

# Key Investor Information

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

## The NT Emerging Markets ESG Leaders Equity Index Fund: Share Class A USD

A Fund of Northern Trust Investment Funds plc

ISIN: IE00BG065F92

Management Company: Northern Trust Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited

### OBJECTIVES AND INVESTMENT POLICY

The investment objective of the Fund is to closely match the risk and return characteristics of the MSCI Emerging Markets ESG Leaders Index (the Index) with net dividends reinvested. Any change of Index shall only be made with the prior approval of the Shareholders.

The Fund invests in equities (that is, shares and other similar kinds of assets) issued by or relating to companies included in the Index.

The equities will be traded on globally recognised stock exchanges in the countries included in the Index. These stock exchanges are in countries which include, but are not limited to, Brazil, Chile, China, Columbia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey and United Arab Emirates. Further details of the Index constituents, weightings and methodology can be found at: <https://www.msci.com/constituents> and <https://www.msci.com/custom-indexes>.

The Fund operates an index tracking/replication strategy through investment directly in assets that are Index constituents, or (where direct investment is not achievable) direct substitutes for Index constituents (i.e. a physical replication model). The Fund may obtain exposure through FDI, other CIS (including ETFs) where it is more efficient to do so, and/or may underweight illiquid stocks in order to achieve representative exposure in the more liquid and accessible securities within the Index. Employing such techniques necessarily results in individual security overweights and underweights.

The Fund uses a sample based physical replication model whereby it seeks to track the risk and return characteristics of the Index by buying most or all of the stocks of the Index. This means it may not hold all the same assets as the Index or hold assets in the same proportion as the Index, and therefore the fund may not match the Index performance.

The MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) ESG Leaders Index is a capitalization weighted index that provides exposure to companies with high Environmental,

Social and Governance (ESG) performance relative to their sector peers, based on MSCI's ESG ratings. Companies found to be in violation of international norms for example, facing very severe controversies related to human rights, labour rights or the environment) and companies involved in controversial weapons (landmines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium, and biological and chemical weapons) are excluded from the Index. The Index is designed for investors seeking a broad, diversified sustainability benchmark with relatively low tracking error to the underlying equity market. The index is a member of the MSCI Global Sustainability Index series. Constituent selection is based on data from MSCI ESG Research. For further details on the UN Global Compact principles, please refer to [www.unglobalcompact.org/AboutTheGC/TheTenPrinciples/index.html](http://www.unglobalcompact.org/AboutTheGC/TheTenPrinciples/index.html).

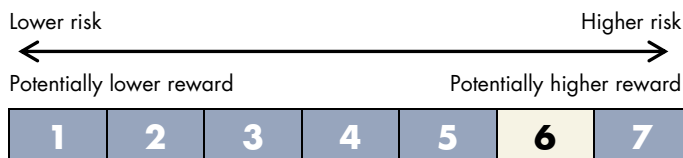
The Fund may use derivatives and other financially linked instruments (such as currency forwards and exchange traded futures) to achieve its objective and to reduce risk, minimise costs or generate additional capital or income. The Fund may also lend its assets to third parties in order to generate additional income.

**Target Market:** This Fund is appropriate for clients who plan to invest over the long term; for example 5 years or more; and are looking for a passively managed investment in the relevant market(s) with high exposure to companies with high ESG performance relative to their sector peers based on MSCI's ESG ratings and ESG principles implemented according to a defined set of exclusions.

The shares in the Fund are either accumulating or distributing. If you elect accumulating shares, any income received will always be included in the value of your shares. If you elect distributing shares, any income received will be distributed annually, and you can request either a cash payment or additional shares in the Fund.

You can buy or sell shares daily (on each business day of the Fund). Instructions must be received by the Fund's administrator before 2.00pm (Irish time) on the business day prior to the relevant dealing day.

### Risk and Reward Profile



- Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.
- The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may shift over time.
- The lowest category does not mean 'risk free'.

The risk indicator was calculated incorporating simulated historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund.

The rating is based upon changes in prices of the equities held by the Fund. The Fund mainly invests in shares of emerging markets that are more likely to experience sharp rises and falls in value.

Investments in the relevant countries are affected by exchange rate risk, particularly with some emerging markets where the currencies may fluctuate significantly in value.

There is an increased chance of political and economic instability with less reliable safekeeping, dealing and settlement arrangements.

Performance volatility can be increased or reduced due to fluctuations in the currencies represented within this document.

