Jointly owned fund pursuant to the InvFG

Annual Report 2018/19

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### **General Information about the Investment Firm**

**The company** Erste Asset Management GmbH

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Registered capital EUR 2.50 million

**Shareholders** Erste Group Bank AG (64.67%)

VIENNA INSURANCE GROUP AG Wiener Versicherung Gruppe (0.76%)

Erste Bank der österreichischen Sparkassen AG (22.17%) DekaBank Deutsche Girozentrale, Frankfurt (1.65 %) NÖ-Sparkassen Beteiligungsgesellschaft m. b. H. (0.76%) Salzburger Sparkasse Bank Aktiengesellschaft (1.65%)

Sieben Tiroler Sparkassen Beteiligungsgesellschaft m. b. H. (1.65%) Steiermärkische Bank und Sparkassen Aktiengesellschaft (3.30%)

"Die Kärntner" Trust-Vermögensverwaltungsgesellschaft m. b. H. & Co KG (1.65%)

Tiroler Sparkasse Bankaktiengesellschaft Innsbruck (1.74 %)

**Supervisory Board** Rudolf SAGMEISTER (Chairman)

Thomas SCHAUFLER (Deputy Chairman)

Ingo BLEIER Harald GASSER Gerhard GRABNER Oswald HUBER Radovan JELASITY Robert LASSHOFER

Martin SIMHANDL (until 22 February 2019) Gerald WEBER (from 22 February 2019)

Appointed by the Works Council:

Martin CECH

Heinrich Hubert REINER Peter RIEDERER Nicole WEINHENGST Manfred ZOUREK

Managing directors Heinz BEDNAR

Winfried BUCHBAUER

Peter KARL

Wolfgang TRAINDL

**Prokuristen (proxies)** Achim ARNHOF (from 15 December 2018)

Karl FREUDENSCHUSS Manfred LENTNER Günther MANDL Gerold PERMOSER Magdalena REISCHL

State commissioners Caroline HABERFELLNER

Philipp VISKI-HANKA

**Auditor** Ernst & Young

Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft m.b.H.

**Depositary bank** Erste Group Bank AG

# Remuneration paid to employees of Erste Asset Management GmbH in EUR (2017 financial year of Erste Asset Management GmbH)

No investment success bonuses are paid, and no other amounts are paid directly from the investment funds.

Number of employees as of 31.12.17	83
Number of risk bearers as of 31.12.17	45
Fixed remuneration	6,255,431
Variable remuneration (bonuses)	1,931,863
Total employee remuneration	8,187,294
Thereof remuneration for managing directors	668,440
Thereof remuneration for managers and risk bearers	160,215
Thereof remuneration for risk bearers with control functions	409,883
Thereof remuneration for other risk bearers	4,136,628
Thereof remuneration for employees in the same income bracket as managers ar	ıd
risk bearers due to the amount of their total remuneration	0
Total remuneration for risk bearers	5,375,166

#### Principles governing performance-based remuneration components

The Management Company has adopted remuneration principles to prevent possible conflicts of interest and to ensure compliance with the standard rules of conduct when awarding remuneration to relevant persons.

Fixed salary components make up a large enough share of the total remuneration of all employees of the Management Company that a variable remuneration policy can be applied on an individualised basis.

The total remuneration (fixed and variable components) is governed by the principle of balance and is linked to sustainability so that the acceptance of excessive risks is not rewarded. Therefore, the variable remuneration forms no more than a balanced portion of the total remuneration awarded to an employee.

The performance-based remuneration components serve the short-term and long-term interests of the Management Company and contribute to preventing risky behaviour. The performance-based remuneration components take into account individual performance as well as the profitability of the Management Company.

The size of the bonus pool is calculated based on the bonus potential that can be applied to the different employee categories. Bonus potential is a percentage of the fixed annual gross remuneration. The bonus potential can be no more than 100% of the fixed annual gross remuneration. The bonus pool is adjusted depending on the success of the Management Company. The personal bonus is linked to individual performance. The total of personal bonuses is limited by the size of the bonus pool after deduction of penalties.

The performance-based payments are capped at 100% of the annual gross remuneration for all employees, including the material risk bearers (according to the definition in the remuneration policy) and managing directors of the Management Company.

The remuneration system is made up of three components:

- 1) Fixed remuneration
- 2) Variable remuneration
- 3) Fringe benefits

The bonus potential is based on the fixed annual gross remuneration. The target agreements concluded with the employees contain qualitative and/or quantitative objectives. The payment of performance-based remuneration components is subject to a minimum profitability level for the Management Company and to performance targets.

Sixty per cent of the performance-based remuneration components are paid immediately; for employees who are involved directly in fund and portfolio management, 50% of this is paid immediately in cash and 50% is paid one year later in the form of non-cash instruments. The remaining 40% of the performance-based remuneration components are retained and paid out over a period of three years, with 50% of this also being paid in cash and 50% in the form of non-cash instruments for employees who are involved directly in fund and portfolio management. The non-cash instruments can consist of units in an investment fund that is administered by the Management Company, equivalent holdings or instruments linked to units, or equivalent non-cash instruments. Based on the principle of proportionality, the Management Company has set a materiality threshold below which there is no incentive to enter into inappropriate risks, for which reason there is no need to make delayed payment or payment in the form of a non-cash instrument. Other non-cash benefits are fringe benefits that are not associated with performance but with a specific position (e.g. company car) or that apply for all employees (e.g. holiday).

The Supervisory Board of the Management Company has set up a Remuneration Committee to ensure that the remuneration policy and its application are independently assessed. This committee consists of the following persons: Rudolf Sagmeister, Harald Gasser (remuneration expert), and Heinrich Hubert Reiner.

The complete remuneration policy of the Management Company can be viewed at http://www.erste-am.at/de/private\_anleger/wer-sind-wir/investmentprozess.

The last audit of compliance with the requirements of the remuneration policy by the Supervisory Board on 4 April 2018 revealed no deviations. There were also no material findings during the last audit by the Internal Auditing department.

No material changes were made to the remuneration policy during the past accounting year.

# Remuneration paid to employees of ERSTE-SPARINVEST KAG in EUR (2017 financial year of ERSTE-SPARINVEST KAG)

No investment success bonuses are paid, and no other amounts are paid directly from the investment funds.

Number of employees as of 31.12.17	148
Number of risk bearers as of 31.12.17	60
Fixed remuneration	11,990,882
Variable remuneration (bonuses)	3,065,433
Total employee remuneration	15,056,315
Thereof remuneration for managing directors	1,540,398
Thereof remuneration for managers and risk bearers	918,143
Thereof remuneration for risk bearers with control functions*	1,111,224
Thereof remuneration for other risk bearers	5,430,036
Thereof remuneration for employees in the same income bracket as managers a	nd
risk bearers due to the amount of their total remuneration	0
Total remuneration for risk bearers	<u>8,999,801</u>

<sup>\*</sup> Includes the Head of Compliance

#### Principles governing performance-based remuneration components

The Management Company has adopted remuneration principles to prevent possible conflicts of interest and to ensure compliance with the standard rules of conduct when awarding remuneration to relevant persons.

Fixed salary components make up a large enough share of the total remuneration of all employees of the Management Company that a variable remuneration policy can be applied on an individualised basis.

The total remuneration (fixed and variable components) is governed by the principle of balance and is linked to sustainability so that the acceptance of excessive risks is not rewarded. Therefore, the variable remuneration forms no more than a balanced portion of the total remuneration awarded to an employee.

The performance-based remuneration components serve the short-term and long-term interests of the Management Company and contribute to preventing risky behaviour. The performance-based remuneration components take into account individual performance as well as the profitability of the Management Company.

