# **Key Information Document**



# **Purpose**

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

# Product

# Mercer Absolute Return Fixed Income Fund (the "Sub-Fund")

A sub-fund of **MGI Funds plc (the "Umbrella")** 

Mercer Global Investments Management Limited (the "Manager"), Marsh McLennan Companies, Inc. group A12-0.2500-EUR (IE000GVOB4T8) (the "Share Class")

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The Central Bank of Ireland is responsible for supervising the Manager in relation to this Key Information Document.

This Sub-Fund is authorised in Ireland.

The Manager is authorised in Ireland and is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland as a UCITS Management Company.

#### Dated: 20 March 2024

### What is this product?

# Туре

This product is a UCITS Investment Fund.

#### Term

This product has no fixed end date. However the Sub-Fund, at its absolute discretion, can redeem all the shares of the Sub-Fund under the circumstances set out in the prospectus.

#### Objectives

**Investment objective** The investment objective of the Sub-Fund is to achieve a positive total return.

**Investment policies** The Sub-Fund will seek to achieve its objective by opportunistically accessing a variety of global return sources such as government bonds, corporate debt securities, interest rates, currencies and emerging markets, taking both long and short positions which intend to deliver positive total returns over time.

The Sub-Fund may use financial derivative instruments (instruments for which the price is dependent on one or more underlying asset, "FDI") for hedging and/or efficient portfolio management and/or investment purposes. FDI may enable the Sub-Fund to obtain market exposure in excess of the value of the Sub-Fund's assets.

The Sub-Fund may invest in investment grade securities (Baa3 or higher by Moody's Investor Services or BBB- or higher by Standards & Poor's or equivalent as detailed in the supplement) and may also fully invest in below investment grade or "high yield" bonds and fixed income securities.

The Sub-Fund is actively managed and will seek to outperform cash by 1.5%- 2.5%, gross of the fees of the Manager, the Investment Manager and the Distributor, but net of all other fees and expenses of the Sub-Fund, on average per annum over the medium to long term. For the purposes of the calculation of outperformance of cash, an appropriate rate has been used as detailed in the past performance document referred to in the "Other relevant information" section. The Sub-Fund is in no way constrained by any benchmark and there is no guarantee the Sub-Fund will outperform cash. Certain indices may also be used in the management of the Sub-Fund, including for investment purposes, as detailed in the supplement.

The Sub-Fund seeks to promote environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation ("SFDR").

The Sub-Fund will promote environmental characteristics by seeking to mitigate the impact of climate change through reducing the potential carbon footprint of the Sub-Fund. The Sub-Fund will seek to avoid exposure to companies that are deemed by the Investment Manager and its delegates as the worst carbon emitters with the lowest carbon transition potential, being companies whose carbon emissions intensity exceeds 3,000 tonnes CO2 equivalent per \$1million revenue, or those companies that generate more than 1% of revenue from thermal coal extraction, arctic drilling, or oil tar sand mining.

The Sub-Fund will seek to promote social characteristics by avoiding investment in companies which are involved in the manufacture, distribution or sales of controversial weapons, or which manufacture tobacco products or generate more than 50% of their revenue from tobacco distribution or sales.

The Sub-Fund follows good governance standards in the selection of securities for investment and seeks to engage with any companies identified as violating UN Global Compact Principles ("UNGC") to remediate where possible. UNGC is a set of globally accepted standards on human rights, labour, the environment and anti-corruption. The Sub-Fund may invest in loan instruments. The Sub-Fund may not invest more than 50% of its net asset value in emerging markets.

In certain instances, the Sub-Fund may hold up to 20% of its assets in global equities and equity related securities listed on recognised markets but the Sub-Fund will not directly acquire such securities. Investment selection will include an assessment of the various assets' (referred above) risk/reward profiles (i.e. an investment's total return potential vs. historical and/or prospective risk) and the necessity to protect against adverse market conditions (which may involve adjusting the manner of implementation of the Sub-Fund's investment policies (i.e. such as holding cash) in response to changes in inflation, interest rates, currency appreciation/depreciation etc.).

