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Luxembourg, 3 November 2017

Dear Shareholder:

### **Notice to the shareholders of Aberdeen Global II – Euro Short Term Bond Fund**

Notice is hereby given to you as a Shareholder of Aberdeen Global II – Euro Short Term Bond Fund (the **“Merging Fund”**) to inform you of the decision of the Board of Directors to merge the Merging Fund into Aberdeen Global – Euro Short Term Bond Fund (the **“Receiving Fund”**), a new sub-fund of a separate Luxembourg-domiciled investment company with variable capital qualifying as a UCITS, on Friday 8 December 2017 at 23:59 (Luxembourg time) (the **“Effective Date”**). Details of the Merger, together with details regarding the action you should take and the implications for you as a Shareholder, are set out in this document.

The Board of Directors has resolved to merge the Merging Fund with the Receiving Fund in accordance with the provisions of article 1 (20) c) and with Chapter 8 of the law of 17 December 2010 regarding undertakings for collective investment, as amended (the **“2010 Law”**).

In this document, unless the context requires otherwise, the terms shall have the meaning set out in the Glossary at Appendix 1. The timetable of key dates in the process to implement the Merger is set out in Appendix 3.

### **Rationale for the Merger**

The Merger is part of a rationalisation of the Standard Life Aberdeen fund range aimed at generating efficiencies in the management and marketing of products.

The Receiving Fund is a sub-fund of Aberdeen Global, which is significantly larger than the Merging Fund's umbrella fund. In addition, whereas the Merging Fund is a sub-fund of an umbrella fund which does not benefit from a wide range of registrations for public marketing globally, Aberdeen Global sub-funds can be more readily set up to be actively distributed to potential new investors in a number of additional countries. This means the Receiving Fund will have greater potential to grow, helping to diversify the underlying investor base and providing future opportunities for further cost reductions.

We believe that the implementation of the Merger will ultimately be to the benefit of Shareholders over time as a result of rationalisation efficiencies.

### **Comparison of the Merging Fund and the Receiving Fund**

The Receiving Fund has been newly created within Aberdeen Global to receive the assets of the Merging Fund and as such it will be launched on the Effective Date. A comparison of the principal features of the Merging Fund and the Receiving Fund is set out in Appendix 2.

It is not expected that there will be any material difference in the rights of Shareholders before and after the Merger takes effect. The Merging Fund and the Receiving Fund have the same base currency and share class structure. In addition, the Receiving Fund's portfolio will be managed by the same investment management team so that Shareholders can be confident of continuity of management and investment processes.

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The investment objectives and policies of the Merging Fund and the Receiving Fund are substantially similar in that both aim to provide a long term return through investment in short term euro-denominated investment grade debt and debt-related securities.

Specifically, whilst the Merging Fund aims to achieve a high regular income in Euro while preserving the value of the assets and maintaining a high level of liquidity by investing the majority of its assets in Debt and Debt-Related Securities with a short duration or short residual duration, denominated in Euro, the Receiving Fund aims to achieve income combined with the maintenance of capital by investing at least two-thirds of the Fund's assets in Euro denominated Investment Grade Debt and Debt-Related Securities with a maturity of up to five years.

The Receiving Fund will be managed according to the same strategy as the Merging Fund. The risk benchmark, performance benchmark, and Risk Management Process ("**RMP**") will be the same.

### *Risk Profiles*

The Synthetic Risk Reward Indicator ("**SRRI**") demonstrates where an investment fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the figure, the greater the potential reward, but also the greater the risk of losing money.

All Classes of both the Merging Fund and the Receiving Fund in scope of the Merger currently have an SRRI of 2. The SRRIs may change over time and they may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of an investment fund.

### **Terms of the Merger**

On the Effective Date, Shareholders who have not redeemed their Shares in the Merging Fund (see *What to do next* below) will become shareholders of the Receiving Fund and will receive corresponding New Shares in the Receiving Fund of the same type as the Shares they currently hold (as set out below) in exchange for the transfer of the assets and liabilities of the Merging Fund to the Receiving Fund. Shares in the Merging Fund will be deemed to have been cancelled and will cease to be of any value.