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The remuneration system is made up of three components:

- 1) Fixed remuneration
- 2) Variable remuneration
- 3) Fringe benefits

The bonus potential is based on the fixed annual gross remuneration. The target agreements concluded with the employees contain qualitative and/or quantitative objectives. The qualitative objectives must make up at least 25%. The payment of performance-based remuneration components is subject to a minimum profitability level for the Management Company and to performance targets.

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The Supervisory Board of the Management Company has set up a Remuneration Committee to ensure that the remuneration policy and its application are independently assessed. This committee consists of the following persons: Rudolf Sagmeister (remuneration expert), Franz-Nikolaus Hörmann, and Heinrich Hubert Reiner.

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No material changes were made to the remuneration policy during the past accounting year.

### **Dear Unit-holder,**

We are pleased to present you the following report for the ERSTE RESPONSIBLE STOCK EUROPE jointly owned fund pursuant to the InvFG for the period from 1 March 2018 to 28 February 2019.

The former management company, ERSTE-SPARINVEST Kapitalanlagegesellschaft m.b.H., was merged into Erste Asset Management GmbH effective 31 December 2017 and with entry of this merger in the trade register of Vienna Commercial Court on 3 November 2018. Erste Asset Management GmbH became the Management Company of ERSTE RESPONSIBLE STOCK EUROPE as of the effective date of the merger.

### **Development of the Fund**

#### **Market environment**

The reporting period (1 March 2018 to 28 February 2019) began with a price correction that lasted until the end of March. The equity markets recovered again through to mid-May in the lead-up to the reporting season for the first quarter, but then the positive momentum evaporated and the price gains that had been achieved were shed again. On the whole, quarterly earnings were not as positive in Europe as in the USA during the reporting period. The stock markets also suffered from the tensions in the trade dispute between the USA and China and between the USA and Europe about the introduction of new or higher tariffs, and also from Brexit. The European equity markets initially reacted to the economic and political uncertainty with price losses starting at the end of September 2018, until a recovery began in January 2019 that brought them nearly back to summer 2018 levels at the end of the financial year. The USD gained considerable ground against the EUR over the past 12 months thanks to the robust development of the US economy. Yields in Europe softened considerably around the end of the period, for example back towards 0.1% for ten-year German government paper. This makes key rate hikes unlikely in the Eurozone for the time being. WTI crude closed the reporting season unchanged in EUR terms.

The German DAX lost 7% and the Austrian ATX 10% during the reporting period while the Italian exchange was down by 6%. By contrast, the UK exchange posted a gain of 5% in EUR terms.

Among the sectors, utilities came out on top followed by healthcare and energy. Financials and telecom companies delivered the worst performance under these conditions.

#### **Portfolio**

The sector positioning was more defensive in the first half of the year – consumer staples were favoured and technology and basic materials were assigned a lower weighting. The position in the healthcare sector was increased over the course of the period, while holdings of industrials were reduced due to the deteriorating leading economic indicators. In June, we increased the position in technology companies again. Index futures on the DJ Stoxx 50 were used for hedging purposes at times. At the end of the first half of the year, we favoured companies from the healthcare, consumer staples, and financial sectors. The equities allocation came to 98% at mid-year.

In the second half of the year, we continued to prefer stocks from the healthcare, consumer staples, and financial sectors, as well as consumer discretionary names at times. Basic materials, real estate companies, and technology companies were weighted less highly in the fund. Financials were reduced slightly starting in January 2019 while the allocation to technology companies was increased. The equities allocation is currently 99%, and the fund made no use of options.

The fund lost 2.51% in value during the reporting period (assuming the reinvestment of the dividend disbursement), putting it behind the broader market.

### **Method of Calculating the Global Exposure**

### **Asset Allocation**

	28 Februa	ary <b>201</b> 9	28 Februar	y <b>201</b> 8
	EUR millions	%	EUR millions	%
Equities denominated in				
GBP	17.9	19.66	12.1	16.66
DKK	5.0	5.47	5.3	7.37
EUR	49.8	54.68	43.6	60.20
NOK	2.6	2.88	1.6	2.25
SEK	4.2	4.64	3.1	4.25
CHF	9.9	10.90	4.9	6.78
HUF	0.4	0.42	0.3	0.40
USD	0.5	0.58	-	-
Securities	90.3	99.24	70.9	97.91
Dividend entitlements	0.1	0.15	0.1	0.09
Bank balances	0.6	0.61	1.5	2.00
Other deferred items	- 0.0	- 0.00	- 0.0	- 0.00
Fund assets	91.0	100.00	72.4	100.00

<sup>\*</sup> Total nominal values of derivative instruments without taking into account offsetting and hedging (item 8.5. Schedule B InvFG 2011).

<sup>\*\*</sup> Total derivative risk taking offsetting and hedging into account = total of the equivalent values of the underlying assets as a percentage of the fund assets.

# **Comparative Overview**

Accounting year	Fund assets
2016/2017	51,126,235.29
2017/2018	72,431,744.76
2018/2019	91,033,882.51

#### General information about performance:

The performance of unit categories with no outstanding units at the end of the reporting period or no outstanding units during the reporting period is generally based on the dividend-adjusted performance of the overall fund. In these cases, the performance is not reported below.

When a unit category is issued during the reporting period, the performance and reinvestment are calculated from the point in time that the unit category is launched. Because of this and possible other fees and currency classes, the performance and reinvestment of this unit category differ from those of comparable unit categories.

The performance is determined assuming the reinvestment of all paid dividends and amounts at their nominal value on the day of disbursement.

Accounting year	Fund type	ISIN	Currency	Calculated value per unit	Dividend disbursement/ payment	Re- investment	Development in per cent
2016/2017	Dividend- bearing units	AT0000A1E0V5	EUR	138.68	3.0000	-	6.42
2017/2018	Dividend- bearing units	AT0000A1E0V5	EUR	143.67	3.0000	0.0000	5.72
2018/2019	Dividend- bearing units	AT0000A1E0V5	EUR	137.21	3.0000	0.0000	-2.51

Accounting year	Fund type	ISIN	Currency	Calculated value per unit	Dividend disbursement/payment	Re- investment	Development in per cent
2016/2017	Non-dividend- bearing units	AT0000645973	EUR	141.44	0.0000	0.0000	6.42
2017/2018	Non-dividend- bearing units	AT0000645973	EUR	149.54	0.0000	0.0000	5.73
2018/2019	Non-dividend- bearing units	AT0000645973	EUR	145.77	0.0000	0.0000	-2.52

Accounting year	Fund type	ISIN	Currency	Calculated value per unit	Dividend disbursement/ payment	Re- investment	Development in per cent
2016/2017	KESt-exempt non-dividend- bearing units	ATOOOOAOWM11	EUR	141.44	-	-	-
2017/2018	KESt-exempt non-dividend- bearing units	ATOOOOAOWM11	EUR	149.54	-	-	-
2018/2019	KESt-exempt non-dividend- bearing units	ATOOOOAOWM11	EUR	145.93	-	-	-

## **Disbursement/Payment**

The following disbursement or payment will be made for the accounting year from 1 March 2018 to 28 February 2019. The coupon-paying bank is obligated to withhold capital gains tax from this disbursement if the respective investor is not exempt from the payment of this tax.

The disbursement or payment will be effected on or after 3 June 2019 at

Erste Group Bank AG, Vienna,

and the respective bank managing the Unit-holder's securities account.

Fund type	ISIN	Currency	Dividend disbursement/ payment		KESt with option declaration	KESt w/o option declaration	Reinvestment
Dividend-bearing units	AT0000A1E0V5	EUR	3.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Non-dividend- bearing units	AT0000645973	EUR	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
KESt-exempt non- dividend-bearing units	AT0000A0WM11	EUR	-	*	-	-	-

<sup>\*</sup> Pursuant to the penultimate sentence of § 58 (2) of the Austrian Investment Fund Act, no capital gains tax will be paid.

