

Mitteilung an alle Anteilseigner der Baillie Gifford Fonds:

Anbei finden Sie die Information der Fondsgesellschaft, folgende Fonds sind betroffen:

IE00BDCY2C68	Baillie Gifford Worldwide Positive Change - Accum B EUR CAP
IE00BK5TW727	Baillie Gifford Worldwide Long Term Global Growth - Accum A EUR CAP
IE00BK5TWC73	Baillie Gifford Worldwide Pan European - Accum A EUR CAP
IE00BGGJJB67	Baillie Gifford Worldwide Health Innovation - Accum B EUR CAP
IE00BZ00WJ76	Baillie Gifford Worldwide Asia ex Japan - Accum B EUR CAP

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Dear Shareholder,

Re: Notification of various non-material changes to the investment policy of certain Funds of Baillie Gifford Worldwide Funds plc and various other amendments to the Prospectus

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of various non-material changes to the investment policy of certain Funds, the name change of the Baillie Gifford Worldwide Global Credit Fund and certain other amendments to the Prospectus. These changes will take effect on the noting of the updated Prospectus by the Central Bank which is expected to occur on or about 15 January 2021 (the “Effective Date”). A copy of the revised Prospectus will be available upon request during normal business hours from the Company.

Unless otherwise defined herein, all capitalised terms used in this letter shall bear the same meaning as capitalised terms used in the Prospectus.

1. Baillie Gifford Worldwide Global Credit Fund

The name of this Fund is to be changed from “Baillie Gifford Worldwide Global Credit Fund” to “Baillie Gifford Worldwide Global Strategic Bond Fund” (i.e. the deletion of the word “Credit” in the name and the insertion of “Strategic Bond” in its place). The rationale for the name change is to align the name with that of a similar UK Baillie Gifford fund with the same investment policy and strategy.

The performance of this Fund is currently measured against the Bloomberg Barclays Global Credit Index (hedged to USD) and it is proposed to change the performance benchmark for this Fund to a composite index comprised of an allocation of 70% of the ICE BofA Global Corporate Index and 30% of the ICE BofA Global High Yield Index (hedged to USD). Note that the blended benchmark is not used for the purpose of determining or constraining the composition of the Fund’s portfolio and the management of the Fund will not change in any way in the light of this change in benchmark. There has also been an amendment to change the reference from the Fund seeking to “Materially Outperform” to “outperform” the index in order to mirror the approach of the other bond funds.

The investment policy of the Fund will also be amended to clarify that the Fund will not invest significantly in the bonds of issuers which are listed, traded or dealt in on the Moscow Exchange MICEX-RTS in Russia but may invest in bonds issued by Russian issuers which are listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market. The investment policy will also be updated to clarify that while the Fund may not take active positions in equity securities it may acquire them through corporate actions relating to its investments which may occur, for example, on debt restructurings or the conversion of convertible bonds into equities in the normal course.

The volatility risk warning has also been removed in respect of the Fund. The Investment Manager has confirmed that based on the way this Fund is managed, this risk warning is not applicable to the Fund and it has been removed for this reason.

These changes as described above were recommended by the Investment Manager. The Company is of the view that, in each case, the changes reflect a clarification of the Fund’s existing investment policy and these changes do not represent a material change to the current investment policy of the

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Fund as they do not alter significantly the asset type, credit quality, borrowing limits or risk profile of the Fund.

Please also note the further changes outlined in paragraph 2 below in relation to the measurement of global exposure.

2. Baillie Gifford Worldwide Global Credit Fund and Baillie Gifford Worldwide European High Yield Bond Fund

The methodology for the calculation of global exposure for the Baillie Gifford Worldwide Global Credit Fund and Baillie Gifford Worldwide European High Yield Bond Fund will be changed from absolute VaR to relative VaR as it is the more appropriate VaR methodology to assist the Investment Manager in monitoring the risk and leverage created from the use of financial derivative instruments in the Funds.

3. Payment of Platform and Distribution Fees

“Schedule 1- Classes of Shares” shall be amended to provide that in respect of Class A and Class B Shares, platform charges or other distribution fees will no longer be paid by the Investment Manager and that these charges and fees will be borne by the relevant Funds in respect of which they are incurred as general operating expenses of the Fund. The use of platforms should result in greater distribution of a Fund which is of benefit to all Shareholders in the Fund by increasing the Fund’s scale.

4. Preliminary Charge

It is proposed to update the disclosure on the preliminary charge applied to Class A Shares to clarify that this charge is payable at the discretion of the Investment Manager and is not only applicable to new investors but may be charged on all new subscriptions of Class A Shares.

Additional disclosure is included in the Prospectus to make it clear that no other Classes will be subject to the preliminary charge.

