developing' markets issuers and the currently low or non-existent volume of trading, resulting in lack of liquidity and in price volatility; (iii) certain national policies which may restrict the Fund's investment opportunities including restrictions on investing in issuers or industries deemed sensitive to relevant national interests; (iv) the absence of developed legal structures governing private or foreign investment and private property; (v) the legal infrastructure and accounting, auditing and reporting standards in 'emerging' or 'developing' markets may not provide the same degree of shareholder protection or information to investors as would generally apply internationally; (vi) potentially a greater risk regarding the ownership and custody of securities i.e. in certain countries, ownership is evidenced by entries in the books of a company or its registrar. In such instances, no certificates representing ownership of companies will be held by the Trustee or any of its local correspondents or in an effective central depository system; and (vii) 'emerging' or 'developing' markets may experience significant adverse economic developments, including substantial depreciation in currency exchange rates or unstable currency fluctuations, increased interest rates, or reduced economic growth rates than investments in securities of issuers based in developed countries.

The economies of 'emerging' or 'developing' markets in which the Fund may invest may differ favourably or unfavourably from the economies of industrialised countries. The economies of 'emerging' or 'developing' countries are generally heavily dependent on international trade and have been and may continue to be adversely affected by trade barriers, exchange controls, managed adjustments in relative currency values and other protectionist measures imposed or negotiated by the countries with which they trade. Investments in 'emerging' or 'developing' markets entail risks which include the possibility of political or social instability, adverse changes in investment or exchange control regulations, expropriation and withholding of dividends at source. In addition, such securities may trade with less frequency and volume than securities of companies and governments of developed, stable nations and there is also a possibility that redemption of Units following a redemption request may be delayed due to the illiquid nature of such investments.

Concentration of Investments

If the Fund invests up to the maximum permitted under the investment restrictions described in Appendix I of the Prospectus in the securities of single issuers and / or in economic sectors this concentration and lack of diversification relative to the capital of the Fund could mean that a loss in any one such position or a downturn in a sector in which the Fund is invested could materially reduce the Fund's performance. Thus, any substantial investment by the Fund relative to overall assets in the securities of a single issuer or the concentration of the Fund's investments in a particular industry may increase the level of risk associated with an investment in the Fund.

Risks associated with Corporate Hybrid Debt

Corporate hybrid securities are complex instruments that involve a range of special risks, including but not limited to, the following:

Coupon Deferral Risk: Payments on coupons can be deferred at the discretion of the issuing company. Such an event does not trigger a default. These deferred coupons can be non-cumulative or cumulative, depending on the structure of the particular security (although the Investment Adviser expects to invest primarily in corporate hybrids that are cumulative). For the sake of clarity, in subordinated debt, coupon payment can be either cumulative or non-cumulative. Should an issuer miss a coupon payment in the case of cumulative, the issuer must as a result pay two coupons in the following year, in the case of non-cumulative, the coupon payment for the current year is lost for the investor and is not considered as a trigger for defaulting. As a result of the coupon deferral feature of corporate hybrid securities, the market price for such securities may be more (i) volatile and (ii) sensitive generally to adverse changes in the financial condition of the issuer of such corporate hybrid securities, in each case than the market prices of other debt securities on which original issue discount or interest payments are not subject to such deferrals.

Extension Risk: Securities can be redeemed on specified dates at the option of the issuer, meaning the investors are exposed to potential non-call risk. Hybrids are generally issued on the premise that they will be called by the issuer (i.e. the issuer will buy back the hybrid instrument from the investor at their first call date). The main aim is that the hybrid is called under a non-stressed situation but remains in place (to absorb any losses) under a stressed situation. In addition, certain corporate hybrid securities may have no specified maturity date, which means the Fund will not be able to call for the redemption of any such securities. Accordingly, the Fund may be required to bear the financial risks of an investment in such securities for an indefinite or indeterminate period of time: there is uncertainty as to when the Fund will receive repayment of the principal amount of such securities. Depending on the issuer's financial stance, the Fund may be able to receive payment of the principal at a significant discount.

Early Redemption Risk: Most hybrids have a contractual clause that enables the issuing company to redeem the security prior to maturity under specified circumstances (changes in accounting treatment, rating agency methodology, taxation etc). As a result, early redemption by the issuer is likely whenever its cost of borrowing is lower than the interest rate on the corporate hybrid security it issued. At such times, the Fund may be unable to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the corporate hybrid securities subject to redemption and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate of return.

Subordination: In the event of bankruptcy, holders of senior bonds will have first claim on the issuer's assets. Consequently, the recovery rate for hybrids will be significantly lower than that for senior bonds in such situations and could cause the Fund to lose all or a portion of its original investment. Hybrid capital ranks senior only to common equity. Corporate hybrid securities generally do not include protective financial covenants and issuers of corporate hybrid securities generally are not restricted from subsequently issuing debt or incurring liabilities that are senior in rank or have an equivalent rank to the corporate hybrid securities.

Credit Default Swap Risk

The use of credit default swaps can be subject to higher risk than direct investment in debt securities. The market for credit default swaps may from time to time be less liquid than debt securities markets. In relation to credit default swaps where the Fund buys protection, the Fund is subject to the risk of the counterparty of the credit default swaps defaulting.

Investment in Cash and Money Market Instruments

The Fund may invest substantially in deposits with credit institutions and/or in money market instruments. An investment in the Fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by any government, government agencies or instrumentalities or any bank guarantee fund. Shares of the Fund are not deposits or obligations of, or guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank and the amount invested in Shares may fluctuate up and/or down.

Key Man Risk

Insofar as the role to provide investment advice and recommendations towards the Fund has been appointed to the Investment Adviser by the Investment Manager, it is likely that the decisions that lead to investment recommendations are focused with a small number of senior individuals within the Investment Adviser. As a result, there will likely be a degree of key man risk arising from the potential loss of knowledge and expertise arising from the departure or inability to act of a key person that possesses significant subject matter, expertise and tenure to provide services towards the Fund on behalf of the Investment Adviser. The Investment Manager therefore has adopted specific policies to address key man risk in the event that such an event arises, which may include the suspension or termination of the relevant Investment Advisory Agreement or to provide a recommendation to the Company to consider the closure or winding up of the Fund.

17. Investment Restrictions

Notwithstanding Point 3.1 of Appendix I – Investment Restrictions in the Prospectus, the Fund may not invest more than 10% of its net assets in aggregate in other collective investment schemes.

Annex 1

Fund's approach pursuant to Article 8 SFDR

In identifying investments which allow the Fund to promote environmental, social and governance characteristics ("ESG"), the Investment Manager has established a two-pillar framework which is applied to the Fund:

First pillar: Ensure adherence to an established exclusion list of industries that are prohibited for investment:

The Investment Manager's established exclusion list prohibits investment in companies that are involved in the transport or sale of controversial weapons. The other companies included in the exclusion list are those where more than 10% of their revenues are derived from: thermal coal, oil sands, arctic oil and gas exploration, shale energy, small arms, predatory lending, whaling, tobacco products or adult entertainment. The Investment Manager and Investment Adviser use a global leader in ESG, Corporate Governance research and risk ratings, (the "Provider") to monitor the product involvement of underlying companies. The established exclusion list is reviewed periodically unless a specific event necessitates an out-of-cycle review.

Second pillar: The Investment Manager will work closely with the Investment Adviser to ensure that ESG risks and considerations are integrated into the Fund's investment process:

In addition to using traditional financial metrics when selecting portfolio constituents, the Investment Manager also requires the Investment Adviser to incorporate ESG factors into the investment decision making process, with a focus on investments in companies that have either fully adopted sustainable practices, or those that are actively transitioning their business models to more sustainable practices.

In order to evaluate the ESG risks of companies, the Investment Manager and Investment Adviser have access to externally sourced ESG research from the Provider. Risk ratings from the Provider are categorised across five risk levels, from negligible to severe and provide detailed analysis of each environmental, social and governance risk at a company level. Each established investment position is monitored, and the Investment Manager has established an ESG Committee to maintain risk oversight along with the Risk Committee. If a company is rated high or severe the ESG Committee will engage with the Investment Adviser to understand the business case for holding the position. With regards to companies with a severe risk rating, the ESG Committee requires the Investment Adviser to justify in writing why they are holding this position (e.g. is the company actively transitioning to more sustainable practices). Depending on the outcome of this discussion, the Investment Manager has the authority to require the Investment Adviser to divest within a reasonable time frame.

Other considerations

In addition to monitoring ESG risks, the Investment Manager expects the Investment Adviser to actively engage with the underlying companies. When assessing the governance practices of companies, each Investment Adviser should be able to satisfy itself that the companies follow good practices, in particular with respect to sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance. The Investment Manager also emphasises the importance of using its voting rights in order to ensure a culture of strong corporate governance. The Investment Manager aims to vote on all of its proxies and utilises a leading

voting services provider to assist with this. Annual voting reports will be published on the Investment Manager's website.

The Investment Manager monitors the social and environmental characteristics through actively monitoring all portfolios on a regular basis to ensure compliance with its responsibilities as a signatory to the UN Principles for Responsible Investment and under its own defined objectives outlined in its Responsible Investment Policy. The Investment Manager is also a member of the Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC), a European membership body for investor collaboration on climate change. Under this obligation, the Investment Manager intends to monitor the carbon footprint of each portfolio using data from the Provider, and to encourage the Investment Adviser to engage with the underlying companies on strategies to improve their carbon footprint and to reduce/mitigate climate-related risks.

To comply with requirements issued by the French authorities (AMF position DOC-2020-03) the Investment Manager and Investment Adviser will also:

- Ensure the average ESG risk rating of the Fund's portfolio will be better than the average ESG risk rating of the universe into which the Fund can invest. The investment universe into which the Fund can invest has been defined as securities listed or traded on a Recognised Exchange.
- The proportion of the Fund's portfolio with an ESG rating must be higher than:
 - 90% for equities issued by large capitalisation companies whose registered office is located in developed countries, debt securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating, or sovereign debt issued by developed countries;
 - 75% for equities issued by large capitalisation companies whose registered office is located in emerging countries, equities issued by small and medium capitalisation companies, debt securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating or sovereign debt issued by emerging countries.

The use of an external ESG data provider by the Fund may result in:

- issues related to missing or incomplete information from some companies (for example relating to their capacity to manage their ESG risks) which may have been used as input in the data providers' scoring model; this problem may be mitigated by those providers through the use of alternative data sources, external to the company, to feed their scoring models;
- issues linked to the quantity and quality of ESG data to be processed by ESG data providers (significant flow of information to be integrated continuously into their ESG scoring model): this problem may be mitigated through the use of technologies like artificial intelligence and the numerous analysts who work to transform raw data into relevant information; and
- issues linked to the identification of relevant factors for the ESG analysis conducted in accordance with the ESG data provider framework. This is usually set beforehand as each sector (and sometimes each company) has its own set of indicators deemed material by the ESG data provider and its own weightings: ESG data providers may use a quantitative approach validated by each sector specialist and investor feedback to determine the most relevant ESG factors for a given sector (or for a particular company if applicable).