### **Income Statement and Changes in Fund Assets**

### 1. Value Development over the Accounting Year (Fund Performance)

Calculation according to the OeKB method per unit in the unit currency not accounting for an front-end surcharge

The performance of unit categories with no outstanding units at the end of the reporting period or no outstanding units during the reporting period is generally based on the dividend-adjusted performance of the overall fund. In these cases, the "performance", the "net earnings per unit", and the "total value including (notional) units gained through disbursement/payment" are not reported in the following.

When a unit category is issued during the reporting period, the performance is calculated from the point in time that the unit category is launched. Because of this and possible other fees and currency classes, the performance of this unit category differs from that of comparable unit categories.

AT0000A1E0V5 dividend-bearing units EUR	
Unit value at the beginning of the reporting period (8,969.482 units)	143.67
Disbursement/payment on 29.05.2018 (corresponds to roughly 0.0209 units at a calculated value of 143.86)	3.0000
Unit value at the end of the reporting period (13,193.149 units)	137.21
Total value including (notional) units gained through dividend disbursement/payment	140.07
Net earnings per unit	-3.60
Value development of one unit in the period	-2.51%

AT0000645973 non-dividend-bearing units EUR	
Unit value at the beginning of the reporting period (475,745.410 units)	149.54
Disbursement/payment	0.0000
Unit value at the end of the reporting period (612,050.894 units)	145.77
Total value including (notional) units gained through dividend disbursement/payment	145.77
Net earnings per unit	-3.77
Value development of one unit in the period	-2.52%

AT0000A0WM11 KESt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units EUR	
Unit value at the beginning of the reporting period (0.000 units)	149.54
Disbursement/payment	0.0000
Unit value at the end of the reporting period (0.000 units)	145.93
Total value including (notional) units gained through dividend disbursement/payment	-
Net earnings per unit	-
Value development of one unit in the period	-

### 2. Fund Result

#### a. Realised fund result

Ordinary fund result			
Income (without profit or loss from price changes)			
Interest income (excluding income adjustment)	0.00		
Dividend income	2,329,113.48		
Other income 8)	0.00		
Total income (without profit or loss from price changes	s)	2,329,113.48	
Interest paid		- 4,504.54	
Expenses			
Fees paid to Investment Firm	- 1,088,955.36		
Costs for the financial auditor and tax consultation	- 5,093.00		
Publication costs	- 74,155.33		
Securities account fees	- 39,426.42		
Depositary bank fees	- 95,828.09		
Costs for the external consultant	0.00		
Total expenses		- 1,303,458.20	
Compensation for management costs from sub-funds	1)	0.00	
Ordinary fund result (excluding income adjustment)			1,021,150.74
Realised profit or loss from price changes 2) 3)			
Realised gains 4)		1,167,591.26	
Realised losses 5)	_	- 2,435,222.91	
Realised profit or loss from price changes (excluding i	ncome adjustment)		- 1,267,631.65
Realised fund result (excluding income adjustment)			- 246,480.91
b. Unrealised profit or loss from price changes 2) 3)			
Changes in the unrealised profit or loss from price chang	ges 7)		- 799,235.96
Result for the reporting period 6)			- 1,045,716.87
c. Income adjustment			
Income adjustment for income in the period			- 24,060.36
Income adjustment for profit carried forward from divide	nd-bearing units		52,581.69

- 1,017,195.54

**Overall fund result** 

### 3. Changes in Fund Assets

Fund assets at the beginning of the reporting period	72,431,744.76
Disbursement/payment in the accounting year	- 27,500.12
Issue and redemption of units	19,646,833.41
Overall fund result	
(The fund result is shown in detail under item 2.)	1,017,195.54
Fund assets at the end of the reporting period	91,033,882.51

- 1) Reimbursements (in the sense of commissions) paid by third parties are forwarded to the fund after deduction of any associated costs. Erste Bank der oesterreichischen Sparkassen AG receives 25% of the calculated commissions to cover administrative costs.
- 2) Realised profits and losses are not calculated precisely for the specific periods, which means that they, as is the case for the changes in the unrealised profit or loss, are not necessarily congruent with the changes in the value of the fund in the reporting year.
- 3) Total profit or loss from price changes without income adjustment (realised profit or loss from price changes, without income adjustment, plus changes in the unrealised profit or loss): EUR -2,066,867.61.
- 4) Thereof profits from transactions with derivative financial instruments: EUR 0.00.
- 5) Thereof losses from transactions with derivative financial instruments: EUR -56,154.00.
- 6) The result for the accounting year includes explicitly reported transaction costs in the amount of EUR 102,221.38.
- 7) Thereof changes in unrealised gains EUR 2,579,215.16 and unrealised losses EUR -3,378,451.12.
- 8) The earnings reported under this item can be attributed to lending fees from securities lending transactions conducted with Erste Group Bank AG in the amount of EUR 0.00, to earnings from real estate funds in the amount of EUR 0.00, and to other earnings in the amount of EUR 0.00.

# **Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of 28 February 2019**

(including changes in securities assets from 1 March 2018 to 28 February 2019)