The Classes of New Shares to be issued to Shareholders pursuant to the Merger are as follows:

<b>Merging Fund</b>		<b>Receiving Fund</b>	
<b>Class of Shares</b>	<b>ISIN code</b>	<b>Class of New Shares</b>	<b>ISIN code</b>
Class A-1 (income)	LU0513839406	Class A-1* (income)	LU1646951233
Class A-2 (accumulation)	LU0513839588	Class A-2* (accumulation)	LU1646951316
Class J-2 (accumulation)	LU0513839661	Class I-2* (accumulation)	LU1646951407
Class X-1 (income)	LU0837993079	Class X-1* (income)	LU1646951662
Class X-2 (accumulation)	LU0837993400	Class X-2* (accumulation)	LU1646951746

*\*New Classes to be launched on the Effective Date.*

New Shares will be issued to each Shareholder invested in the Merging Fund according to the following formula:  $N = (S \times P) / R$

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Where:

N = Number of New Shares to be issued to such Shareholder

S = Number of Shares of the corresponding class owned by such Shareholder immediately prior to the Effective Date

P = Price per Share of the corresponding class owned by such Shareholder for purposes of the Merger

R = Price per New Share of the relevant Class of the Receiving Fund

The price of each New Share to be issued (R) shall be equal to the closing price of a Share of the Merging Fund (P) on the basis of the Merging Fund Value.

Since both the Merging Fund share classes and the Receiving Fund share classes are denominated in the same currency, there will be no foreign exchange impact on the calculation of the number of New Shares.

The number of New Shares to be issued to each Shareholder will (if necessary) be rounded up to the nearest fraction (three decimal places) at the expense of the Management Company.

## Distributions

Where there is income available for distribution in respect of Shares in the Merging Fund for the period ending on Thursday 7 December 2017, this will be transferred to the distribution account of the Merging Fund. The distribution payment date of any such accrued income will be Wednesday 7 February 2018.

## Costs

All costs of implementing the Merger, including legal, advisory and administrative expenses, will be paid by Standard Life Aberdeen.

## Tax implications

**Please be aware that the Merger may create a chargeable tax event in your country of tax residence. Your tax position may also change as a result of the Merger under the tax laws in the country of your nationality, residence, domicile or incorporation and we strongly suggest seeking advice from your financial advisor to ensure that the Receiving Fund, in which you will become a shareholder, is in line with your requirements and situation.**

### *UK Investors*

HM Revenue & Customs ("HMRC") has confirmed by letter to Standard Life Aberdeen that section 137 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 should not apply to the Merger and consequently section 136 of that Act should not be prevented from applying whatever the size of holding. Accordingly, the Merger should not involve a disposal of Shares in the Merging Fund for the purposes of tax on capital gains. New Shares in the Receiving Fund will have the same acquisition cost and acquisition date for capital gains tax purposes for each UK Shareholder as their existing Shares.

HMRC has also given clearance under section 701 of the Income Tax Act 2007 and section 748 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 to the effect that the HMRC should not serve a counteraction notice in respect of the Merger to counteract any corporation tax or income tax advantages arising pursuant to the Merger.

## What to do next

**IF THE MERGER MEETS YOUR REQUIREMENTS, YOU DO NOT NEED TO TAKE ANY ACTION.**

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If you do not redeem your Shares as described below, you will automatically become a shareholder of the Receiving Fund on Friday 8 December 2017 at 23:59 (Luxembourg time) and will be sent a confirmation by Standard Life Aberdeen shortly afterwards detailing your holding of New Shares. Dealing in New Shares will begin at 09:00 (Luxembourg time) on Monday 11 December 2017, being the next business day following the Effective Date.

If the Merger does not meet your requirements, you have the right to redeem your Shares in the Merging Fund free of charge or to switch into another sub-fund of Aberdeen Global II until 13:00 (Luxembourg time) on Thursday 7 December 2017. **In such case, you should note that a redemption or switch will be treated as a disposal of Shares for tax purposes and you may be liable to tax on any gains arising from the redemption or switch of Shares.**

Please note that due to the rationalisation of the Standard Life Aberdeen fund range described above, if you switch your investment into another sub-fund in Aberdeen Global II such sub-fund may itself be subject to changes. Please see [www.aberdeen-asset.com](http://www.aberdeen-asset.com) for details of affected sub-funds.

