

THE NT EMERGING MARKETS QUALITY LOW CARBON FUND

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*This Supplement contains specific information in relation to The NT Emerging Markets Quality Low Carbon Fund (the **Fund**), a Fund of Northern Trust Investment Funds plc (the **Company**) an open-ended investment company with variable capital established as an umbrella fund with segregated liability between Funds governed by the laws of Ireland and authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland (the **Central Bank**).*

This Supplement forms part of and should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus.

*The Directors of the Company, whose names appear in the **Management and Administration** section of the Prospectus, accept responsibility for the information contained in the Prospectus and this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) such information is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.*

Words and expressions defined in the Prospectus shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meaning when used in this Supplement.

An investment in the Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.

The Fund may invest in financial derivative instruments (FDI) for efficient portfolio management purposes (as detailed below). See section titled “Leverage” for details of the leverage effect of investing in FDI.

A Repurchase Charge of up to 2% of the repurchase price may be charged by the Directors in their discretion on the repurchase of Shares. The difference at any one time between the sale and repurchase price of Shares means that the investment should be viewed as medium to long term.

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INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICIES

Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to deliver long-term capital growth by investing in securities of high quality companies with lower carbon intensity and lower potential carbon emissions from fossil fuel reserves and excluding securities that do not meet certain environmental, social and governance (**ESG**) criteria.

Investment Policies

The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective through investment primarily in a diversified portfolio of transferable Equity and (where considered by the Investment Manager to be necessary or appropriate) Equity Related Securities issued by companies or linked to companies within the MSCI Emerging Markets Index (the **Index**), which exhibit high quality characteristics (determined based on a proprietary quantitative methodology), and low exposure to carbon emissions and carbon reserves whilst constraining the exposure to certain securities in accordance with the ESG criteria and Investment Manager's scoring as further detailed below, exposure by industry and exposure by region and country, as well as exposures to other risk factors relative to the Index. Further details concerning the Index are set out below.

The investment process is to establish the securities eligible for investment by excluding from the list of securities within the Index, companies that: (i) are in breach of the UN's Global Compact Ten Principles due to being involved in controversies classified as "very severe" in the areas of Environment, Human Rights & Community, Labour Rights & Supply Chain, or Governance; ii) derive any revenue from the production of tobacco, or 5% or more of their revenue from the distribution of tobacco, supply of key products for the production of tobacco, or the retail of tobacco; iii) manufacture controversial weapons, such as cluster bombs, landmines, nuclear weapons, depleted uranium weapons, biological/chemical weapons, (or their strategic components), blinding laser, non-detectable components, or incendiary weapons; iv) manufacture civilian firearms or retail civilian firearms and derive 5% or more revenue from this sector; v) manufacture conventional weapons or provide support services to and derive 5% or more revenue from this sector; vi) derive 5% of revenue or more from mining thermal coal; vii) companies that derive 30% of revenue or more from coal-fired energy generation; and viii) companies classified as having "very severe" controversies relating to customer issues.

In addition companies shall be excluded which do not conform with all four of the following criteria: i) the individual shareholders of the relevant company must not hold 30% or more of the voting rights, and ii) at least half of the relevant company's board of directors must be independent, and iii) at least half of members of the company's audit committee must be independent; and iv) at least half of members of the company's remuneration committee must be independent. Furthermore, the company must have a clean (non-qualified) auditor opinion. Finally companies that are domiciled within countries below a certain threshold on the Freedom House list shall be excluded if they also meet criteria for super majority state ownership or face a recent, severe human rights controversy.

This exclusion list is not exhaustive and is subject to change.

Furthermore, an optimisation shall be applied to significantly reduce, relative to the Index, exposure to companies with; (i) high annual carbon emissions relative to annual sales; and, (ii) potential carbon emissions associated with current fossil fuel reserves.

The next step is to apply the Investment Manager's proprietary scoring which is constructed using data from multiple sources including company financial statements and historical stock price movements. The scoring based on relative return forecasts is applied to all of the investible securities with the aim of determining which are high quality i.e. those more likely to outperform other companies in the Index. This enables the construction of an optimal portfolio which maximises expected risk-adjusted performance based on the return forecasts. As noted above, risk is controlled by limiting the exposure to certain securities, exposure by industry and exposure by region and country, as well as exposures to other risk factors relative to the Index. The Fund's holdings and exposures are regularly monitored, and, where appropriate, traded efficiently using the aforementioned portfolio construction process to ensure alignment with the investment objectives.

Such Equity and Equity Related Securities shall be listed on stock exchanges or regulated markets in countries (within the list of Markets set out in Appendix 1 of the Prospectus) comprised within the Index, details of which are set out under the heading **Index Description** below. Where direct access to the equity markets in those countries is not practicable, indirect exposure may be achieved through investment in Equities and/or Equity Related Securities listed on markets elsewhere. In order to access Equity and Equity Related Securities issued by companies or linked to companies located in China or listed/traded on stock exchanges in China, the Fund may trade through the Shanghai and Shenzhen Stock Connect programmes.

The Fund may from time to time hold Equity and Equity Related Securities which are not included in the Index constituents as a result of corporate actions and other such activities. In such event, the Fund will sell such securities in a reasonable amount of time taking into account the best interests of the Shareholders and no later than the next portfolio rebalance. In addition, certain Equity and Equity Related Securities which the Fund may hold may experience more market price volatility than other securities and could, in certain circumstances, result in high volatility levels. The Net Asset Value of the Fund may reflect this volatility.

The Fund may invest in FDI for efficient portfolio management purposes and may be fully or partially hedged back to the Base Currency in accordance with the powers and restrictions set out by the Central Bank in relation to techniques for efficient portfolio management purposes.

The Fund may also invest (up to 10% of its Net Asset Value) indirectly in Equities and Equity Related Securities comprised within the Index through holdings in open-ended collective investment schemes (**CIS**) (including exchange traded funds that satisfy Regulation 4(3) of the Regulations). Any such CIS shall be listed/traded on the stock exchanges listed below and in Appendix I of the Prospectus and will have investment objectives which are materially similar to the Fund. The Fund may invest in FDI as set out in the section titled "**Use of Efficient Portfolio Management Techniques and Financial Derivative Instruments**" below.

Index Description

The Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalisation weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance in Emerging Markets.

As at the date of this Supplement, the Index consists of the following twenty four (24) emerging market country indices: Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, 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 navigated to from the following links: <https://www.msci.com/index-methodology> and <https://www.msci.com/constituents>

In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds (the **EU Benchmarks Regulation**) the Investment Manager has, on behalf of the Manager, put in place written plans which would enable the Fund to reference an alternative index, should the Index cease to be provided.

The Index used by the Fund in accordance with Article 3(1)(7)(e) of the EU Benchmarks Regulation is to be provided by an administrator either included in the register referred to in Article 36 of the EU Benchmarks Regulation or availing of the transitional arrangements pursuant to Article 51 of the EU Benchmark Regulation.

PROFILE OF A TYPICAL INVESTOR

The Fund is designed for institutional investors including but not limited to: national and multi-national corporations, pension funds, insurance companies, sovereign wealth funds, charities and fiduciary managers. A typical investor is a sophisticated investor prepared to accept a degree of medium to high volatility. A typical investor will be seeking to achieve exposure across emerging market equities and will be seeking to achieve a return on investment in the medium to long term.

RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT – CORPORATE ENGAGEMENT

The Investment Manager has appointed Hermes Equity Ownership Services Limited ("Hermes EOS") to act as the Manager's agent in carrying out corporate engagement with carefully selected companies held within the Fund (each an "Engaged Company"). Engaged Companies will be selected for engagement and engagement will be carried out in accordance with an Engagement Policy, a copy of which is available from the Investment Manager on request. Corporate engagement complements the ESG considerations underpinning the construction of the Index. The engagement process neither informs investment or divestment decisions nor the construction of the Index, and Hermes EOS will exercise no discretion over Fund assets.

An engagement by Hermes EOS with an Engaged Company will involve a process of dialogue with that Engaged Company with the long-term objective of that Engaged Company improving on its social, ethical and environmental practices in the belief that such factors can have an impact on financial performance.

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Hermes EOS typically conducts engagement with Engaged Companies in confidence and will not disclose the Manager's involvement in such engagements, unless specifically agreed in advance.

In addition to engaging with individual Engaged Companies, Hermes EOS has a broad international public policy engagement program through which it engages with governments and regulators on behalf of its client base (including the Manager) to promote the interests of long-term institutional investors.

The Fund will follow the Northern Trust Proxy Voting Policy, a copy of which is available via the following website:

<https://www.northerntrust.com/asset-management/europe/uk-stewardship-proxy-voting>

Engagement activities conducted on behalf of the Fund may not always be complemented by this policy.

INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

The general investment restrictions set out under the heading **Investment Objective and Policies of the Funds – Investment Restrictions** in the Prospectus shall apply.

In addition, while the Fund shall not invest other than as outlined above under the heading "Investment Objective and Policies", the following investment restrictions shall apply.

The Fund may not:

- a) invest more than 10% of Net Asset Value in CIS in aggregate;
- b) invest in shares or other participations in undertakings which are not, or will not within one year of the issuance thereof, or are not intended to be, listed on an exchange or other regulated market.
- c) invest in bonds and other debt instruments which are not issued for public trading;
- d) hold shares or other participations in an undertaking where the voting capital for such shares exceeds ten per cent.
- e) invest in options, futures, or other similar financial instruments for which commodities constitute the underlying asset; and
- f) assume any debt, unless limited to short term borrowing to satisfy temporary cash requirements.