Security designation	ISIN number	Purch./ additions Units/nomin	Sales/ disposals nal (nom. in 1	Holding ,000, rounded)	Price	Value in EUR	% share of fund assets
Publicly traded securities							
Equities denominated in GBP							
Issue country Great Britain							
3I GROUP PLC LS738636	GB00B1YW4409	0	0	36,000	9.458	397,719.89	0.44
ASHTEAD GRP PLC LS10	GB0000536739	30,000	0	30,000	20.030	701,903.98	0.77
ASTRAZENECA PLC DL25	GB0009895292	25,800	0	25,800	61.390	1,850,089.94	2.03
COMPASS GROUP LS1105	GB00BD6K4575	77,800	0	77,800	16.650	1,513,105.95	1.66
DIAGEO PLC LS28935185	GB0002374006	21,600	6,000	92,700	29.135	3,154,788.58	3.47
FRESNILLO PLC DL50	GB00B2QPKJ12	38,200	0	60,200	8.600	604,742.44	0.66
GLAXOSMITHKLINE LS25	GB0009252882	13,000	0	101,200	14.974	1,770,083.87	1.94
ITV PLC LS10	GB0033986497	0	0	120,000	1.311	183,763.58	0.20
LEGAL GENL GRP PLCLS025	GB0005603997	169,900	0	267,300	2.806	876,117.04	0.96
LLOYDS BKG GRP LS10	GB0008706128	80,000	0	609,000	0.635	452,001.64	0.50
MONDI PLC EO20	GB00B1CRLC47	6,245	0	26,545	17.285	535,954.12	0.59
NATIONAL GRID PLC	GB00BDR05C01	0		16,566	8.479	164,073.26	0.18
PERSIMMON PLC LS10	GB0006825383	6,800	1,000	28,900	24.330	821,325.78	0.90
PRUDENTIAL PLC LS05	GB0007099541	23,800		105,200	15.900	1,953,837.17	2.15
STAND. CHART. PLC DL50	GB0004082847	4,500		34,500	6.016	242,438.97	0.27
TESCO PLC LS05	GB0008847096	181,700		181,700	2.260	479,665.93	0.53
VODAFONE GROUP PLC	GB00BH4HKS39	166,500		728,700	1.343	1,142,972.04	1.26
		100,000		otal issue count	_	16,844,584.18	18.50
Issue country Jersey  EXPERIAN PLC DL10	GB00B19NLV48	5,200	0	22,500	19.635	516,046.61	0.57
					country Jersey	516,046.61	0.57
	Total eq	juities denomii	nated in GBP	translated at a ra	ate of 0.85610 _	17,360,630.79	19.07
Equities denominated in DKK							
Issue country Denmark							
GN STORE NORD A/S REG.DK1	DK0010272632	2,000	6,500	8,500	316.100	360,114.46	0.40
NOVO-NORDISK REG.B DK20	DK0060534915	8,500		37,000	321.850	1,596,071.62	1.75
ORSTED A/S DK 10	DK0060094928	15,700		15,700	476.000	1,001,621.74	1.10
PANDORA A/S DK 1	DK0060252690	1,500		10,900	344.200	502,845.42	0.55
VESTAS WIND SYST. REG.DK1	DK0010268606	4,800		20,800	546.000	1,522,134.81	1.67
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	Total en	uities denomir	nated in DKK	translated at a ra	_	4,982,788.05	5.47
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Security designation	ISIN number	Purch./ additions Units/nomin	Sales/ disposals nal (nom. in 1	Holding ,000, rounded)	Price	Value in EUR	% share of fund assets
Equities denominated in EUR							
Issue country Belgium							
KBC GROEP N.V.	BE0003565737	2,600	4,500	11,400 Total issue co	65.120 _ ountry Belgium	742,368.00 742,368.00	0.82
Issue country Germany					-		
ALLIANZ SE NA N.P.	DE0008404005	3,400	1,200	15,000	195.600	2,934,000.00	3.22
CONTINENTAL AG N.P.	DE0005439004	3,200	0	5,100	144.000	734,400.00	0.81
COVESTRO AG N.P.	DE0006062144	600	0	3,100	50.140	155,434.00	0.17
DEUTSCHE BOERSE NA N.P.	DE0005810055	400	0	3,680	111.100	408,848.00	0.45
FRESEN.MED.CARE KGAA N.P.	DE0005785802	1,000	0	4,500	68.880	309,960.00	0.34
HENKEL AG+CO.KGAA ST N.P.	DE0006048408	1,000	0	7,900	82.600	652,540.00	0.72
INFINEON TECH.AG NA N.P.	DE0006231004	23,200	7,000	42,700	19.305	824,323.50	0.91
LUFTHANSA AG VNA N.P.	DE0008232125	3,000	0	13,000	22.450	291,850.00	0.32
MUENCH.RUECKVERS.VNA N.P.	DE0008430026	600	0	2,300	207.100	476,330.00	0.52
SIEMENS AG NA	DE0007236101	0	0	17,200	96.130	1,653,436.00	1.82
TUI AG NA N.P.	DE000TUAG000	13,100		42,000	9.370	393,540.00	0.43
VONOVIA SE NA N.P.	DE000A1ML7J1	10,000	0	10,000	42.640	426,400.00	0.47
				Total Issue co	untry Germany _	9,261,061.50	10.17
Issue country France							
NEXANS BEARER	FR0000044448	1,900	0	16,900	28.360	479,284.00	0.53
				Total issue of	country France	479,284.00	0.53
Issue country Ireland							
CRH PLC EO32	IE0001827041	6,800	0	29,800	28.160	839,168.00	0.92
				Total issue of	country Ireland	839,168.00	0.92
Issue country Italy							
UNICREDIT	IT0005239360	10,800	0	49,900	11.966	597,103.40	0.66
				Total issu	ie country Italy	597,103.40	0.66
Issue country Austria							
ERSTE GROUP BNK BEARER N.P.	AT0000652011	3,300	0	14,300	33.250	475,475.00	0.52
LENZING AG	AT0000644505	5,200	0	5,200	87.900	457,080.00	0.50
OMV AG	AT0000743059	720	0	5,520	46.270	255,410.40	0.28
RAIFFEISEN INTL BK-HO.BEARER	AT0000606306	11,500	0	11,500	22.420	257,830.00	0.28
VOESTALPINE AG	AT0000937503	3,100	0	13,000	27.220	353,860.00	0.39
				Total issue of	country Austria	1,799,655.40	1.98
Issue country Spain							
ACS,ACT.CO.SER.BEARER.EO50	ES0167050915	3,050	0	13,400	38.980	522,332.00	0.57
SIEMENS GAMESA R.E.EO17	ES0143416115	30,000	0	30,000	13.455	403,650.00	0.44
				Total issue	country Spain	925,982.00	1.02
			Tota	al equities denon	ninated in EUR	14,644,622.30	16.09

Security designation	ISIN number	Purch./ additions Units/nomin	Sales/ disposals nal (nom. in 1	Holding ,000, rounded)	Price	Value in EUR	% share of fund assets
Equities denominated in SEK							
Issue country Sweden							
ATLAS COPCO A ESSITY AB B SANDVIK AB TELIA COMPANY AB SK 3.20	SE0011166610 SE0009922164 SE0000667891 SE0000667925	59,700 11,200 34,400 115,000	0 0	59,700 48,300 81,500 115,000 Total issue co	250.250 257.700 151.750 40.090 ountry Sweden	1,421,360.96 1,184,179.43 1,176,636.38 438,621.44 4,220,798.21 4,220,798.21	1.56 1.30 1.29 0.48 4.64 4.64
Equities denominated in CHF					<u>-</u>	.,,	
Issue country Switzerland							
ABB LTD. NA SF 0.12	CH0012221716	5,000 quities denomi		40,000 Total issue count translated at a ra	_	696,950.73 696,950.73 696,950.73	0.77 0.77 0.77
Equities denominated in HUF							
Issue country Hungary							
MOL NYRT. NA A UF 125	HU0000153937 Total equi	5,000 ties denominat	ted in HUF tra	37,600 Total issue co nslated at a rate Total publicly tra	_	385,677.63 385,677.63 385,677.63 42,291,467.71	0.42 0.42 0.42 46.46
Securities admitted to organise	d markets						
Equities denominated in GBP							
Issue country Great Britain							
BUNZL PLC LS3214857	GB00B0744B38	19,500 quities denomi	Т	19,500 otal issue country translated at a ra	_	540,515.13 540,515.13 540,515.13	0.59 0.59 0.59
Equities denominated in EUR							
Issue country Belgium							
UCB S.A. UMICORE S.A.  Issue country Finland	BE0003739530 BE0974320526	600 11,200	•	5,300 11,200 Total issue co	73.680 38.000 _ ountry Belgium _	390,504.00 425,600.00 816,104.00	0.43 0.47 0.90
NOKIA OYJ EO06	FI0009000681	240,000	107,000	133,000 Total issue c	5.316 ountry Finland	707,028.00 707,028.00	0.78