The following risks are material in addition to the risks captured by the indicator above:

**Liquidity Risk** – Some recognised exchanges are less liquid or more volatile which may affect the price received and time taken when selling investments. Small capitalisation companies are also less liquid and this may result in fluctuations in the price of shares.

**Investment Risk** - The Fund may not achieve its investment objective. An investment in any Fund involves investment risks including possible loss of the amount invested.

**Futures and Options Risk** - In case of bankruptcy of the broker, there is no guarantee collateral held by the broker will be returned to the Fund. In the event of bankruptcy of the counterparty, the option premium and any unrealised gains may be lost.

**Valuation Risk** - A position in the Fund may be valued incorrectly, as some prices may be uncertain at a point in time.

**Emerging Markets Risk** - Emerging markets are generally more sensitive to economic and political conditions than developed markets and so may be more volatile. Disclosure and regulatory standards may be less stringent, the legal infrastructure may not provide the same degree of shareholder protection and the Fund may encounter restrictions on investment or transfer of assets and failed/delayed delivery of securities or payments.

For more information about risks, please see the section entitled "Risk Factors" of the Fund's prospectus and supplement, which are available at [www.northerntrust.com/pooledfunds](http://www.northerntrust.com/pooledfunds). For more information about risks, please see the section entitled "Risk Factors" of the Fund's prospectus and supplement, which are available at [www.northerntrust.com/pooledfunds](http://www.northerntrust.com/pooledfunds).

## Charges

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

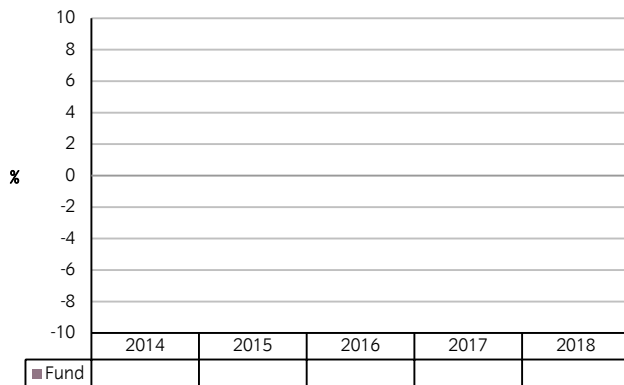
One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry charge	No charge
Exit charge	2.00 %
This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before the proceeds of your investment are paid out.	
Charges taken from the Fund over a year	
Ongoing charges	0.30 %
Charges taken from the Fund under certain specific conditions	
Performance fee	No charge

The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures and in some cases you may pay less.

When you invest into or redeem from the Fund, a charge of up to 1% of the relevant amount may be charged to cover the transaction costs incurred. This is separate from any exit charge.

For more information about charges, please see the section entitled "Fees and Expenses" of the Fund's supplement to the prospectus, which is available at [www.northerntrust.com/pooledfunds](http://www.northerntrust.com/pooledfunds).

## PAST PERFORMANCE



- The Fund was launched in 2017. This share class is unlaunched.
- There is insufficient data to provide a useful indication of past performance to investors.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- The Share Class A USD presented in this Key Investor Information document is representative of accumulating and distributing Share Classes: A (GBP and EUR) and B, C, D, E, F, G, H, (EUR, USD and GBP) and therefore they may have different performance returns to those illustrated. Investors can obtain information about the represented share classes in the prospectus.
- The Fund's Depositary is Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited.
- Irish tax laws may have an impact on your personal position.
- Northern Trust Investment Funds plc may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the prospectus.
- It is possible to exchange your shares in one fund for shares in another fund of Northern Trust Investment Funds plc. Details on exchanges of shares are provided in the prospectus. An exchange charge may apply.
- Northern Trust Investment Funds plc is an umbrella fund with segregated liability between funds. This means that the holdings of the Fund are held separately under Irish law from the holdings of the other funds of Northern Trust Investment Funds plc.
- A summary of the Management Company's remuneration policy and related disclosures is available at [www.northerntrust.com/pooledfunds](http://www.northerntrust.com/pooledfunds). A paper copy is available free of charge upon request from the registered office of the Management Company.
- Further information about the Fund can be obtained from the Fund's prospectus and the latest annual and semi-annual reports for the Fund. These documents, including the latest share prices, are available free of charge in English, and can be found at [www.northerntrust.com/pooledfunds](http://www.northerntrust.com/pooledfunds) or by writing to the Fund's administrator at George's Court, 54-62 Townsend Street, Dublin 2, Ireland.