# **KEY INVESTOR INFORMATION**

This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.



# William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Debt Hard Currency Fund - Class R Hedged EUR

Class R Hedged Shares, EUR. ISIN: LU2093693898, a Fund of William Blair SICAV This Fund is managed by William Blair Investment Management LLC The independent Management Company of the Fund is FundRock Management Company S.A.

# **Objectives and investment policy**

# Risk and reward profile

The aim of the Fund is to provide risk-adjusted returns through investments in hard currency denominated debt issued in emerging market countries. The Fund invests in a portfolio primarily comprised of debt instruments (i.e. notes, bonds, certificates etc) issued by public or private issuers in developing countries (emerging markets) and denominated in currencies of countries, which are members of the OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development). The Investment Manager invests in countries where the Investment Manager is able to assess specific political and economic risks and in countries that have undertaken certain economic reforms. Issuers are located in emerging market countries in South and Central America (including the Caribbean), Central and Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Furthermore, the Fund enters into emerging market currency forward contracts (a currency market transaction in which a seller agrees to deliver a specific currency to a buyer at some point in the future). The Fund can also take long and short positions in markets, securities and groups of securities through derivative contracts and may invest up to 10% of its net assets in contingent convertible securities (CoCos). The Fund may invest in debt securities of any maturity or credit rating and may invest in high yield debt securities. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in distressed or defaulted debt securities. Measured over a period of several years, the Fund aims to beat the performance of the benchmark, the JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index

(EMBI) Global Diversified. The Fund is actively managed within its objective and is not constrained by a benchmark.

Any income generated by the Fund is reinvested to grow the value of your investment.

Recommendation: this Fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within 5 years.

You can buy and sell shares in the Fund on a daily basis on any full working day in Luxembourg and when the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading. This Fund has been classified under Article 8 for purposes of the SFDR.

Further information on the Fund's investment objectives and policy are detailed in the prospectus.

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the Fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



- This Fund is categorized as a 4 because funds of this type have historically
  experienced moderate rises and falls in value. However, even the lowest
  category does not mean "risk free". The risk category shown above is not
  guaranteed and may shift over time. Historical data may not be a reliable
  indication for the future.
- Financial techniques / derivatives: The fund may use financial derivative instruments as part of the investment process. There is no guarantee that they will deliver the expected results.
- Credit and counterparty risk: Issuers of the securities or other instruments in which the Fund invests may be subject to credit difficulties leading to the loss of some or all of the sums invested in such securities or instruments or payments due on such securities or instruments. The Fund may also be exposed to credit risk in relation to the financing counterparties with whom the Fund trades or places margin or collateral in respect of transactions in derivative instruments and may bear the risk of counterparty default.
- Liquidity risk: Liquidity risk exists when a particular instrument is difficult to purchase or sell. Investments that trade less can be more difficult or more costly to buy, or to sell, than more liquid or active investments. It may not be possible to sell or otherwise dispose of illiquid securities both at the price and within a time period deemed desirable by the Fund.
- Debt securities risk: Debt securities are affected by changes in interest rates and credit quality. The Fund will be more sensitive to interest rates depending on the average maturity or average duration of its portfolio. Below investment grade securities and distressed or defaulted debt are more sensitive to these risks.
- CoCos risk: CoCos are relatively complex instruments and may be subject to additional risks, including credit and counterparty risk, liquidity risk and debt securities risk. The Fund also is exposed to the risk that the issuer of the debt security or preferred stock portion of a CoCo may fail to meet its obligations, as well as the performance associated risks of the underlying common stock into which it can be converted.
- Emerging markets risk: Emerging markets or less developed countries may face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries. This may mean your money is at greater risk.
- All the risks currently identified as being applicable to the Fund are detailed in the prospectus.

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# Charges

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest			
Entry charge	None		
Exit charge	None		

These are the maximum charges that we might take out of your money before it is invested and before we pay out the sale proceeds of your investment. In some cases, you might pay less and you should speak to your financial adviser about this.

None

Charges taken from the	Fund over a year
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Ongoing charge 0.75 %

Charges taken from the Fund under specific conditions

Performance fee

#### Past performance

- Switching charge (for switching into the Fund from another fund) 0.00%.
   The appealing charges figure is based on the last user's
- The ongoing charges figure is based on the last year's expenses and may vary from year to year. It excludes the costs of buying or selling assets for the Fund (unless these assets are shares of another fund).
- The ongoing charges figure is calculated as at December 2021.
- For more information about charges, please refer to the section "Company Charges" in the Fund's prospectus.

0.0%					
-0.2%					
-0.4%					
-0.6%					
-0.8%					
-1.0%					
-1.2%					
-1.4%					
-1.6%					
-1.8%					
-2.0%	00/7	0010	0010	0000	2001
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Class R Hedged EUR					-1.7%
JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified					-1.8%

- You should be aware that past performance is not a guide to future performance.
- Performance is calculated in EUR.
- All charges and fees, except any entry, exit and switching charge, have been included within the performance.

Fund launch date: 30 March 2020
Share/unit class launch date: 14 April 2020

### **Practical information**

- This document describes only one share class and other share classes are available. Information on how to buy and sell shares is available by contacting us at William Blair SICAV, 31, Z.A. Bourmicht, L-8070 Bertrange, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Email: clientservice\_europe@williamblair.com. Website: sicav.williamblairfunds.com.
- Details of the up-to-date remuneration policy of the Management Company, including a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated and the identity of persons responsible for awarding the remuneration and benefits, including the composition of the remuneration committee, are available at: https://www.fundrock.com/pdf/Fundrock\_Remuneration\_policy.pdf. A paper version of this remuneration policy is made available free of charge to investors upon request at the Management Company's registered office.
- The representative in Switzerland is FIRST INDEPENDENT FUND SERVICES AG, Klausstrasse 33, CH-8008 Zurich, (the "Representative"). The paying agent in Switzerland is NPB Neue Privatbank AG, Limmatquai 1, CH-8024 Zurich. The Prospectus, the Key Investor Information Documents, the Articles as well as the annual and semi-annual reports may be obtained free of charge from the Representative.
- The William Blair SICAV offers a range of Funds with different investment objectives. The prospectus and annual and semi-annual reports cover all Funds in the William Blair SICAV. If one Fund has debts, the assets of the other Funds may not be used to settle these. Details of the share classes available to you can be found in the prospectus. Other practical information, including current share prices for the Fund, may be obtained from our website. The Fund's custodian is Citibank Europe plc, Luxembourg Branch. The tax legislation of Luxembourg may have an impact on your personal tax position.
- William Blair SICAV may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate, or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the prospectus for this Fund.

The Fund is authorized in Luxembourg and regulated by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier. FundRock Management Company S.A. is authorized in Luxembourg and regulated by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier.