Mitteilung an alle Anteilseigner der Pictet SICAV Fonds

Anbei finden Sie eine Information der Fondsgesellschaft Pictet Sicav, folgender Fonds ist betroffen:

LU0155303323   Pictet Asian Equities Ex Japan – P Cap
LU0366534344   Pictet Agriculture – P Cap
LU0280435388   Pictet Clean Energy – P EUR Cap

Details können Sie der beigefügten Anlage entnehmen. Falls Ihre Kunden diesen Änderungen nicht zustimmen und die Möglichkeit besteht, die Anteile ohne Gebühren seitens der Fondsgesellschaft zurückzugeben, können Sie den Verkauf der Anteile direkt in MoventumOffice erfassen.

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Notice to shareholders of Pictet (the “Company”)

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24 March 2014

Re: Notification of various changes affecting the Compartments

Dear Shareholder,

The Board of Directors of the Company (the “Board”) hereby wishes to notify you of the following proposed changes affecting the Compartments which will take effect on 30 April 2014 (the “Effective Date”). Please read this notice carefully as it may relate to changes affecting your shares in the Company.

1. Removal of 0.25% maximum limit for management commission when a compartment invests in other funds managed by the Company, the management company or the manager

With effect from the Effective Date, the last bullet point of point 5 under part A.§1 of the “Investment Restrictions” section of the Company’s prospectus (the “Prospectus”) shall be amended as follows:

“5) Units or shares of approved Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS) in compliance with Directive 2009/65/EC and/or other Undertakings for Collective Investment (UCI) within the meaning of Art. 1, paragraph (2), point a) of Directive 2009/65/EC, whether or not established in a Member State, provided that:

- these other UCI’s are approved in compliance with laws stipulating that the entities are subject to supervision that the CSSF considers as equivalent to that laid down by the EC legislation and that cooperation between the authorities is adequately guaranteed;

- the level of protection guaranteed to holders of shares or units of these other UCI’s is equivalent to that intended for holders of shares or units of a UCITS and, in particular, that the rules relating to the division of assets, borrowings, loans, short sales of transferable securities and money market instruments are equivalent to the requirements of Directive 2009/65/EC;

- the activities of these other UCI’s are reported in semi-annual and annual statements that enable valuation of assets and liabilities, revenues and operations for the period concerned and that

- the proportion of net assets that the UCITS or the other UCI’s whose acquisition is envisaged may invest overall in units or shares of other UCITS or other UCI’s in conformity with their management rules or constitutive documents, does not exceed 10%.”
- when a compartment invests in units or shares of other UCITS and/or other UCIs that are linked to the Fund within the framework of common management or control or by a significant direct or indirect holding, or is managed by a management company linked to the manager, no subscription or redemption fees may be invoiced to the Fund for investment in the UCITS or other UCI units or shares.

- The Fund: the manager or the management company may not receive any commission for issue or redemption and may only receive a management commission of 0.25% if they acquire target UCIs that are:
  a. directly or indirectly managed by themselves, or
  b. managed by a

where one of the Fund’s compartments invests in the units of other UCITS and/or other UCIs that are managed either directly or via delegation by the same management company or by any other company to which they are linked:

- under common management
- under common company is linked as part of a joint management or control process, or
- by a direct or indirect holding of more than 40% of the capital or votes, via a material direct or indirect interest in the management company or the other company cannot invoice subscription or redemption fees relating to the Fund’s investment in the units of other UCITS and/or UCIs.

where one of the Fund’s compartments invests a significant portion of its assets in other UCITS and/or other UCIs linked to the Fund, as set out above, the Fund shall specify the maximum management fees amount that can be invoiced both to the actual sub-fund and to the other UCITS and/or UCIs in which it intends to invest in the Appendix to the Prospectus. The Fund shall set out the maximum percentage of the management fees incurred both at the level of the sub-fund and at that of the UCITS and/or other UCIs in which it invests in its annual report.

Currently no SFC-authorised compartments of the Company invests a significant portion of assets in other UCITS and/or other UCIs linked to the Company.

The above amendment is the result of various regulatory changes, in particular changes relating to the Company’s registration in Switzerland.

2. Change of frequency of net asset value (“NAV”) calculations

The Board has decided to clarify the paragraphs relating to the placing of orders and the frequency with which the NAV is calculated for all of the Company’s compartments in order to reflect foreseeable market holidays where the NAV will not be calculated or be used for trading purposes.