Security designation	ISIN number	Purch./	Sales/ disposals	Holding	Price	Value in EUR	% share of
		Units/nomir	nal (nom. in 1	,000, rounded)			fund assets
							400010
Issue country France							
AIR LIQUIDE BEARER EO 5.50	FR0000120073	2,420	0	10,500	109.650	1,151,325.00	1.26
ATOS SE NOM. EO 1	FR0000051732	2,600		5,400	84.420	455,868.00	0.50
AXA S.A. BEARER EO 2.29	FR0000120628	4,400		39,700	22.295	885,111.50	0.97
BNP PARIBAS BEARER EO 2	FR0000131104	7,900	0	35,400	45.055	1,594,947.00	1.75
CAPGEMINI SE BEARER EO 8	FR0000125338	400	0	3,400	105.200	357,680.00	0.39
CREDIT AGRICOLE BEARER EO 3	FR0000045072	5,100	0	48,000	11.232	539,136.00	0.59
INGENICO GROUP S.A. EO 1	FR0000125346	0	0	5,000	59.020	295,100.00	0.32
KERING S.A. BEARER EO 4	FR0000121485	1,700	0	3,000	480.100	1,440,300.00	1.58
LVMH EO 0.3	FR0000121014	1,600	1,300	7,080	302.000	2,138,160.00	2.35
ORANGE BEARER EO 4	FR0000133308	20,500	0	90,900	13.440	1,221,696.00	1.34
OREAL (L') BEARER EO 0.2	FR0000120321	1,300	300	5,700	221.900	1,264,830.00	1.39
PERNOD-RICARD N.P.	FR0000120693	2,170	0	5,970	151.400	903,858.00	0.99
RENAULT BEARER EO 3.81	FR0000131906	1,000	0	7,800	60.230	469,794.00	0.52
SCHNEIDER ELEC. BEARER EO 4	FR0000121972	2,500	500	13,500	68.420	923,670.00	1.01
ST GOBAIN EO 4	FR0000125007	4,300	0	19,100	31.660	604,706.00	0.66
STE GENERALE BEARER EO 1.25	FR0000130809	1,600	0	14,900	27.000	402,300.00	0.44
TOTAL S.A. EO 2.50	FR0000120271	13,100	0	57,600	49.990	2,879,424.00	3.16
VINCI S.A. BEARER EO 2.50	FR0000125486	14,700	0	14,700	83.920	1,233,624.00	1.36
				Total issue	country France	18,761,529.50	20.61
Issue country Italy							
INTESA SANPAOLO	IT0000072618	27,700	0	262,700	2.169	569,796.30	0.63
TELECOM ITALIA	IT0003497168	0	0	430,000	0.536	230,394.00	0.25
				Total iss	sue country Italy	800,190.30	0.88
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Issue country Luxembourg							
APERAM S.A.	LU0569974404	3,300	0	15,300	28.550	436,815.00	0.48
		2,222		Total issue coun	_	436,815.00	0.48
Issue country Netherlands					_	·	
issue country Notherlands							
AHOLD DELHAIZE,KON.EO01	NL0011794037	7,000	15,000	30,676	22.675	695,578.30	0.76
ASML HOLDING EO09	NL0010273215	2,000		8,700	161.120	1,401,744.00	1.54
HEINEKEN EO 1.60	NL0000009165	3,300	0	14,600	88.600	1,293,560.00	1.42
ING GROEP NV EO01	NL0011821202	31,800		145,200	11.632	1,688,966.40	1.86
KONINKL. PHILIPS EO20	NL0000009538	3,500	0	15,200	35.000	532,000.00	0.58
NN GROUP NV EO12	NL0010773842	19,100		19,100	38.300	731,530.00	0.80
STMICROELECTRONICS	NL0000226223	31,000		31,000	14.370	445,470.00	0.49
UNILEVER CVA EO16	NL0000009355	31,200		31,200	47.565	1,484,028.00	1.63
URW (STAPLED SHS) EO05	FR0013326246	2,600	0	2,600	142.000	369,200.00	0.41
					try Netherlands	8,642,076.70	9.49
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Issue country Spain							
AENA SME S.A. EO 10	ES0105046009	1,200	0	5,200	156.900	815,880.00	0.90

Security designation	ISIN number	Purch./	Sales/ disposals	Holding	Price	Value	% share
	number		-	L,000, rounded)		in EUR	fund
		Ollits/ Hollin	iai (IIVIII. III .	L,000, Iouildea)			assets
							40000
AMADEUS IT GRP SA EO 0.01	ES0109067019	500	0	4,700	66.200	311,140.00	0.34
BANKINTER NOM. EO30	ES0113679I37	39,400		39,400	7.222	284,546.80	0.31
BCO BIL.VIZ.ARG.NOM.EO-49	ES0113211835	26,000		136,128	5.474	745,164.67	0.82
BCO SANTANDER N.EOO.5	ES0113900J37	55,000	0	309,303	4.296	1,328,765.69	1.46
RED ELECTRICA CORP.EO50	ES0173093024	23,700	0	38,300	19.000	727,700.00	0.80
TELEFONICA BEARER EO 1	ES0178430E18	11,000	0	99,547	7.589	755,462.18	0.83
				Total issu	e country Spain	4,968,659.34	5.46
			To	tal equities deno	minated in EUR	35,132,402.84	38.59
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<b>Equities denominated in NOK</b>							
Issue country Norway							
DNB NOR ASA A NK 10	N00010031479	12,500	0	55,600	164.000	936,970.49	1.03
EQUINOR ASA NK 2.50	N00010096985	14,300	0	25,300	192.350	500,057.54	0.55
MARINE HARVEST ASA NK 7.5	N00003054108	13,450	0	58,450	197.400	1,185,602.03	1.30
				Total issue	country Norway	2,622,630.06	2.88
	Total ed	quities denomi	nated in NOK	translated at a r	ate of 9.73179	2,622,630.06	2.88
Equities denominated in CHF							
Issue country Austria							
AMS AG	AT0000A18XM4	17,300	0	17,300	31.000	472,773.43	0.52
				Total issue	country Austria	472,773.43	0.52
Issue country Switzerland							
JUL. BAER GRP. REG.SF02	CH0102484968	2,900		12,900	43.590	495,703.34	0.54
LOGITECH INTL NA SF25	CH0025751329	13,500		13,500	37.530	446,639.99	0.49
LONZA GROUP AG NA SF 1	CH0013841017	1,000		4,228	277.500	1,034,292.16	1.14
ROCHE HLDG AG GEN.	CH0012032048	4,300		19,200	277.300	4,693,495.07	5.16
SONOVA HLDG AG NA.SF 0.05	CH0012549785	5,500		5,000	186.650	822,703.35	0.90
STRAUMANN HLDG NA SF 0.10	CH0012280076	1,400		1,400	779.000	961,414.71	1.06
SWISS RE AG REG. SF10	CH0126881561	1,400	0	3,400	98.820	296,189.07	0.33
				Total issue cour	-	8,750,437.69	9.61
	Total e	quities denomi	nated in CHF	translated at a r	ate of 1.13437	9,223,211.12	10.13
Equities denominated in USD							
Issue country Netherlands							
NXP SEMICONDUCTORS E020	NL0009538784	6,600	0	6,600	91.320	529,298.32	0.58
				Total issue coun	try Netherlands	529,298.32	0.58
	Total ed	quities denomi	nated in USD	translated at a r	ate of 1.13870	529,298.32	0.58
		To	otal securities	admitted to org	anised markets	48,048,057.47	52.78
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Security designation	ISIN number	Purch./ additions Units/nomin	Sales/ disposals aal (nom. in 1,0	Holding	Price	Value in EUR	% share of fund assets
Unlisted securities							
Equities denominated in EUR							
Issue country Germany							
ABWICKL.BIOGAS I NA N.P.	DE000SBGS111	0	0	42,354	0.000	0.00	0.00
				Total issue coul	· -	0.00	0.00
			Total	equities denomi	nated in EUR	0.00	0.00
					-		
Breakdown of fund assets					-		
					-	90,339,525.18	99.24
						90,339,525.18 556,551.57	99.24 0.61
Transferable securities							
Transferable securities Bank balances					-	556,551.57	0.61
Transferable securities Bank balances Dividend entitlements					-	556,551.57 138,655.72	0.61 0.15
Transferable securities Bank balances Dividend entitlements Other deferred items	ding		AT0000A1E0\	/5 units		556,551.57 138,655.72 -849.96	0.61 0.15 - 0.00
Transferable securities Bank balances Dividend entitlements Other deferred items Fund assets Dividend-bearing units outstand	ding		AT0000A1E0\ AT0000A1E0\			556,551.57 138,655.72 -849.96 91,033,882.51	0.61 0.15 - 0.00
Transferable securities Bank balances Dividend entitlements Other deferred items Fund assets	J			/5 EUR		556,551.57 138,655.72 -849.96 91,033,882.51 13,193.149	0.61 0.15 - 0.00
Transferable securities Bank balances Dividend entitlements Other deferred items Fund assets  Dividend-bearing units outstand Value of dividend-bearing unit	standing		AT0000A1E0\	75 EUR units		556,551.57 138,655.72 -849.96 91,033,882.51 13,193.149 137.21	0.61 0.15 - 0.00
Transferable securities Bank balances Dividend entitlements Other deferred items Fund assets  Dividend-bearing units outstand Value of dividend-bearing unit Non-dividend-bearing units outs	standing unit		AT000064593	75 EUR 73 units 73 EUR		556,551.57 138,655.72 -849.96 91,033,882.51 13,193.149 137.21 612,050.894	0.61 0.15 - 0.00

The fund is not permitted to engage in securities lending agreements pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 2015/2365 (Regulation on Transparency of Securities Financing Transactions and of Reuse). For this reason, securities lending agreements were not employed.