5. Selling Disclaimer Language

The section of the Prospectus entitled “Selling Restrictions” will be updated to more accurately reflect the current treatment of the Company and its Funds in certain jurisdictions based on changes in the regulatory treatment of the Company in these jurisdictions.

6. Removal of Class Z and Class F Shares

Class Z and Class F Shares in each Fund of the Company will no longer be offered for subscription. There are currently no holders of Shares in these Share Classes in any of the Funds.

7. Baillie Gifford Worldwide Emerging Markets Leading Companies Fund, Baillie Gifford Worldwide Global Alpha Fund, Baillie Gifford Worldwide Global Alpha Choice Fund, Baillie Gifford Worldwide Global Income Growth Fund, Baillie Gifford Worldwide Long Term Global Growth Fund, Baillie Gifford Worldwide Asia ex Japan Fund, Baillie Gifford Worldwide Diversified Return Yen Fund, Baillie Gifford Worldwide Discovery Fund, Baillie Gifford Worldwide Diversified Return US Dollar Fund, Baillie Gifford Worldwide Emerging Markets All Cap Fund, Baillie Gifford Worldwide Diversified Return Canadian Dollar Fund, Baillie Gifford Worldwide Diversified Return Euro Fund, Baillie Gifford Worldwide Diversified Return Australian Dollar Fund, Baillie Gifford Worldwide Positive Change Fund, Baillie Gifford Worldwide Global Stewardship Fund, Baillie Gifford Worldwide Health Innovation Fund, Baillie

Gifford Worldwide China A Shares Growth Fund, Baillie Gifford Worldwide Systematic Long Term Growth Fund and the Baillie Gifford Worldwide China Fund

The investment policy of the Funds referred to above has been amended to reflect that the Sub-Investment Manager of the Funds (Baillie Gifford Overseas Limited) has recently obtained a qualified foreign institutional ("FII") licence and may make investments in Chinese securities under its own licence on behalf of the Funds via the FII scheme (including the qualified foreign institutional investor scheme and the RMB qualified foreign institutional investor scheme, which are to merge into one programme based on recent PRC regulatory developments).

The investment policy of these Funds has also been amended to enable exposure to Chinese securities directly via the Stock Connects and/or through the FII scheme. This is to ensure a consistent approach to gaining exposure to Chinese securities across the Funds.

The Company is of the view that these are enhancements and clarifications to the existing policy and in each case do not represent a material change to the current investment policy of the Funds as they do not alter significantly the asset type, credit quality, borrowing limits or risk profile of the relevant Funds.

Various risk factors under the heading "Particular Risks of Investment in Permissible PRC Stocks" have also been updated reflecting that investments will now be made through Stock Connects and/or the FII scheme as a result of the recent FII scheme rule changes mentioned above.

8. Baillie Gifford Worldwide Global Alpha Choice Fund, Baillie Gifford Worldwide Global Stewardship Fund, Baillie Gifford Worldwide Pan-European Fund and Baillie Gifford Worldwide Positive Change Fund

The investment policy of the Funds referred to above has been amended to provide enhanced disclosure to clarify that the Funds meet certain sustainability standards and that they will exclude any material investments in companies associated with certain restricted industries. These changes are being made largely to discharge the requirements of the doctrine issued by the French regulator, the AMF, in respect of funds registered for sale in France (as these are) that use non-financial criteria to select their investments and to seek to take account of the environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria used to select investments. These Funds are ESG focused and the investment policy disclosures have been enhanced to provide greater detail on the sustainable and responsible investment criteria used by the Investment Manager in selecting investments. These changes address the requirements of the Disclosures Regulation¹. Also, new definitions will also be included in the Prospectus relating to ESG criteria to assist with the interpretation of the investment policy.

The investment policy of the *Baillie Gifford Worldwide Global Alpha Choice Fund*, the *Baillie Gifford Worldwide Global Stewardship Fund* and the *Baillie Gifford Worldwide Pan-European Fund* has been amended to provide enhanced disclosure to specifically clarify that these Funds will also exclude any material investments (i.e. above 5% of their Net Asset Value) in companies associated with the production of tobacco. This change is being made to strengthen existing exclusions to allow the Funds to continue to be distributed as ESG funds in Germany. The investment policy of these Funds has also been amended to reflect that the Investment Manager will use its own research (in addition to third-party data sources) when assessing these exclusions. This change is for clarificatory purposes only.

The investment objective of the *Baillie Gifford Worldwide Positive Change Fund* will be amended slightly by the inclusion of "and/", and now reads as follows; "*The investment objective of the Fund is to produce capital growth over the long term by investing primarily in the equities of companies whose products, behaviour and/or services make a positive social impact. The Fund may also invest*

¹ Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector.

in other transferable securities, money market instruments, cash and cash equivalents". This change is considered immaterial by the Company and is being made for clarification purposes only.