#### **Additional Information**

A copy of a representative Key Investor Information Document ("KIID") for each Receiving Fund is enclosed herewith. The prospectus and the KIIDs of all the share classes within the Receiving Funds can also be found at <http://www.aberdeen-asset.com>. You may also obtain copies of the prospectus and the instrument of incorporation of Aberdeen Global, a copy of the relevant KIIDs of the Receiving Fund, a copy of the auditor's report, a copy of the common terms of merger, and a copy of the respective confirmation statements made by the depositary in respect of the Merger, in each case free of charge, upon written request to Aberdeen Global Services S.A., 35a avenue John F. Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. The prospectus and the KIIDs can also be found at [www.aberdeen-asset.com](http://www.aberdeen-asset.com).

If you have any questions or would like any further information, please contact us at our registered office.

Alternatively, please call one of the following helplines:

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Yours faithfully,



For and on behalf of  
the Board of Directors of Aberdeen Global II

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## Appendix 1

### Glossary

<b>2010 Law</b>	the Luxembourg law of 17 December 2010 regarding undertakings for collective investment, as amended;
<b>Aberdeen Global</b>	Aberdeen Global, a Luxembourg-domiciled <i>société d'investissement à capital variable</i> established as a <i>société anonyme</i> ;
<b>Aberdeen Global II</b>	Aberdeen Global II, a Luxembourg-domiciled <i>société d'investissement à capital variable</i> established as a <i>société anonyme</i> ;
<b>Class</b>	any class of shares of a Fund;
<b>Effective Date</b>	the effective date of the merger (expected to be Friday 8 December 2017 at 23:59 (Luxembourg time)) or such other time and/or date as may, prior to such other time and/or date, be agreed by Aberdeen Global II and the Depositary (after consultation with Aberdeen Global);
<b>Funds</b>	the Merging Fund and the Receiving Fund, and "Fund" shall mean either of them as the context requires;
<b>Management Company</b>	Aberdeen Global Services S.A., the appointed management company of both Aberdeen Global and Aberdeen Global II;
<b>Merging Fund</b>	Aberdeen Global II – Euro Short Term Bond Fund, a sub-fund of Aberdeen Global II;
<b>Merging Fund Value</b>	the net asset value of the Merging Fund calculated in accordance with the articles of incorporation of Aberdeen Global II as at 13:01 (Luxembourg time) on Thursday 7 December 2017, as adjusted to include any income allocated to accumulation Shares in the Merging Fund in respect of the period ending at 13:00 (Luxembourg time) on Thursday 7 December 2017 less, as applicable, any income to be distributed to Shareholders of income Shares in the Merging Fund in respect of the period ending at 13:00 (Luxembourg time) on Thursday 7 December 2017;
<b>Merger</b>	the merger of the Merging Fund with the Receiving Fund on the Effective Date;

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**New Shares**

Shares of the appropriate Class in the Receiving Fund to be issued pursuant to the Merger;

**Receiving Fund**

Aberdeen Global – Euro Short Term Bond Fund, a new sub-fund of Aberdeen Global;

**Share**

any share of any Class of a Fund;

**Standard Life Aberdeen**

the Standard Life Aberdeen PLC group of companies; and

**Depositary**

the depositary of both Aberdeen Global and Aberdeen Global II, currently BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg branch.