The fund is not permitted to engage in repurchase agreements pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 2015/2365 (Regulation on Transparency of Securities Financing Transactions and of Reuse). For this reason, repurchase agreements were not employed.

The fund is not permitted to engage in total return swaps pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 2015/2365 (Regulation on Transparency of Securities Financing Transactions and of Reuse). For this reason, total return swaps were not employed.

Explanation on disclosure pursuant to the Delegated Regulation (EU) No. 2016/2251 supplementing Regulation (EU) No. 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories with regard to regulatory technical standards for risk-mitigation techniques for OTC derivative contracts not cleared by a central counterparty:

All OTC derivatives are traded through Erste Group Bank AG.

Collateral in the form of cash or bonds is pledged to Erste Group Bank AG in the amount of the negative exposure of the derivatives.

EUR-denominated government bonds from the Republic of Austria and/or the Federal Republic of Germany are pledged by Erste Group Bank AG to the fund in the amount of the positive exposure of the derivatives. A one-time discount of 4% is agreed with the counterparty for this collateral. Collateral that would require a higher discount pursuant to Annex II to the Delegated Regulation (EU) No. 2016/2251 is not accepted.

#### **Investor note:**

The values of assets in illiquid markets may deviate from their actual selling prices.

# <u>Purchases and sales of transferable securities in the reporting period not listed in the statement of assets and liabilities</u>

Security designation	ISIN number	Purch./ additions Units/nominal (nom. in 1,00	Sales/ disposals 0, rounded)
Publicly traded securities			
Equities denominated in GBP			
Issue country Great Britain			
ANTOFAGASTA PLC LS05	GB0000456144	0	32,000
NEXT PLC LS 0.10	GB0032089863	2,800	11,300
SSE PLC	GB0007908733	0	23,000
Issue country Jersey			
FERGU. PLC LS 0.11403197	JE00BFYFZP55	4,547	4,547
FERGUSON PLC LS-108030303	JE00BFNWV485	0	4,800
RANDGOLD RESOURCES DL05	GB00B01C3S32	0	3,300
Equities denominated in DKK			
Issue country Denmark			
DANSKE BK REG. DK 10	DK0010274414	0	30,100
DSV AS BONUS-AKT.	DK0060079531	0	3,400
Equities denominated in EUR			
Issue country Germany			
DEUTSCHE POST AG NA N.P.	DE0005552004	0	10,000

Security designation	ISIN number	Purch./ additions	Sales/ disposals
		Units/nominal (nom. in 1	-
DEUTSCHE WOHNEN SE BEARER	DE000A0HN5C6	0	7,000
HUGO BOSS AG NA N.P.	DE000A1PHFF7	0	4,200
PROSIEBENSAT.1 NA N.P.	DE000PSM7770	0	4,700
PUMA SE	DE0006969603	108	108
Issue country France			
UNIBAIL-ROD.SE BEARER EO 5	FR0000124711	0	2,000
VALEO SA BEARER EO 1	FR0013176526	0	5,900
Issue country Spain			
ACS,ACT.CO.SERRIGHTS-	ES06670509D1	10,350	10,350
ACS,ACT.CO.SER.BEARER -RIGHTS-	ES06670509E9	10,350	10,350
BCO SANTANDER -RIGHTS-	ES06139009R7	254,303	254,303
Equities denominated in SEK			
Issue country Sweden			
ATLAS COPCO A	SE0006886750	0	36,000
EPIROC AB A	SE0011166933	36,000	36,000
NORDEA BANK AB EO 0.40	SE0000427361	0	27,000
Securities admitted to organised markets			
Equities denominated in GBP			
Issue country Jersey			
WPP PLC LS10	JE00B8KF9B49	0	19,200
Issue country Canada			
BARRICK GOLD CORP.	CA0679011084	20,222	20,222
Equities denominated in EUR			
Issue country France			
MICHELIN NOM. EO 2	FR0000121261	0	5,400
SANOFI SA BEARER EO 2	FR0000120578	0	19,500
Issue country Netherlands			
RANDSTAD NV EO10	NL0000379121	0	5,000
WOLTERS KLUWER REG. E0-12	NL0000395903	0	16,800

Security designation	ISIN number	Purch./ additions Units/nominal (nom. in 1,0	Sales/ disposals 00, rounded)
Equities denominated in SEK			
Issue country Finland			
NORDEA BANK ABP	FI4000297767	27,000	27,000
Equities denominated in USD			
Issue country Canada			
BARRICK GOLD CORP.	CA0679011084	20,222	20,222
Unlisted securities			
Equities denominated in EUR			
Issue country Italy			
INTESA SANPAOLO-RIGHTS-TECH UNICREDIT -RIGHTS- (TECH.)	IT0005333874 IT0005319808	235,000 0	235,000 39,100
Equities denominated in SEK			
Issue country Sweden			
ATLAS COPCO RED. A	SE0011166636	36,000	36,000
Vienna, 30 April 2019			

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defined in § 886 ABGB (§ 4 (1) Austrian Signature Act [Signaturgesetz]).

### **Audit Report\***

#### Statement on the annual report

#### **Audit opinion**

We have audited the annual report prepared by Erste Asset Management GmbH, Vienna, for the fund under its management

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consisting of the fund portfolio as of 28 February 2019, the income statement for the financial year ending on this date, and the other information specified in Annex I Scheme B of the Austrian Investment Fund Act 2011 (InvFG 2011).

Based on the findings of our audit, we believe that the annual report satisfies the legal requirements and provides a true and fair view of the assets and financial position as of 28 February 2019 and of the earnings position of the fund for the financial year ending on this date in accordance with Austrian commercial law and the provisions of the InvFG 2011.

#### Basis for the audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with § 49 (5) InvFG 2011 and in accordance with the Austrian principles of good auditing. These principles require the application of the International Standards on Auditing (ISA). Our responsibilities under these regulations and standards are described in the section "Responsibilities of the auditor in auditing the annual report" of our audit report. We are independent from the company as specified by the Austrian commercial and industry regulations and fulfilled our other professional obligations in accordance with these requirements. We feel that the audit evidence that we obtained is sufficient and suitable to serve as a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Management and supervisory board responsibilities relating to the annual report

The legal representatives are responsible for preparing the annual report and for ensuring that this report provides a true and fair view of the assets and financial and earnings position of the fund in accordance with Austrian commercial law and the provisions of the InvFG 2011. The legal representatives are also responsible for implementing the internal controls that they deem necessary to facilitate the preparation of an annual report that is free from material misstatements due to error or fraud.

The supervisory board is responsible for monitoring the accounting process of the company as it applies to the fund under its management.

#### Responsibilities of the auditor in auditing the annual report

Our goals are to ascertain with sufficient certainty whether the annual report contains material misstatements due to error or fraud and to issue an audit report that includes our audit opinion. Sufficient certainty is a high degree of certainty but no guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Austrian standards on good auditing, which require the application of the ISA, will always discover material misstatements that may be present. Misstatements can result from fraud or errors and are considered to be material when it can be reasonably expected that individual misstatements or a combination of misstatements can influence economic decisions made by readers on the basis of this annual report.

As part of an audit conducted in accordance with the Austrian standards on good auditing, which require the application of the ISA, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism during the entire audit process.