USE OF EFFICIENT PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES, FINANCIAL DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS AND SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTIONS

The use of techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities, money market instruments and/or other financial instruments in which the Fund invests for efficient portfolio management purposes should be in line with the best interests of Shareholders and will generally be made for one or more of the following reasons:

- (i) the reduction of risk;
- (ii) the reduction of cost; or
- (iii) the generation of additional capital or income for the Fund with an appropriate level of risk, taking into account the risk profile of the Fund and the risk diversification rules set out in the Central Bank

Rules ("Efficient Portfolio Management Techniques").

The Fund may use the following Efficient Portfolio Management Techniques: spot and forward currency contracts (for hedging and local currency exposure), options on securities, indices and currencies, swaps, futures (exchange-traded, index and equity futures mainly to gain index exposure for limited periods when immediate purchase/sale of the underlying is not feasible or in the best interests of the Fund) and options on futures, when-issued and forward commitment securities (subject to the investment and borrowing limits (10% of the Fund's Net Asset Value) set out herein). Further details of the Efficient Portfolio Management Techniques that the Fund may employ are set out in the **Efficient Portfolio Management, Financial Derivative Instruments and Securities Financing Transactions** section of the Prospectus.

The Fund may use securities lending transactions (i.e. Securities Financing Transactions) in accordance with the requirements of SFTR and the Central Bank Rules. Any type of assets that may be held by the Fund in accordance with its investment objective and policies may be subject to such Securities Financing Transactions. There is no restriction on the proportion of assets that may be subject to Securities Financing Transactions and therefore the maximum and expected proportion of the Fund's assets that can be subject to Securities Financing Transactions can be as much as 100%, i.e. all of the assets of the Fund. In any case the most recent semi-annual and annual report of the Company will express as an absolute amount and as a percentage of the Fund's assets the amount of Fund assets subject to Securities Financing Transactions.

Collateral or margin may be passed by the Fund to a counterparty or broker in respect of Efficient Portfolio Management Techniques or Securities Financing Transactions. Please refer to the section of the Prospectus entitled "Collateral Policy" for further details.

The Investment Manager shall not invest in repurchase/reverse repurchase agreements or Total Return Swaps.

The use of **FDI and Securities Financing Transactions** for the purposes outlined above may expose the Fund to the risks disclosed under the section of the Prospectus titled **Risk Factors**. In addition, the prices of these instruments may be imperfectly correlated to the prices of the underlying securities, for example, because of transaction costs and interest rate movements and the use of these instruments may further expose the Fund to the risk that the legal documentation of the relevant counterparty may not accurately reflect the intention of the parties.

LEVERAGE

Global exposure and leverage as a result of its investment in FDI as described above shall not exceed 100% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. Global exposure will be measured using the commitment approach.

BORROWINGS

In accordance with the general provisions set out in the Prospectus under the heading **Investment Objective and Policies of the Funds – Borrowing and Lending Powers** the Fund may borrow up to 10% of its Net Asset Value on a temporary basis, limited to short term borrowing to satisfy temporary cash requirements

RISK FACTORS

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In addition to the general risk factors set out in the **Risk Factors** section of the Prospectus, the following additional risk factors apply specifically to the Fund:

Russian Markets

There are significant risks inherent in investing in Russia. There is no history of stability in the Russian market and no guarantee of future stability. The economic infrastructure of Russia is relatively underdeveloped and the country maintains a high level of external and internal debt. Tax regulations are ambiguous and unclear and there is a risk of imposition of arbitrary and onerous taxes. Banks and other financial systems are not well developed or regulated and as a result tend to be untested and have low credit ratings. Bankruptcy and insolvency are a commonplace feature of the business environment. Foreign investment is affected by restrictions in terms of repatriation and convertibility of currency. The concept of fiduciary duty on the part of a company's management is generally non-existent. Local laws and regulations may not prohibit or restrict a company's management from materially changing the company's structure without shareholder consent. Foreign investors cannot be guaranteed redress in a court of law for breach of local laws, regulations or contracts. Regulations governing securities investment may not exist or may be applied in an arbitrary and inconsistent manner. Equity securities in Russia are issued only in book entry form and the Russian sub-custodian will maintain copies of the extracts. The extract is considered to be proof of an entry appearing on the share register but cannot be considered ultimate proof of a holding at a later date since shares are held in a nominee name and the balance will change, so the reconciliation of the holding will take place on the books of the sub-custodian. Therefore, the extract will not prove that an investor is the owner since they will not be known to the Registrar.