The Sub-Fund may achieve exposure to China by investing in eligible bonds traded on the China Interbank Bond Market through Bond Connect and/or the QFI regime.

The Sub-Fund may invest up to 10% of its net asset value in contingent convertibles (bonds which may be converted into equity or be forced to suffer a write down of principal upon the occurrence of a pre-determined event).

The level of leverage for the Sub-Fund is not expected to exceed 5000% of its net asset value, although higher levels of leverage may be experienced. The Sub-Fund's market exposure may vary in time and range from an anticipated maximum long position of 5100% to an anticipated maximum short position of 5000% of the net asset value of the Sub-Fund.

**Redemption and Dealing** You can buy and sell shares in the Sub-Fund on demand each day which is a bank business day in Ireland or the United Kingdom ("Dealing Day").

**Distribution Policy** The Share Class will not distribute dividends. Income and capital gains from the Sub-Fund are reinvested.

#### Intended retail investor

Investors who have at least a basic understanding of financial markets and the underlying investment instruments, who understand the risk of the Sub-Fund including the risk of capital loss and that the product should not constitute a complete investment plan and:

- have a long term investment horizon
- seek a product which promotes environmental and/or social characteristics

#### Practical information

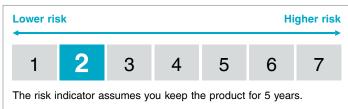
**Depositary** The Sub-Fund's assets are held through its depositary, State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited.

**Further information** This document describes a Share Class of the Sub-Fund, which is a sub-fund of MGI Funds plc constituted as an umbrella, comprising a number of sub-funds (including the Sub-Fund), each having a separate portfolio of assets. As a matter of Irish law, the

assets of one sub-fund will not be available to meet the liabilities of another. However, MGI Funds plc is a single legal entity that may operate, have assets held on its behalf, or be subject to claims in other jurisdictions that may not necessarily recognise such segregation. Accordingly, there is no absolute certainty that the assets of a sub-fund will not be exposed to the liabilities of other sub-funds of MGI Funds plc. Investors do not have the right to exchange shares in one sub-fund for

# What are the risks and what could I get in return?

#### **Risk Indicator**



The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you. shares in another sub-fund. The prospectus, latest annual and semiannual reports, which are prepared for the entire Umbrella, and information on other share classes are available free of charge in English on https://investment-solutions.mercer.com.

The net asset value per share is published on www.bloomberg.com.

We have classified this product as 2 out of 7, which is a low risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a low level.

**Be aware of currency risk.** In some circumstances, you may receive payments in a different currency, so the final return you will get may depend on the exchange rate between the two currencies. This risk is not considered in the indicator shown above.

Beside the risks included in the risk indicator other risks may affect the Sub-Fund's performance. Please refer to the Sub-Fund's supplement available free of charge at https://investment-solutions.mercer.com

This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment.

If we are not able to pay you what is owed, you could lose your entire investment.

#### **Performance scenarios**

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself, but may not include all the costs that you pay to your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

What you will get from this product depends on future market performance. Market developments in the future are uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted.

The unfavourable, moderate, and favourable scenarios shown are illustrations using the worst, average, and best performance of the product / a suitable benchmark over the last 10 years. Markets could develop very differently in the future.

The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances.

Unfavourable: this type of scenario occurred for an investment between July 2021 and December 2023.

Moderate: this type of scenario occurred for an investment between October 2014 and October 2019.

Favourable: this type of scenario occurred for an investment between February 2016 and February 2021.

| Recommended holding period<br>Example Investment |   | 5 years<br>10,000 EUR |                   |
|--|---|-----------------------|-------------------|
|  |   |                       |                   |
| Minimum  | There is no minimum guaranteed return. You could lose some or all of your investment. |                       |                   |
| Stress   | What you might get back after costs   | <b>8,310 EUR</b>      | <b>7,930 EUR</b>  |
|  | Average return each year  | -16.9%                | -4.5%             |
| Unfavourable                                     | What you might get back after costs   | <b>9,270 EUR</b>      | <b>9,600 EUR</b>  |
|  | Average return each year  | -7.3%                 | -0.8%             |
| Moderate   | What you might get back after costs   | <b>10,000 EUR</b>     | <b>10,260 EUR</b> |
|  | Average return each year  | 0.0%                  | 0.5%              |
| Favourable                                       | What you might get back after costs   | <b>11,050 EUR</b>     | <b>11,030 EUR</b> |
|  | Average return each year  | 10.5%                 | 2.0%              |