#### In addition:

- We identify and assess the risks of material misstatements in the annual report due to error or fraud, plan audit steps in response to these risks, perform the planned audit steps, and collect audit evidence that is sufficient and suitable to form a basis for our audit opinion. The risk that a material misstatement resulting from fraud will remain undiscovered is greater than for misstatements resulting from error because fraudulent activity can include collusion, the falsification of documents, intentional incomplete or misleading representations, and the circumvention of internal controls.
- We familiarise ourselves with the internal control systems that are relevant for the audit to plan audit steps that
  are appropriate under the specific circumstances, but not so as to state an opinion on the effectiveness of the
  company's internal control system.
- We assess the appropriateness of the accounting methods applied by the legal representatives and the reasonableness of the estimates made by the legal representatives in the accounts and of the associated information.
- We assess the overall presentation, the structure, and the content of the annual report including the figures as well
  as whether the annual report depicts the underlying transactions and events in a manner that provides a true and
  fair view.
- We discuss the planned scope and scheduling of the audit and any material audit findings, including material defects that we discover in the internal control system during our audit, with the supervisory board, among other issues.

#### Other information

The legal representatives are responsible for the other information. The other information includes all information in the annual report except for the statement of assets and liabilities, the income statement, the other information specified in Annex I Schedule B of the InvFG 2011, and the audit report.

Our audit opinion does not cover this other information, and we provide no assurance whatsoever for this other information.

In connection with our audit of the annual report, it is our responsibility to read this other information and to consider whether there are material discrepancies between the other information and the annual report or the information gathered by us during our audit, or if this other information appears materially incorrect in some other manner. If we come to the conclusion on the basis of our audit steps that the other information is materially incorrect, we are obligated to report this. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Vienna, 30 April 2019

#### **Ernst & Young**

Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft m.b.H.

Mag. Andrea Stippl (Certified Public Accountant) ppa MMag. Roland Unterweger
 (Certified Public Accountant)

\* In the case of the publication or dissemination of the annual report in a form that deviates from the confirmed (unabridged German) version (e.g. an abridged version or translation), reference may not be made to the audit report or our audit without our approval.

### Fund Rules for ERSTE RESPONSIBLE STOCK EUROPE

#### Jointly owned fund pursuant to the InvFG

The Fund Rules for ERSTE RESPONSIBLE STOCK EUROPE, jointly owned fund pursuant to the Austrian Investment Fund Act (Investmentfondsgesetz; InvFG) 2011 as amended, were approved by the Austrian Financial Market Authority (FMA).

The Fund is an undertaking for the collective investment of transferable securities (UCITS) and is managed by Erste Asset Management GmbH (the "Management Company" in the following), which has its registered office in Vienna.

### Article 1 Fund Units

The joint ownership of the fund assets is evidenced by certificates having the characteristics of a bearer unit.

The unit certificates are depicted in global certificates for each unit category. For this reason, individual unit certificates cannot be issued.

# Article 2 Depositary Bank (Depositary)

The depositary bank (depositary) appointed for the Fund is Erste Group Bank AG, Vienna.

The payment offices for unit certificates are the depositary bank (depositary) or other payment offices mentioned in the prospectus.

# Article 3 Investment Instruments and Principles

The following assets may be selected for the Fund in accordance with the InvFG.

The Fund invests predominantly, in other words at least 51% of its assets, in stocks from companies in Europe operating under business policies that the Management Company has determined to be sustainable on the basis of a pre-defined screening process in the form of directly purchased individual instruments, in other words not indirectly or directly through investment funds or through derivatives.

The fund assets are invested in the following instruments in accordance with the investment focus described above.

a) Transferable securities

Transferable securities (including securities with embedded derivative financial instruments) comprise at least 51% of the fund assets.

b) Money market instruments

Money market instruments may comprise up to 49% of the fund assets.

c) Transferable securities and money market instruments

The Fund may purchase transferable securities and money market instruments that are not fully paid up as well as subscription rights for these types of instruments and other financial instruments that are not fully paid up amounting to a maximum of 10% of the fund assets.

Transferable securities and money market instruments may only be purchased for the Fund when they meet the criteria regarding listing or trading on a regulated market or a securities exchange pursuant to the InvFG.

Transferable securities and money market instruments that do not meet the criteria described in the previous paragraph may comprise up to 10% of the fund assets in total.

d) Units in investment funds

Units in investment funds (UCITS, UCI) may comprise up to 10% of the fund assets per individual issue and may comprise up to 10% in aggregate total, provided that the target funds themselves (UCITS, UCI) do not invest more than 10% of their fund assets in units of other investment funds.

#### e) Derivative financial instruments

Derivative financial instruments can be used for hedging purposes and as part of the investment strategy, and may comprise up to 35% of the fund assets.

#### f) Risk measurement method(s) of the Fund

The Fund applies the following risk measurement methods: commitment approach

The commitment value is determined according to § 3 of the 4th FMA Regulation on Risk Calculation and Reporting of Derivative Instruments (4. Derivate-Risikoberechnungs- und MeldeV) as amended.

#### g) Demand deposits or deposits with the right to be withdrawn

Demand deposits and deposits with the right to be withdrawn with a maximum term of 12 months may comprise up to 49% of the fund assets.

There are no minimum bank balance requirements.

However, in the course of the restructuring of the fund portfolio and/or in the case of the justified expectation of impending losses experienced by transferable securities, the Fund can hold a lower proportion of transferable securities and a higher proportion of demand deposits or deposits with the right to be withdrawn with a maximum term of 12 months.

#### h) Acceptance of short-term loans

The Management Company may accept short-term loans for the account of the Fund up to an amount of 10% of the total fund assets.

#### i) Repurchase agreements

Does not apply.

#### j) Securities lending

Does not apply.

Investment instruments may only be purchased for the entire Fund and not for individual unit categories or groups of unit categories.

This does not apply to currency hedging transactions, however. Such transactions can also be concluded solely for a single unit category. Expenses and income resulting from currency hedging transactions shall be allocated solely to the respective unit category.

# Article 4 Issue and Redemption Procedure

The unit value shall be calculated in the currency of the respective unit category.

The unit value is calculated at the same time as the issue and redemption price.

#### Issue of units and front-end surcharge

The issue price will be calculated and units issued on each Austrian exchange trading day with the exception of bank holidays.

The issue price shall be made up of the unit value plus a surcharge per unit amounting to up to 5.0% to cover the costs incurred by the Management Company in issuing the unit, rounded up to the next equivalent sub-unit of the currency unit specified for the respective unit category in the prospectus.

The Management Company shall be entitled to apply a sliding front-end surcharge scale at its own discretion.

There is no limit on the issue of units in principle. However, the Management Company reserves the right to temporarily or permanently suspend the issue of unit certificates.

#### Redemption of units and back-end commission

The redemption price will be calculated and units redeemed on each Austrian exchange trading day with the exception of bank holidays.

The redemption price is the unit value rounded down to the next equivalent sub-unit of the currency unit specified for the respective unit category in the prospectus. No back-end commission will be charged.

Upon request by the Unit-holder, his units shall be redeemed at the current redemption price in return for the unit certificate.

### Article 5 Accounting Year

The accounting year of the Fund is from 1 March to the last day of February.

### Article 6 Unit Categories and Use of Earnings

The Fund features three different unit categories and the corresponding certificates: dividend-bearing units, non-dividend-bearing units with capital gains tax withholding, and non-dividend-bearing units without capital gains tax withholding, with certificates being issued for one unit each and also for fractional units.

Various unit categories may be issued for this Fund. The creation of unit categories and the issue of units of a specific category shall be decided at the discretion of the Management Company.

#### Use of earnings for dividend-bearing units

The earnings generated during the accounting year (interest and dividends) less all costs can be distributed as deemed appropriate by the Management Company. Dividend disbursement may be suspended in the interests of the Unit-holders. Dividends may also be disbursed at the discretion of the Management Company from earnings generated by the sale of fund assets, including subscription rights. Fund assets may be paid out in the form of dividends and interim dividends.