"The shares may be subscribed, converted and redeemed each Banking Day. When more than 25% of the assets serving as a base for the calculation of the NAV are listed on markets that are closed, subscription, conversion and/or redemption requires are carried forward to the next Banking Day on which the 25% limit is not exceeded."

The following paragraph under the section “Remittance of orders” in the Appendix to the Prospectus for each compartment is deleted in its entirety: PICTET – Emerging Markets High Dividend, PICTET – Environmental Megatrend Selection and PICTET – High Dividend Selection

"The shares may be subscribed, converted and redeemed each Banking Day. When more than 50% of the assets serving as a base for the calculation of the NAV are listed on markets that are closed, subscription, conversion and/or redemption requires are carried forward to the next Banking Day on which the 50% limit is not exceeded."

The following paragraph is included under the section “Frequency of NAV calculation” in the Appendix to the Prospectus for each compartment:

"However, the Board of Directors reserves the right not to calculate the NAV or to calculate a NAV that cannot be used for trading purposes when one or several of the markets in which a Fund is invested, and/or which are used to value a material part of the assets are closed. For further information, please refer to our web www.pictetfunds.com website."
Where the NAV is not calculated or a NAV that cannot be used for trading purposes is calculated due to the reasons specified above, the dealing of subscription, conversion and redemption of shares may be postponed. Orders will be carried forward to the next Banking Day on which one or several of the markets in which a compartment is invested, and/or which are used to value a material part of the assets are not closed.

Henceforth, you will also be able to consult a timetable on our website at www.pictetfunds.com* showing clearly the dates when (i) no NAV will be calculated and (ii) the NAV cannot be used for trading purposes.

3. Change of investment policy of PICTET – Environmental Megatrend Selection

The Board has decided to change the investment policy of the compartment in order to expand its investment universe. It is intended that, upon the change taking effect, the compartment’s choice of investments will no longer focus on agriculture, forestry, clean energy and water, and the compartment will invest primarily in securities issued by companies active throughout the environmental chain.

Accordingly, with effect from the Effective Date, the compartment’s investment policy shall be revised as follows:

“Investment policy and objectives

The compartment applies a capital growth strategy, by investing principally in equities, or in any other transferable security linked to or similar to equities (including structured products as described below), issued by companies throughout the world (including emerging countries).

It will invest mainly in securities issued by companies active throughout the environmental value chain, for example in agriculture, agriculture, forestry, clean energy and water.

Investments in unlisted securities and in listed securities in Russia other than on the MICEX and the MICEX-RTS stock exchanges, and investments in UCI other than those listed in §1 of the investment restrictions section, will not together exceed 10% of the compartment’s net assets.

Risks will be minimised by diversified geographic distribution of the portfolio.

The management company will continuously monitor economic and political events in the countries in which the compartment invests and it will give preference to securities with high growth potential and to companies with targeted activity rather than more renowned large companies.

In addition, the compartment may also invest up to 10% of its net assets in undertakings for collective investment (UCI).

If the manager deems it necessary and in the best interest of the shareholders, the compartment may hold up to 100% of its net assets in liquidities, e.g. deposits, money market instruments, and money market investment funds (within the above-mentioned 10% limit).

Investments in debt instruments as defined by the European Directive 2003/48/EC will not exceed 15%.

The compartment may also invest in structured products, such as in particular credit linked notes, certificates or any other transferable security whose returns are linked to, among others, an index that adheres to the procedures stipulated in Article 9 of the regulations of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg of 8 February 2008 (including indexes on commodities, precious metals, volatility, etc.), currencies, interest rates, transferable securities, a basket of transferable securities, or an undertaking for collective investment, in compliance with the regulations of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg of 8 February 2008.

The compartment may enter into securities lending agreements in order to increase its capital or its revenue or to reduce its costs or risks.

The compartment may use derivative techniques and instruments for efficient management within the limits stipulated in the investment restrictions.”

The above changes will not have an impact on the risk profile of the compartment.

For further information on securities lending transactions conducted by the Compartments, please refer to the “Lending on securities” section of the Information for Hong Kong Investors.

4. Change of payment value date for PICTET – European Equity Selection

The Board has decided to change the payment value date for subscriptions and redemptions in respect of the compartment.

With effect from the NAV calculated on 30 April 2014, the period for payment of subscriptions and redemptions will change from three to two Banking Days following the applicable NAV calculation date.

* Please note that this website has not been reviewed by the SFC and may contain information regarding funds which are not authorised by the SFC.