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## Appendix 2

### Comparison of the principal features of the Merging Fund and the Receiving Fund

Feature	Merging Fund	Receiving Fund
<b>Fund</b>	Aberdeen Global II – Euro Short Term Bond Fund	Aberdeen Global – Euro Short Term Bond Fund
<b>Type of Fund</b>	UCITS	UCITS
<b>Company</b>	Aberdeen Global II	Aberdeen Global
<b>Depository</b>	BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch	BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch
<b>Custodian</b>	BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch	BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg branch
<b>Dealing</b>	Daily	Daily
<b>Dealing Days</b>	Any Business Day other than, days during a period of suspension of dealing in Shares in that Fund or, days (as determined by the Board in its discretion) on which any exchange or market on which a substantial portion of the relevant Fund's portfolio is traded, is closed.	Any Business Day other than, days during a period of suspension of dealing in Shares in that Fund or, days (as determined by the Board in its discretion) on which any exchange or market on which a substantial portion of the relevant Fund's portfolio is traded, is closed.
<b>Deferred Redemption</b>	Aberdeen Global II may limit the total number of Shares that may be redeemed on any dealing day to a number representing 10% of the net assets of that Fund.	Aberdeen Global may limit the total number of Shares that may be redeemed on any dealing day to a number representing 10% of the net assets of that Fund.
<b>Pricing</b>	Single priced on a forward basis	Single priced on a forward basis
<b>Valuation Point</b>	13:00 (Luxembourg time)	13:00 (Luxembourg time)
<b>Investment Objective and Policy</b>	<p>The Fund's investment objective is to achieve a high regular income in Euro while preserving the value of the assets and maintaining a high level of liquidity.</p> <p>The majority of the Fund shall be invested, in accordance with the principle of risk-spreading, in Debt and Debt-Related Securities with a short duration or short residual duration, denominated in Euro.</p> <p>The Fund may invest up to 20% of its Net Asset Value in asset-backed and/or mortgage-backed and related securities.</p>	<p>The Fund's investment objective is to achieve income combined with the maintenance of capital by investing at least two-thirds of the Fund's assets in Euro denominated Investment Grade Debt and Debt-Related Securities with a maturity of up to five years.</p> <p>The Fund will maintain a Euro currency exposure of at least 80% at all times.</p> <p>The Fund may invest up to 10% of its Net Asset Value in Sub-Investment Grade Debt and Debt-Related Securities.</p> <p>The Fund may utilise financial derivative instruments for hedging and/or investment purposes, or to manage foreign exchange risks, subject to the conditions and within the limits laid down by applicable laws and regulations.</p> <p>Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Investment Adviser may alter the currency exposure of the Fund, solely through the use of derivative contracts</p>

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Feature	Merging Fund	Receiving Fund
		(without buying or selling underlying Transferable Securities or currencies). Furthermore, the Fund's portfolio may be fully or partially hedged back to the Base Currency if, in the opinion of the Investment Adviser, this is believed to be appropriate.
<b>Asset-backed and/or mortgage-backed and related securities</b>	Up to 20% of its Net Asset Value	Up to 20% of its Net Asset Value
<b>Specific Risk Factors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Fund will have significant exposure to one currency, increasing its potential volatility.</li> <li>• The Fund invests in a specific regional market which can increase potential volatility.</li> <li>• The risk profile of this Fund may be higher relative to other bond funds due to its investments in asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities.</li> <li>• The Fund may utilise financial derivative instruments for investment purposes in pursuing its investment objective (in addition to use for hedging purposes). Use of derivatives other than for hedging may result in leverage and may increase volatility in the Net Asset Value of the Fund.</li> <li>• The Fund's underlying investments are subject to interest rate risk and credit risk. Interest rate fluctuations affect the capital value of investments. Where long-term interest rates rise, the capital value of bonds is likely to fall and vice versa. Credit risk reflects the ability of a bond issuer to meet its obligations. Where a bond market has a low number of buyers and/or a high number of sellers, it may be harder to sell particular bonds at an anticipated price and/or in a timely manner.</li> <li>• The Fund may be invested in contingent convertible bonds. If the financial strength of a bond's issuer falls by a predetermined threshold, the bond may suffer substantial or total losses of capital.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Fund will have significant exposure to one currency, increasing its potential volatility.</li> <li>• The Fund may utilise financial derivative instruments for investment purposes in pursuing its investment objective (in addition to use for hedging purposes). Use of derivatives other than for hedging may result in leverage and may increase volatility in the Net Asset Value of the Fund.</li> <li>• The Fund's underlying investments are subject to interest rate risk and credit risk. Interest rate fluctuations affect the capital value of investments. Where long-term interest rates rise, the capital value of bonds is likely to fall and vice versa. Credit risk reflects the ability of a bond issuer to meet its obligations. Where a bond market has a low number of buyers and/or a high number of sellers, it may be harder to sell particular bonds at an anticipated price and/or in a timely manner.</li> <li>• The Fund may be invested in contingent convertible bonds. If the financial strength of a bond's issuer falls by a predetermined threshold, the bond may suffer substantial or total losses of capital (investors should refer to the risk factor "Contingent Securities" in the section "General Risk Factors" for information on other risks associated with contingent convertible bonds).</li> </ul>
<b>Management Company</b>	Aberdeen Global Services S.A.	Aberdeen Global Services S.A.
<b>Investment Adviser(s)</b>	Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited Aberdeen Asset Management Inc (Such assets as determined by the Investment Manager from time to time).	Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited
<b>Base currency</b>	EUR	EUR