Stock Connect Risks

The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programs developed by Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited ("HKSCC"), The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("SEHK"), Shanghai Stock Exchange ("SSE"), Shenzhen Stock Exchange ("SZSE") and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited ("ChinaClear") with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between mainland China and Hong Kong. The SSE, SZSE and SEHK will enable investors to trade eligible shares listed on the other's market through local securities firms or brokers ("Stock Connect Securities", with those programs hereafter referred to as "Stock Connect"). Stock Connect comprises a "Northbound Trading Link" (for investment in People's Republic of China ("PRC") shares) and a "Southbound Trading Link" (for investment in Hong Kong shares). Under the Northbound Trading Link, investors, through their Hong Kong brokers and the securities trading service company established by SEHK, may be able to place orders to trade eligible shares listed on SSE and SZSE by routing orders to SSE and SZSE.

Stock Connect is subject to quota limitations. In particular, once the remaining balance of the northbound daily quota drops to zero or the northbound daily quota is exceeded during the opening call session, new buy orders will be rejected (though investors will be allowed to sell their cross-boundary securities regardless of the quota balance). Therefore, quota limitations may restrict the Fund's ability to invest in China A-Shares through Stock Connect on a timely basis, and the Fund may not be able to effectively pursue its investment strategies. It is contemplated that

SEHK, SSE and SZSE would reserve the right to suspend northbound and/or southbound trading if necessary for ensuring an orderly and fair market and that risks are managed prudently. Consent from the relevant regulator would be sought before a suspension is triggered. Where a suspension in the northbound trading through Stock Connect is effected, the Fund's ability to access the PRC market will be adversely affected. The "connectivity" in the Stock Connect program requires routing of orders across the border. There is no assurance that the systems of the SEHK and market participants will function properly or will continue to be adapted to changes and developments in both markets. In the event that the relevant systems failed to function properly, trading in both markets through the program could be disrupted. The Fund's ability to access the China A-Share market (and hence to pursue its investment strategy) could be adversely affected.

PRC regulations require that before an investor sells any share, there should be sufficient shares in the account; otherwise SSE or SZSE will reject the sell order concerned. SEHK will carry out pre-trade checking on China A-Shares sell orders of its participants (i.e. the stock brokers) to ensure there is no over-selling. If the Fund wishes to sell certain China A-Shares it holds, it must transfer those China A-Shares to the respective accounts of its brokers before the market opens on the day of selling. If it fails to meet this deadline, it will not be able to sell those shares. Because of this requirement, the Fund may not be able to dispose of holdings of China A-Shares in a timely manner.

HKSCC is the "nominee holder" of the Stock Connect Securities acquired by Hong Kong and overseas investors through the Stock Connect. Foreign investors like the Fund investing through the Stock Connect holding the Stock Connect Securities through HKSCC are the beneficial owners of the assets and are therefore eligible to exercise their rights through the nominee. Stock Connect Securities are uncertificated and are held by HKSCC for its account holders. Physical deposit and withdrawal of Stock Connect Securities are not available currently for the Fund. Hong Kong and overseas investors such as the Fund can only hold Stock Connect Securities through their brokers/custodians. Their ownership of such is reflected in their brokers/custodians' own records such as client statements.

A failure or delay by the HKSCC in the performance of its obligations may result in a failure of settlement, or the loss, of Stock Connect Securities and/or monies in connection with them and the Fund and its investors may suffer losses as a result. Neither the Fund nor the Manager shall be responsible or liable for any such losses.

Because HKSCC is only a nominee holder and not the beneficial owner of Stock Connect Securities, in the unlikely event that HKSCC becomes subject to winding up proceedings in Hong Kong, investors should note that Stock Connect Securities will not be regarded as part of the general assets of HKSCC available for distribution to creditors even under mainland China law.

Stock Connect is relatively new, and will be subject to regulations promulgated by regulatory authorities and implementation rules made by the stock exchanges in the PRC and Hong Kong. Further, new regulations may be promulgated from time to time by the regulators in connection with operations and cross-border legal enforcement in connection with cross-border trades under the Stock Connect. It should be noted that the regulations are untested and there is no certainty as to how they will be applied. Moreover, the current regulations are subject to

change. There can be no assurance that Stock Connect will not be abolished. The Fund, which may invest in the PRC markets through Stock Connect, may be adversely affected as a result of such changes.

Economic Factors

Despite improvement in the long-term prospects of certain emerging market economies, these economies in general differ from the economies of western countries in many respects, including, for example, the general level of economic development, unemployment, wealth distribution, rate of inflation, volatility of the rate of growth and inflation, level of capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency, dependency on foreign trade and balance of payments position. In particular, many of these countries have high levels of external debt, and their economies have historically experienced sustained periods of extremely high inflation, and some economies continue to do so. Many emerging market countries are currently experiencing severe economic dislocation, including high real interest rates and unemployment, declining equity values, illiquid capital markets, declining GDP, and capital flight. Although such dislocations may be short-term, there can be no assurance that emerging market economies will improve, or that historical rates of inflation will not return. Moreover, while emerging market countries have made substantial progress in implementing economic reforms, including privatisation, trade liberalisation and lifting restrictions on capital flows, the reform process is not complete. In the past, emerging market governments have imposed wage and price controls, exchange controls, and have nationalized or strictly regulated key industries, and such governments may take similar actions in the future, which could adversely affect the Fund. Emerging market companies are experiencing a more competitive environment, and a process of consolidation, downsizing and modernisation is underway, all of which are contributing to significant increases in unemployment and levels of bankruptcies.

RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS

The Manager on behalf of the Fund has filed with the Central Bank its risk management process which enables it to accurately measure, monitor and manage the various risks associated with the use of FDI. Any FDI not included in the risk management process will not be utilised until such time as a revised submission has been cleared by the Central Bank. The Manager will, on request, provide supplementary information to Shareholders relating to the risk management methods employed, including the quantitative limits that are applied and any recent developments in the risk and yield characteristics of the main categories of investments.

INVESTMENT MANAGER AND SUB-INVESTMENT MANAGER

The Manager has appointed Northern Trust Global Investments Limited ("NTGIL") as the Investment Manager of the Fund. The Investment Manager has appointed Northern Trust Investments, Inc ("NTI") as the sub-investment manager of the Fund (the "Sub-Investment Manager") pursuant to the sub-investment management agreement dated 28 April, 2014 (the "Sub-Investment Management Agreement").

NTI is an Illinois State Banking Corporation and an investment manager registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. It primarily manages assets for institutional and individual separately managed accounts, investment companies and bank common and collective funds.

NTI is an indirect subsidiary of Northern Trust Corporation. Northern Trust Corporation is regulated by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System as a financial holding company under the U.S. Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended.

The Sub-Investment Management Agreement provides that the appointment of the Sub-Investment Manager will continue unless and until terminated by the Sub-Investment Manager giving not less than 180 days' written notice to the Investment Manager or by the Investment Manager giving not less than 30 days' written notice to the Sub-Investment Manager although in certain circumstances the Sub-Investment Management Agreement may be terminated forthwith by notice in writing by either party to the other; the Sub-Investment Management Agreement contains certain indemnities in favour of the Sub-Investment Manager which are restricted to exclude matters resulting from the wilful misfeasance, bad faith, fraud, wilful default or negligence of the Sub-Investment Manager in the performance or non-performance of its obligations and duties.

DIVIDEND POLICY

Accumulating Shares

In respect of the Accumulating Shares, the Directors intend to declare all net income of the Fund attributable to each relevant class annually as a dividend to the Shareholders of each relevant class of Shares on the register of members as at the close of business on the relevant Dealing Day. The Shareholders shall reinvest all dividends in the following manner: any dividends on each relevant class of Accumulating Shares shall be paid by the Company into an account in the name of the Depositary for the account of the relevant Shareholders. The amount standing to the credit of this account shall not be an asset of the Fund and will be immediately transferred, pursuant to a standing instruction, from the aforementioned account to the Subscriptions/Redemptions Account. The Net Asset Value per Share will not change as a result of the above reinvestment process and no additional Shares will be issued.

Distributing Shares

In respect of the Distributing Shares, the Directors intend to declare and pay all net income of the Fund attributable to each class annually as a dividend to the Shareholders of each relevant class of Shares on the register of members as at the close of business on the relevant Dealing Day. Any such dividend shall be paid to Shareholders in the form of cash on the last Business Day of the month. The Shareholders shall reinvest all dividends unless the Shareholder elects in writing to receive the dividends in the form of cash payable annually. In the case of a reinvestment of dividends, any dividends on each relevant class of Distributing Shares shall be paid by the Company into an account in the name of the Depositary for the account of the relevant Shareholders. The amount standing to the credit of this account shall not be an asset of the Fund and will be immediately transferred, pursuant to a standing instruction, from the aforementioned account to the Subscriptions/Redemptions Account.

Further details on the distribution policy are set out in Prospectus under the heading **Dividend Policy**.

KEY INFORMATION FOR BUYING AND SELLING

Share Classes

Shares may be issued as Accumulating Shares or (where specifically identified as such) Distributing Shares.

Accumulating Shares means Shares in the Fund in respect of which the net income and net capital gains arising will be rolled up.

Distributing Shares means Shares in the Fund in respect of which the net income shall be distributed.

Base Currency

USD

Business Day

Any day (except Saturday or Sunday) on which the banks in both Dublin, Ireland and London, England are open generally for business, or such other day as the Directors may, with the consent of the Depositary, determine and notify to Shareholders.

Dealing Day

Every Business Day is a Dealing Day.

Dealing Deadline

In respect of a Dealing Day, the Dealing Deadline is 12.00 p.m. (Irish time) on the Business Day immediately preceding each Dealing Day.