The Board has decided to merge PICTET – US Equity Value Selection (the “Absorbed Compartment”) with PICTET – US Equity Growth Selection, which will be renamed PICTET – US Equity Selection following the merger (the “Absorbing Compartment”).

Please note that the Absorbed Compartment is not authorised by the SFC.

The above merger and renaming of the Absorbing Compartment will take effect on the Effective Date.

(i) Purpose of the merger

The Board has decided that the merger is in shareholders’ best interests as the value of the assets in the Absorbed Compartment is too low to be managed efficiently.

The merger will have no material impact on the Absorbing Compartment but will allow it to increase the assets under management. There is no change in the investment objectives, policy or restriction of the compartments following the merger in the related Annex to the Prospectus.

Following the merger and the renaming of Pictet – US Equity Growth Selection compartment to Pictet – US Equity Selection, the manager of the Absorbing Compartment will choose to Invest in growth and/or value securities, depending on the situation in the markets. This will offer greater investment flexibility during different market cycles and an opportunity for investors to earn greater returns.

The benchmark of the Absorbing Compartment used for calculating Relative value at risk (VAR) will also change from the Russell 1000 Growth Index to the S&P 500 Composite Index with effect from the Effective Date. This benchmark is used as a risk management method to provide an index against which the VAR of the compartment can be compared.

The key features of the two compartments and the main differences between them are set out in a table in the appendix attached. Please refer to the Prospectus for a more detailed description of the compartments’ investment policies.

(ii) Terms and conditions of the merger

On the Effective Date, the assets and the liabilities of the Absorbed Compartment will be transferred into the Absorbing Compartment, and, in exchange for their shares in the Absorbed Compartment, the shareholders of the Absorbed Compartment will automatically be allocated shares in the same category of the Absorbing Compartment. This exchange will be performed at a conversion rate calculated using the NAV of the two compartments on 30 April 2014, in accordance with the provisions of the “Calculation of the net asset value” section of the Prospectus. Due to the difference in the NAV per share of the Absorbed Compartment and the Absorbing Compartment, the number of shares that shareholders will receive in the Absorbing Compartment may differ from the number that they held in the Absorbing Compartment. The shares in the Absorbed Compartment will be cancelled once the shares in the Absorbing Compartment have been issued.

On completion of the merger, the Absorbed Compartment will cease to exist as of the Effective Date.

Subscriptions to and conversions into the Absorbed Compartment will no longer be accepted as from the NAV calculation on 25 March 2014. Redemptions in the Absorbed Compartment will be accepted until the NAV calculation of 23 April 2014.

As from the Effective Date, shareholders of the Absorbed Compartment who have not exercised their right of redemption will be able to exercise their rights as shareholders of the Absorbing Compartment.

All of the liabilities of the Absorbed Compartment will be included in the NAV calculated on the Effective Date. Any liabilities incurred after this date will be borne by the Absorbing Compartment.

The costs and expenses related to this merger will be paid by the Company’s management company, Pictet Funds (Europe) S.A.

In the days prior to the merger, the portfolio of the Absorbed Compartment will be reorganised in order to incorporate the features of the Absorbing Compartment. Therefore, the contribution of the Absorbed Compartment to the Absorbing Compartment may be made in shares and/or in cash.

The shares of the Absorbed Compartment will be withdrawn from the Luxembourg stock exchange on the Effective Date.
(iii) Documentation

Pursuant to article 71 (1) of the Luxembourg Law of 17 December 2010 regarding undertakings for collective investment, a merger report will be drawn up by Deloitte Audit, the Company's Statutory Auditor. Shareholders of the Absorbing Compartiment and the Absorbed Compartiment can obtain a free copy of this report on request from the Company's registered office.

Your tax situation may change following this merger. You may wish to consult your tax adviser to obtain information about how this merger may affect your tax situation.

Option to redeem

Shareholders who do not agree to the above changes may request redemption of their shares, free of charge, at any time up to the NAV calculated on 23 April 2014.

Update to the Company's Hong Kong offering documents

The Company's Hong Kong offering documents will be updated to reflect the above changes, and the updated Hong Kong offering documents will be uploaded to our website, www.pictetfunds.hk* and will be available free of charge on request from the Hong Kong Representative in due course.

If you have any questions or require any further information regarding the contents of this notice, please contact the Hong Kong Representative whose business address is 9/F, Chater House, 8 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong (telephone: +852 3191 1880; facsimile: +852 3191 1899).

The Board accepts responsibility for the accuracy of the contents of this notice.

Yours faithfully,

For the Board of Directors,

Marie-Claude Lange
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