The fund assets may in no case fall below the legally stipulated minimum volume for termination as a result of dividend disbursements.

The amounts shall be paid to the holders of dividend-bearing units on or after 1 June of the following accounting year. The remaining amount shall be carried forward.

An amount calculated in accordance with the InvFG must also be paid out on or after 1 June to cover the capital gains tax assessed by the tax authorities on the dividend-equivalent earnings from the fund units unless the Management Company provides suitable proof from the banks managing the corresponding securities accounts that the unit certificates can only be held by Unit-holders who are not subject to Austrian personal or corporate income tax or who meet the conditions for exemption from capital gains tax according to § 94 EStG at the time of payment.

#### Use of earnings for non-dividend-bearing units with capital gains tax withholding

The earnings generated by the Fund during the accounting year less all costs will not be paid out. In the case of non-dividend-bearing units, an amount calculated in accordance with the InvFG must be paid out on or after 1 June to cover the capital gains tax assessed by the tax authorities on the dividend-equivalent earnings from the fund units unless the Management Company provides suitable proof from the banks managing the corresponding securities accounts that the unit certificates can only be held by Unit-holders who are not subject to Austrian personal or corporate income tax or who meet the conditions for exemption from capital gains tax according to § 94 EStG at the time of payment.

## Use of earnings for non-dividend-bearing units without capital gains tax withholding (KESt-exempt non-dividend domestic and foreign unit category)

The earnings generated by the Fund during the accounting year less all costs will not be paid out. No payment pursuant to the InvFG will be made. The reference date for the exemption from KESt payment for the profit for the year for the purposes of the InvFG shall be 1 June of the following accounting year.

The Management Company shall provide suitable proof from the banks managing the corresponding securities accounts that the unit certificates could only be held by Unit-holders who are not subject to Austrian personal or corporate income tax or who met the conditions for exemption from capital gains tax according to § 94 of the Austrian Income Tax Act (Einkommensteuergesetz) at the time of payment.

If these requirements are not met at the time of payment, the amount calculated pursuant to the InvFG must be paid out by the credit institution managing the respective securities account.

### Article 7 Management Fee, Compensation for Expenses, Liquidation Fee

The Management Company shall receive an annual fee for its administrative activities of up to 1.8% of the fund assets, which shall be accrued on a daily basis and calculated using the month-end values adjusted for the accrued fees.

The Management Company shall be entitled to compensation for all expenses incurred in the administration of the Fund.

The Management Company shall be entitled to apply a sliding management fee scale at its own discretion.

The costs for the introduction of new unit categories for existing investment funds shall be assessed against the unit price of the new unit categories.

Upon liquidation of the Fund, the party processing the liquidation shall receive a fee in the amount of 0.5% of the fund assets.

Further information and details about this Fund can be found in the prospectus.

#### **Annex to the Fund Rules**

List of exchanges with official trading and organised markets (As of September 2018)

# 1. Exchanges with official trading and organised markets in the Member States of the EEA as well as exchanges in European countries outside of the EEA considered to be equivalent to regulated markets

Every Member State must maintain a current list of the authorised markets within its territory. This list must be submitted to the other Member States and the Commission.

According to this provision, the Commission is required to publish a list of the regulated markets registered with it by the Member States once per year.

Because of lower entry barriers and specialisation in different trading segments, the list of "regulated markets" is subject to significant changes. For this reason, the Commission will publish an up-to-date version of the list on its official website in addition to the annual publication of a list in the Official Journal of the European Union.

#### 1.1. The currently valid list of regulated markets can be found at

https://registers.esma.europa.eu/publication/searchRegister?core=esma\_registers\_upreg \*

#### 1.2. The following exchanges are included in the list of regulated markets:

1.2.1 Luxembourg: Euro MTF Luxembourg

1.2.2. Switzerland: SIX Swiss Exchange AG, BX Swiss AG

#### 1.3. Recognised markets in the EEA according to § 67 (2) 2 InvFG:

Markets in the EEA that have been classified as recognised markets by the competent supervisory authorities.

#### 2. Exchanges in European countries outside of the EEA

2.1. Bosnia and Herzegovina: Sarajevo, Banja Luka

2.2. Montenegro: Podgorica

2.3. Russia: Moscow (RTS Stock Exchange)

Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange (MICEX)

2.4. Serbia: Belgrade

2.5. Turkey: Istanbul (only "National Market" on the stock market)

#### 3. Exchanges in non-European countries

3.1. Australia: Sydney, Hobart, Melbourne, Perth

3.2. Argentina: Buenos Aires

3.3. Brazil: Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo

3.4. Chile: Santiago

3.5. China: Shanghai Stock Exchange, Shenzhen Stock Exchange

3.6. Hong Kong: Hong Kong Stock Exchange

3.7. India: Mumbai3.8. Indonesia: Jakarta3.9. Israel: Tel Aviv

3.10. Japan: Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Kyoto, Fukuoka, Niigata, Sapporo, Hiroshima

3.11. Canada: Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal
3.12. Colombia: Bolsa de Valores de Colombia
3.13. Korea: Korea Exchange (Seoul, Busan)
3.14. Malaysia: Kuala Lumpur, Bursa Malaysia Berhad

3.15. Mexico: Mexico City

3.16. New Zealand: Wellington, Christchurch/Invercargill, Auckland

3.17 Peru: Bolsa de Valores de Lima

3.18. Philippines: Manila

3.19. Singapore: Singapore Stock Exchange

3.20. South Africa: Johannesburg
3.21. Taiwan: Taipei
3.22. Thailand: Bangkok

3.23. USA: New York, NYCE American, New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), Philadelphia, Chicago,

Boston, Cincinnati

3.24. Venezuela: Caracas

3.25. United Arab Emirates: Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX)

#### 4. Organised markets in countries outside of the European Community

4.1. Japan: over the counter market
4.2. Canada: over the counter market
4.3. Korea: over the counter market

4.4. Switzerland: over the counter market of the members of the International Capital Market Association

(ICMA), Zurich

4.5. USA: over the counter market (under the supervision of an authority such as the SEC, FINRA,

etc.)

#### 5. Exchanges with futures and options markets

5.1. Argentina: Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires

5.2. Australia: Australian Options Market, Australian Securities Exchange (ASX)
 5.3. Brazil: Bolsa Brasiliera de Futuros, Bolsa de Mercadorias & Futuros, Rio de

Janeiro Stock Exchange, Sao Paulo Stock Exchange

5.4. Hong Kong: Hong Kong Futures Exchange Ltd.

5.5. Japan: Osaka Securities Exchange, Tokyo International Financial Futures

Exchange, Tokyo Stock Exchange

5.6. Canada: Montreal Exchange, Toronto Futures Exchange

5.7. Korea: Korea Exchange (KRX)

5.8. Mexico: Mercado Mexicano de Derivados

5.9. New Zealand: New Zealand Futures & Options Exchange
 5.10. Philippines: Manila International Futures Exchange
 5.11. Singapore: The Singapore Exchange Limited (SGX)

5.12. Slovakia: RM System Slovakia

5.13. South Africa: Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE), South African Futures Exchange (SAFEX)

5.14. Switzerland: EUREX 5.15. Turkey: TurkDEX

5.16. USA: NYCE American, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Chicago Board of Trade, Chicago

Mercantile Exchange, Comex, FINEX, ICE Future US, Inc., New York, Nasdaq PHLX, New

York Stock Ex-change, Boston Options Exchange (BOX)

<sup>\*)</sup> To open the list, select "Regulated market" under "Entity type" in the column on the left side of the page and then click "Search" (or "Show table columns" and "Update"). The link can be changed by the ESMA.

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