Initial Offer Period

The Initial Offer Period in respect of USD C is closed.

The Initial Offer Period in respect of all other Share Classes shall continue until 5.00 p.m. (Irish time) on 1 March 2021 or such earlier or later date as the Directors may determine.

After the Initial Offer Period, the Fund will be continuously open for subscriptions on each Dealing Day.

Settlement Date

In the case of applications, proceeds must be received no later than two Business Days after the relevant Dealing Day or as otherwise determined by the Manager.

In the case of repurchases proceeds must be remitted to investors no later than two Business Days after the relevant Dealing Day (assuming the receipt of the relevant duly signed repurchase documentation) or as otherwise determined by the Manager provided that in all cases proceeds are paid within ten Business Days.

An exchange of Shares will in effect be represented by redemption of Shares in the Original Class and a simultaneous subscription for Shares in the New Class on the relevant Dealing Day. In such cases, the settlement of the transaction shall be effected on a timely basis (not to exceed five Business Days); subject to receipt of the relevant duly signed exchange request documentation.

Preliminary Charge

There will be no Preliminary Charge for this Fund.

Repurchase Charge

Up to 2% of the repurchase price.

Anti-Dilution Levy

An Anti-Dilution Levy will typically be applied to net subscriptions or net redemptions on any Dealing Day where net subscriptions or net redemptions exceed 1% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. This Anti-Dilution Levy will be charged at the discretion of the Directors. The Anti-Dilution Levy is designed to cover the costs of dealing in the various

markets and preserve the value of the underlying assets of the Fund.

Valuation Point

Close of business in the relevant recognised market on each Dealing Day.

Initial Issue Price

For Euro denominated share classes €100 per Share, for USD denominated share classes \$100 per Share, for Sterling denominated share classes, £100 per Share.

Classes of Shares Available

A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, P1

Each of the above referenced Share Classes are available as Accumulating Shares and Distributing Shares.

Currencies Available

Each of the Share Classes are available in Euro, Sterling and U.S. Dollar.

Minimum Shareholding

USD100,000 (or its equivalent in the relevant Share Class currency) subject to the discretion of the Directors to allow lesser amounts.

Minimum Initial Investment Amount

USD100,000 (or its equivalent in the relevant Share Class currency) subject to the discretion of the Directors to allow lesser amounts.

FEES AND EXPENSES

Fees of the Manager, the Investment Manager, the Depositary, any sub-custodian and the Administrator

The Manager will be entitled to receive an annual fee of up to 0.50% in respect of the Class A, B, C, E, F, G, H Shares and of up to 1% in respect of all Class D Shares (plus VAT thereon, if any).

Such fee shall accrue and be calculated on each Dealing Day and be payable monthly in arrears. The Manager shall also be entitled to be reimbursed out of the assets of the Fund for the reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Manager in the performance of its duties.

The Manager will pay out of the above fee (and not out of the assets of the Fund), the fees of the Investment Manager. The Investment Manager shall also be entitled to be reimbursed out of the assets of the Fund for the reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Investment Manager in the performance of its duties.

The Administrator shall be entitled to receive out of the Net Asset Value of the Fund an annual fee, accrued and calculated on each Dealing Day and payable monthly in arrears at an annual rate which will not exceed 0.08% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund (plus VAT, if any). The Administrator is entitled to be repaid out of the assets of the Fund all of its reasonable agreed upon transaction and other charges (which will be at normal commercial rates) and other out-of-pocket expenses (plus VAT thereon, if any).

The Depositary shall be entitled to receive out of the Net Asset Value of the Fund an annual fee, accrued and

calculated on each Dealing Day and payable monthly in arrears, at an annual rate which will not exceed 0.2% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund (plus VAT thereon, if any).

The Depositary is also entitled to be repaid out of the assets of the Fund sub-custodian's fees (which will be charged at normal commercial rates) as well as agreed upon transaction charges (which will be at normal commercial rates) and other out-of-pocket expenses (plus VAT thereon, if any).

A distribution fee of up to 1% may be applied to Class A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and P1 Shares (plus VAT thereon, if any).

In addition to the fees outlined above, the Fund will also be responsible for the fees of Hermes EOS (for its services in respect of the Fund, as described in this Supplement), up to 0.02% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund per annum. Such fee shall accrue and be calculated on each Dealing Day and be payable quarterly in arrears. These fees will be discharged by the Investment Manager who will then be reimbursed by the Fund the corresponding amount, out of the assets of the Fund.

This section should be read in conjunction with the section entitled Expenses of the Funds in the Prospectus.

Establishment costs

The organisational and establishment expenses relating to the creation of the Fund have been fully amortised by the Fund. The Manager may create additional Funds from time to time subject to obtaining prior approval from the Central Bank.