# What happens if Mercer Global Investments Management Limited is unable to pay out?

The Sub-Fund is responsible for paying redemptions and any other payment obligations due to investors. The Manager is not responsible for meeting the obligations of the Sub-Fund to investors from its own assets. The Sub-Fund's assets are safeguarded by the Depositary in accordance with applicable law. If the Sub-Fund is unable to pay out to investors due to its insolvency, investors will be unsecured creditors in the insolvency process and are likely to suffer a financial loss. Investors may also suffer a financial loss in the event of the Depositary's insolvency or default (or that of any custody delegate). Investors in UCITS, such as the Sub-Fund, are not covered under the terms of the Irish statutory investor compensation scheme.

#### What are the costs?

The person advising on or selling you this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and how they affect your investment.

#### Costs over time

The tables show the amounts that are taken from your investment to cover different types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest and how long you hold the product. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods.

We have assumed:

- in the first year you would get back the amount that you invested (0% annual return). For the other holding periods we have assumed the product performs as shown in the moderate scenario,
- 10,000 EUR is invested.

| Example Investment 10,000 EUR | if you exit after<br>1 year | <b>if you exit after</b><br><b>5 years</b><br>(recommended<br>holding period) |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Total Costs                   | 84 EUR                      | 421 EUR   |
| Annual cost impact*           | 0.8%                        | 0.9% each year  |

(\*) This illustrates how costs reduce your return each year over the holding period. For example it shows that if you exit at the recommended holding period your average return per year is projected to be 1.4% before costs and 0.5% after costs.

#### **Composition of costs**

| One-off costs upon entry or ex                                    | Annual cost impact if you exit after 1 year  |        |
|---|--|--------|
| Entry costs   | 0.00%, we do not charge an entry fee.  | 0 EUR  |
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| Ongoing costs taken each year                                     | Annual cost impact if you exit after 1 year  |        |
| Management fees and other<br>administrative or operating<br>costs | <b>0.56%</b> of the value of your investment per year.<br>This is an estimate based on actual costs over the last year, where available.   | 56 EUR |
| Transaction costs   | <b>0.28%</b> of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the underlying investments of the Sub-Fund. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell. | 28 EUR |
| Incidental costs taken under s                                    | Annual cost impact if you exit after 1 year  |        |
| Performance fees  | There is no performance fee for this Share Class however certain<br>underlying investments held by the Sub-Fund may charge performance<br>fees. Their impact to the Share Class is reflected here.                                   | 0 EUR  |

# How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

#### **Recommended holding period: 5 years**

This product is designed for long term investment; you should be prepared to stay invested for at least 5 years. However, you can redeem your investment without penalty at any time during this period, or hold the investment longer. Redemptions are possible on any Dealing Day provided written instruction is received by the Administrator before 1pm (Irish time). It will typically take 3 Business Days for you to be paid.

### How can I complain?

Any complaints about the Sub-Fund, the conduct of the Manager or the person advising on, or selling the Sub-Fund, should be sent to DS.ClientSupport@mercer.com or addressed to Mercer Global Investments Management Limited at 70 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2, Dublin, D02R296, Ireland and will be dealt with in line with regulatory obligations and as quickly as possible. The Complaints Policy is available in the website at: https://investment-solutions.mercer.com/global/all/en/investment-solutions-home/corporate-policies.html

# Other relevant information

Performance scenarios You can find previous performance scenarios updated on a monthly basis at https://investment-solutions.mercer.com

Past performance You can download the past performance over the last 1 years from our website at https://investment-solutions.mercer.com

Additional information The latest versions of the legally required documents, such as but not limited to the prospectus, annual and semi-annual reports, which are prepared for the entire umbrella, are available free of charge on https://investment-solutions.mercer.com