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Feature	Merging Fund	Receiving Fund
<b>Investor Profile</b>	This Fund gives access to Investment Grade Euro denominated government Debt and Debt-Related Securities and may be suitable for investors looking for potentially higher returns. Investors are likely to use this fund to complement an existing core bond portfolio for enhanced diversification and have an investment horizon of at least five years.	This Fund gives access to short term Euro denominated Debt and Debt-Related Securities and may be suitable for investors seeking moderate levels of risk aiming for income consistent with capital preservation. Investors may consider this fund as a core portfolio investment and are likely to have a medium term investment horizon.
<b>Derivatives</b>	The Fund may utilise financial derivative instruments for investment purposes in pursuing its investment objective (in addition to use for hedging purposes).	The Fund may utilise financial derivative instruments for hedging and/or investment purposes, or to manage foreign exchange risks, subject to the conditions and within the limits laid down by applicable laws and regulations.
<b>Risk Management Approach</b>	Relative VaR	Relative VaR
<b>Expected level of leverage (%) based on "Sum of Notionals approach"</b>	25	25
<b>Expected level of leverage (%) based on Commitment approach</b>	25	25
<b>Synthetic Risk Reward Indicator (SRRI)</b>	Class A-1 share class: 2 Class A-2 share class: 2 Class J-2 share class: 2 Class X-1 share class: 2 Class X-2 share class: 2	Class A-1 share class: 2 Class A-2 share class: 2 Class I-2 share class: 2 Class X-1 share class: 2 Class X-2 share class: 2
<b>Investment in other collective investment schemes</b>	Restricted to 10% of the Fund's net assets.	Restricted to 10% of the Fund's net assets.
<b>Eligible securities and derivatives markets</b>	A stock exchange or Regulated Market in any Member State of the EU or any other state in Eastern and Western Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, North America, South America and Oceania.	A stock exchange or Regulated Market in any Member State of the EU or any other state in Eastern and Western Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, North America, South America and Oceania.
<b>Government and public securities</b>	Up to 100% of the net assets of the Fund may be invested in government and public securities issued or guaranteed by any one of certain issuers listed in the prospectus provided that the Fund must hold securities from at least six different issues and securities from one issue do not account for more than 30% of the net assets of the Fund.	Up to 100% of the net assets of the Fund may be invested in government and public securities issued or guaranteed by any one of certain issuers listed in the prospectus provided that the Fund must hold securities from at least six different issues and securities from one issue do not account for more than 30% of the net assets of the Fund.