MATERIAL CONTRACTS

In addition to those detailed in the Prospectus, the following contracts have been entered into otherwise than in the ordinary course of the business intended to be carried on by the Fund and are or may be material:

The Agreement for the Provision of Responsible Investment Services dated 22 June 2015, as amended, between the Investment Manager and Hermes EOS (with its registered office at Lloyds Chambers, 1 Portsoken Street, London E1 8HZ, United Kingdom). Hermes EOS, authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, provides non-discretionary responsible investment advisory services to the Investment Manager in respect of various sub-funds managed by the Investment Manager, including the Fund. This agreement provides that the appointment of Hermes EOS will continue unless and until terminated by either party giving to the other not less than 9 months' written notice (such notice may only be served on or after the first anniversary of the agreement), although in certain circumstances the agreement may be terminated forthwith by notice in writing by either party to the other; the agreement provides that Hermes EOS will accept responsibility for loss to the Investment Manager and/or the Fund to the extent that such loss is due to the negligence, wilful default, fraud or any breach of the agreement by Hermes EOS. See Fees and Expenses section above for details of the fees of Hermes EOS as paid out of the assets of the Fund.

MISCELLANEOUS

Reporting

Some shareholders may receive additional information and/or reports in relation to the Fund on a frequent basis.

Any such information will be available to all investors in the Fund on request. Any such information will only be provided on a historical basis and after the relevant Dealing Day to which the information relates. Please contact your relationship manager to discuss any reporting needs.

There are 24 other Funds of the Company currently in existence, namely:

- **The NT Europe (ex-UK) Equity Index Fund**
- **The NT Euro Government Bond Index Fund**
- **The NT Index Linked Bond Index Fund**
- **The NT Japan Equity Index Fund**
- **The NT Pacific (ex-Japan) Equity Index Fund**
- **The NT UK Equity Index Fund**
- **The NT North America Equity Index Fund**
- **The NT Emerging Markets Index Fund**
- **The NT Euro Government Inflation Linked Index Fund**
- **The NT Frontier Markets Index Fund**
- **The NT All Country Asia ex Japan Custom ESG Equity Index Fund**
- **The NT Emerging Markets Custom ESG Equity Index Fund**
- **The NT High Quality Euro Government Bond Index Fund**
- **The NT Emerging Markets Multifactor ESG Fund**
- **The NT US High Yield Fixed Income Fund**
- **The NT Emerging Markets Custom ESG Feeder Fund**
- **The NT Emerging Markets ESG Leaders Equity Index Fund**
- **The NT World Equity Index Feeder Fund**
- **The NT EM Local Currency Government Bond Index Fund**
- **The NT Euro Investment Grade Corporate ESG Bond Index Fund**
- **The NT Global High Yield ESG Bond Index Fund**
- **The NT World Custom ESG EUR Hedged Equity Index Feeder Fund**
- **The NT World Custom ESG Equity Index Feeder Fund**
- **The NT Emerging Markets Green Transition Index Fund**

The Directors of the Northern Trust Investment Funds plc whose names appear in the section entitled "Management and Administration" in the Prospectus) accept responsibility for the information contained in this Information Card, the relevant Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Information Card and in the relevant Supplement and in the Prospectus, is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors of Northern Trust Investment Funds plc accept responsibility accordingly.

SFDR Article 8 Information Card (the "**Information Card**")

An Annex to the Supplement for
The NT Emerging Markets Quality Low Carbon Fund

to the Prospectus of

Northern Trust Investment Funds plc

The Company is structured as an open-ended umbrella investment company incorporated with limited liability and governed by the laws of Ireland and is authorised as a UCITS under the Regulations by the Central Bank of Ireland

5 March, 2021

This Information Card contains information relating specifically to The NT Emerging Markets Quality Low Carbon Fund (the "**Fund**"), a sub-fund of Northern Trust Investment Funds plc (the "**Company**").

This Information Card forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Supplement for the Fund dated 31 August 2020 (the "Supplement") and the Prospectus for the Company dated 23 June 2017 as amended by addendum dated 18 April, 2018, 24 May 2019 and 10 July 2020 and 5 March, 2021 (the "Prospectus").

This Information Card has been prepared for the purpose of meeting the specific financial product level disclosure requirements contained in SFDR and, specifically, the disclosure requirements applicable to an ESG Orientated Fund under Article 8 of SFDR.

This Information Card (or an adapted form thereof) may be published on the website of the Manager or the Investment Manager on a stand-alone basis as a means of addressing some or all of the product-specific website disclosure requirements applicable to the Fund under Article 10 of SFDR.

1. BACKGROUND

This Information Card has been prepared for the purpose of meeting the specific financial product level disclosure requirements in SFDR and, specifically, the disclosure requirements applicable to an ESG Orientated Fund under Article 8 of SFDR.