The Company is of the view that these are enhancements and clarifications to the existing policy of the Fund and in each case do not represent a material change to the current investment policy of the Funds as they do not alter significantly the asset type, credit quality, borrowing limits or risk profile of the relevant Funds.

9. Changes to the Investment Management Fee Rates

Certain changes are to be made to the investment management fees payable in respect of certain Classes of the following Funds;

- Baillie Gifford Worldwide Global Strategic Bond Fund – the fee rate will be reduced for the Class B Shares from 0.45% to 0.225% for a period of 3 years from 15 January 2021.
- Baillie Gifford Worldwide Global Income Growth Fund – the standard fee rate will be reduced for the Class B Shares from 0.57% to 0.50%. Also, the reduced annual management fee for a limited period of time for Class B Shares will be reduced from 0.285% to 0.25%.
- Baillie Gifford Worldwide Positive Change Fund – a standard fee rate of 0.5% will be introduced in respect of all Class D Shares in the Fund. There are currently no Class D Shares in issue and this fee rate will be charged in respect of all future subscriptions.

10. Changes to the Target Market Information

Schedule VI will be updated to provide clarification in respect of the target market for certain Funds;

- Baillie Gifford Worldwide Pan-European Fund – the disclosure has been updated to include the word "capital" in the disclosure to clarify its suitability for all investors seeking a Fund that aims to deliver *capital* growth over a long term investment horizon, with a focus on sustainability and an enhanced overlay screening for environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria.
- Baillie Gifford Worldwide Health Innovation Fund – the disclosure has been updated to include revised wording that better reflects the types of companies the Fund will invest in (i.e. companies that have the potential to bring substantial improvements to human health, lengthen lifespans and reduce healthcare costs).

11. Investment Restriction Disclosures

Additional disclosures have been inserted in the Prospectus to clarify that a Fund may not grant loans or act as a guarantor on behalf of third parties and that a Fund shall not acquire either precious metals or certificates representing them or acquire movable or immovable property in accordance with the UCITS regulations. This is an enhanced disclosure to clarify that the Fund is restricted from engaging in such activities which is required as a result of the Funds being marketed in Korea.

12. Updated Risk Factors

The risk factor relating to the UK's withdrawal from the EU has been updated to clarify that Funds marketed in the UK will continue to be able to do so following the end of the Brexit implementation period through the FCA's temporary permissions regime. This will ensure a smooth transition post Brexit for Funds registered in the UK.

The risk factor titled "Sustainable and Responsible and Impact Investment Risk" has been updated to clarify that "impact risk" is covered under this heading and the risk factor has been updated accordingly. A new risk factor has also been inserted titled "Sustainable Finance Disclosures Regulation" relating to the implementation of sustainable investment practices by the Investment Manager.

13. Board Changes

The Prospectus has been updated to reflect that Mr. Ronan Walsh was replaced as a director on the board by Dr. Jean van Sinderen-Law, effective 1 October 2020, and Mr. Alastair Maclean was replaced by Mr. Jocelyn Saunders, effective 1 November 2020.

14. Minimum Initial and Subsequent Investment Amounts

The grid displaying the minimum initial and subsequent investment amounts shall be amended by increasing the minimum amounts for investments made in Danish Krone and Hong Kong Dollars in Class B and Class F Shares from 1,000,000 to 10,000,000 of each of the respective currencies. This change is being implemented to align the minimum amounts with those minimum amounts charged in other currencies.

15. Updated Subscription Process

The "Application for Shares" section has been updated to clarify procedures around the Company's subscription process and the obligation of investors to provide fully completed customer due diligence documents before Shares will be issued to any such investor. This change reflects new requirements arising from current anti money laundering legislation and Central Bank's guidelines on anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism in the financial sector.

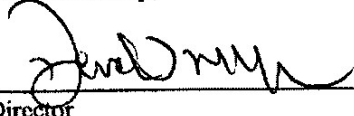
16. Redemption

Shareholders who do not wish to remain invested in any Fund following the implementation of these changes have the opportunity to redeem their Shares on any Dealing Day prior to the Effective Date by sending a completed redemption form to the Administrator by the relevant Trade Cut-Off Time (for the avoidance of doubt, this is the existing Trade Cut-Off Time of 10.00 am on the relevant Dealing Day) before the Effective Date.

Should you have any questions relating to this matter, you should either contact us at the above address or alternatively you should contact your financial advisor.

If you have sold or transferred all of your Shares in any of the Funds, please pass this document at once to the purchaser or transferee or to the stockbroker, bank or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected for transmission to the purchaser or transferee as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



Director

Baillie Gifford Worldwide Funds plc