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Feature	Merging Fund	Receiving Fund
<b>Share Classes and associated Annual Management Charge (AMC)</b>	Class A-1 share class: 0.50% Class A-2 share class: 0.50% Class J-2 share class: 0.25% Class X-1 share class: 0.25% Class X-2 share class: 0.25%	Class A-1 share class: 0.50% Class A-2 share class: 0.50% Class I-2 share class: 0.25% Class X-1 share class: 0.25% Class X-2 share class: 0.25%
<b>Ongoing expenses mechanism</b>	Certain ongoing operating, administrative and servicing expenses ("Operating, Administrative and Servicing Expenses") are fixed below applicable maximum rates for each share class of the Fund as set out in the prospectus.	Certain ongoing operating, administrative and servicing expenses ("Operating, Administrative and Servicing Expenses") are fixed below applicable maximum rates for each share class of the Fund as set out in the prospectus.
<b>Initial Investment Minima</b>	Class A-1 share class: US\$5,000 Class A-2 share class: US\$5,000 Class J-2 share class: US\$1,000,000 Class X-1 share class: US\$5,000 Class X-2 share class: US\$5,000  <i>*Or currency equivalent in each case.</i>	Class A-1 share class: US\$1,500 Class A-2 share class: US\$1,500 Class I-2 share class: US\$1,000,000 Class X-1 share class: US\$1,500 Class X-2 share class: US\$1,500  <i>*Or currency equivalent in each case.</i>
<b>Minimum subsequent purchase</b>	Class A-1 share class: US\$1,500 Class A-2 share class: US\$1,500 Class J-2 share class: US\$10,000 Class X-1 share class: US\$1,500 Class X-2 share class: US\$1,500  <i>*Or currency equivalent in each case.</i>	Class A-1 share class: US\$1,500 Class A-2 share class: US\$1,500 Class I-2 share class: US\$10,000 Class X-1 share class: US\$1,500 Class X-2 share class: US\$1,500  <i>*Or currency equivalent in each case.</i>
<b>Minimum partial redemption</b>	All share classes: No minimum	All share classes: No minimum
<b>Accounting year end</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>30 September</b>
<b>Income payment dates</b>	Income will be calculated six monthly as at 1 January and 1 July with the appropriate distributions or allocations made within two months of this date.	Income will be calculated six-monthly as at 1 April and 1 October with the appropriate distributions or allocations made within two months of these dates.  <i>*The first income payment date in respect of New Shares will be 31 May 2018.</i>
<b>Statement dates</b>	31 December; 30 June	31 December; 30 June
<b>Ongoing charges figure (OCF)</b>	Class A-1 share class: 0.73%* Class A-2 share class: 0.73%* Class J-2 share class: 0.44%* Class X-1 share class: 0.48%* Class X-2 share class: 0.48%*  <i>*Figures ex post 30 June 2017.</i>	Class A-1 share class: 0.73%* Class A-2 share class: 0.73%* Class I-2 share class: 0.44%* Class X-1 share class: 0.48%* Class X-2 share class: 0.48%*  <i>*Projected figures on Effective Date.</i>

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### Appendix 3

#### Timetable of the Merger

ACTION	DATE
Register extract date for Shareholder mailing	Friday 20 October 2017
Dispatch documentation to Shareholders	Friday 3 November 2017
Cut-off for receipt of deals in Merging Fund	13:00 (Luxembourg time) on Thursday 7 December 2017
Final valuation point of Merging Fund for the purposes of dealing	13:00 (Luxembourg time) on Thursday 7 December 2017
Suspension of dealing in Merging Fund	immediately after 13:00 (Luxembourg time) on Thursday 7 December 2017
Ex-date of final distribution for Merging Fund	13:01 (Luxembourg time) on Thursday 7 December 2017
Valuation point of Merging Fund for the purposes of the Merger	13:01 (Luxembourg time) on Thursday 7 December 2017
<b>Effective Date of the Merger</b>	<b>Friday 8 December 2017 at 23:59 (Luxembourg time)</b>
Open for dealing in New Shares	09:00 (Luxembourg time) on Monday 11 December 2017
Statement of shareholding in the Receiving Fund dispatched to Shareholders	Monday 18 December 2017
Payment date of final distribution for Merging Fund	Wednesday 7 February 2018
End of interim accounting period for Receiving Fund (first after Effective Date)	Saturday 31 March 2018
Payment date of distribution for Receiving Fund (first after Effective Date)	Thursday 31 May 2018

**Please note that these times and dates may differ if Aberdeen Global II and the Depositary agree (after consultation with Aberdeen Global) that the Effective Date should be later than Friday 8 December 2017. Should any dates differ from those stated in the above timetable, Shareholders will be notified accordingly.**

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