Please refer to the section of the Prospectus entitled "Sustainable Finance Disclosures" for further information.

2. ARTICLE 8 CLASSIFICATION

The Manager considers that the Fund meets the criteria in Article 8 of SFDR to qualify as an ESG Orientated Fund and has prepared this Information Card to make the associated disclosures as considered further in section 3 below.

The Manager reserves the right to reassess this classification at any time and shall keep this classification under review pending finalisation of regulatory technical standards ("**RTS**"). It is expected that this Information Card will be reviewed and updated once the relevant RTS come into effect and may also be updated to take account of the Taxonomy Regulation once it comes into effect (1 January 2022).

If the Manager determines at any future point that the Fund does not meet the criteria to qualify as an ESG Orientated Fund, this Information Card shall be updated or withdrawn as appropriate in accordance with the revised classification of the Fund.

3. ARTICLE 8 DISCLOSURES

Disclosure Requirement and SFDR reference	Disclosure source
Information on how the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the fund are met (Article 8(1)(a))	<p>The investment objective of the Fund is to deliver long-term capital growth by investing in securities of high quality companies with lower carbon intensity and lower potential carbon emissions from fossil fuel reserves and excluding securities that do not meet certain environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria.</p> <p>The Fund's investment universe comprises companies within the MSCI Emerging Markets Index (the "Index") after the exclusion of companies that do not meet certain ESG criteria as outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• companies that are in breach of the UN's Global Compact Ten Principles due to being involved in controversies classified as "very severe" in the areas of Environment, Human Rights & Community, Labour Rights & Supply Chain, or Governance;• companies that derive any revenue from the production of tobacco, or 5% or more of their revenue from the distribution of tobacco, supply of key products for the production of tobacco, or the retail of tobacco;• companies that manufacture controversial weapons, such as cluster bombs, landmines, nuclear weapons, depleted uranium weapons, biological/chemical weapons, (or their strategic components), blinding laser, non-detectable components, or incendiary weapons;• companies that manufacture civilian firearms or retail civilian firearms and derive 5% or more revenue from this sector;• companies that manufacture conventional weapons or provide support services to and derive 5% or more revenue from this sector;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • companies that derive 5% of revenue or more from mining thermal coal; • companies that derive 30% of revenue or more from coal-fired energy generation; and • companies classified as having “very severe” controversies relating to customer issues. <p>For further details on the UN Global Compact Ten Principles, please refer to www.unglobalcompact.org/aboutthegc/thetenprinciples/index.html</p> <p>In addition companies shall be excluded which do not conform with all four of the following criteria: i) the individual shareholders of the relevant company must not hold 30% or more of the voting rights, and ii) at least half of the relevant company's board of directors must be independent, and iii) at least half of members of the company's audit committee must be independent; and iv) at least half of members of the company's remuneration committee must be independent. Furthermore, the company must have a clean (non-qualified) auditor opinion. Finally companies that are domiciled within countries below a certain threshold on the Freedom House list shall be excluded if they also meet criteria for super majority state ownership or face a recent, severe human rights controversy.</p> <p>This exclusion list is non-exhaustive and subject to change.</p> <p>Furthermore, an optimisation shall be applied to significantly reduce, relative to the Index, exposure to companies with; (i) high annual carbon emissions relative to annual sales; and, (ii) potential carbon emissions associated with current fossil fuel reserves.</p> <p>The Investment Manager shall also ensure that any investments made by the Fund pursuant to the foregoing strategy are in accordance with rules regarding cluster munitions laid down in the relevant national legislation adopting the Convention on Cluster Munitions.</p> <p>The Investment Manager has appointed Hermes Equity Ownership Services to act as the Manager's agent in carrying out corporate engagement with carefully selected companies held within the Fund.</p>
Assessment of the Index in the context of the Fund's environmental and/or social characteristics (Article 8(1)(b))	The Index is designed to measure the equity market performance of emerging markets. As noted above, the Fund shall not invest in constituents of the Index that do not meet the Investment Manager's ESG criteria.
Information on where the methodology of the Index may be obtained (Article 8(2))	Further details of the Index (including information on its constituents, weightings, full calculation methodology, criteria for rebalancing, calculation process and leverage effect) can be navigated to from the following link: https://www.msci.com/index-methodology
Website disclosure	A form of this Information Card may also be published on the website of the Manager or the Investment Manager on a stand-alone basis as a means of addressing some or all of the product-specific website disclosure requirements applicable to the Fund under Article 10 of SFDR.

	<p>If relevant, more ESG related information may be found on the Fund at https://www.northerntrust.com/europe/what-we-do/investment-management.</p> <p>Details can also be found on this website in relation to the Manager's or the Investment Manager's sustainability related disclosures and, if relevant, its adverse sustainability impact statement.</p>
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